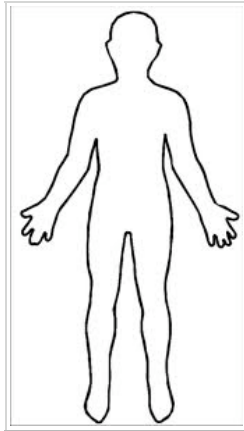


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Human Body



As part of our science curriculum, our class is preparing to study the human body. By the time they reach kindergarten, children are eager to learn more about the workings of their own bodies. They want to know what happens when they get sick, how they get well again, where their food goes, what a heart really looks like, and why they feel out of breath when they run around the playground. While young children cannot understand all the intricacies of the human body, they are able to make use of the focused inquiry that a scientific approach provides to begin to learn about how their bodies function. Children feel empowered by knowing even a bit about the unseen, inner workings of their bodies. As part of our learning, the class will construct a class model of the human body, including body parts related to the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, skeletal, and muscular systems, as well as a smaller personal model that they will bring home at the end of our study.

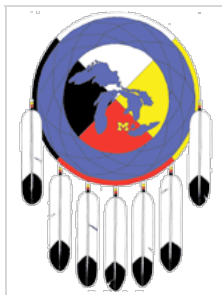
Please let me know if you work in a medical profession or otherwise have special interest or knowledge of the body and could visit our class to talk with the children. We will be going on a field trip to the "Health Exploration Center" in Canton to learn more about our bodies.

Finally, if you have a baby at home, we'd love to have you bring the baby for a visit so the children can observe, first hand, the early stages of their own development.

ABC Books

Today your child will be bringing home an ABC Book that they have been working on here at school. Each child is working at their own rate. Some have been drawing pictures, pasting in magazine pictures or stickers to represent each letter and its sound. Helping your child find more representations of each sound is another way to support greater knowledge and awareness of letters and their sounds.

40th Dance for Mother Earth Powwow - Saturday March 17th



Every year we have the privilege of having the "Dance for Mother Earth Powwow" in our area. This year it fits in well with our multicultural study this year. I will be attending the Grand Entry on Saturday, March 17th. It begins at noon and we will need to be seated at that time. If you and your family would like to join me I will be entering Pioneer to the east of the building, off Main St. I have notified the powwow that we will be coming as a group at that time, so if we meet at 11:30 am and go in together we can enter at a reduced rate. If you think you will be coming send me an email and arrive on time. We want to be in place for the Grand Entry at 12:00 noon. Feel free to go on your own during the weekend if this time doesn't work for your schedule. See the flyer below.

40th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Powwow

Hosted by the Native American Student Association

March 17th & 18th
Pioneer High School
601 W. Stadium Blvd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Doors Open at 10:30am
Grand Entries
Saturday: 12pm & 7pm
Sunday: 12pm

General Admission
Adults: \$10
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Seniors 60 & over: \$7
Family Pass: \$25
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For More Information
www.umich.edu/~powwow
danceformotherearth@gmail.com

Outside Door

Now the weather is so beautiful we can return to entering through the outside door. If you have boots at the inside door be sure and pick them up. Hopefully the threat of snow is beyond us. Although there is no guarantee.

Maple Sap

The sap is boiled down and the syrup is made and we will be having pancakes next week, probably on Tuesday.



Gallon Milk Jugs



Please wash and save your gallon milk jugs. We have begun gathering maple sap from several trees on the schoolyard. I

would like to construct a model of how much sap it takes to make a gallon of maple syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. That means we will need 40 milk jugs. We need everyone's help. Thanks!

Class Needs



Liquid Soap Pumps Update - As you empty a liquid soap pump at home please wash it and send it to school. We need the kind for thick soap. This is a project for the future and **we will need one pump per child** in a few months. At this point we have 5 pumps. Be sure and keep what you have and send them to school. Thanks!

Book Organizer



There are some new books that need to be unwrapped and labeled with stickers. It needs to be done at school and can be done during class since it is in another room. (Ikhlas this is different from what you are doing.) Let me know if you can help us out.

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