

# TASUNKE WITKO OWAYAWA

## Crazy Horse School

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Dear Crazy Horse School Families,

It's hard to believe but we have reached the final quarter of the 2024-25 school year. Third quarter Parent Teacher Conferences were held last week so if you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to receive your child's grades and visit about any concerns you may have.

The final two months of the school year are going to be busy! We have spring track events, multiple field trips, college preparations, movie and bingo nights, elementary trip to the circus, handgame tournaments, prom, powwows and Sr. end-of-the year trip still on our agendas. Hopefully we'll be opening the swimming pool again soon. Please access our Facebook page or CHS website to follow these happenings.

Our final student celebrations for this year include our Continuation and Graduation ceremonies! Kindergarteners will host their event on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., followed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Continuation Ceremony at 1:00. High School Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. As soon as things settle down after all of the 2024-25 school events and graduations, we'll swing right into summer! Training for all instructional staff is June 2-13 with summer school for students following June 16-July 3, 2025.

Please mark Thursday, May 8, on your calendars for a special event! Crazy Horse School will be hosting a community-wide event to celebrate the Chan Wicozanit Makhoche (Land of Healthy Trees) program. This event, sponsored in collaboration with the School, Trust for Public Land organization, and USFS includes the celebration of outdoor spaces to honor culture, community, and connections. This is a three-year program geared to help children gain skills in tree planting, ecological stewardship, traditional arts and cultural practices, reclaiming Indigenous knowledge for generations to come.

The 2025-26 school year is shaping up to be an exciting one, as well. CHS was awarded a FACE (Family and Children Education) Grant for the upcoming four years, beginning in August. The first year, the grant will serve four and five year olds and their families. We'll have more information regarding this grant in the near future. Our 2025-26 calendar has been approved by the CHS School Board and Tribal Education Committee and will be posted on our website shortly.

As we approach the end of the 2024-25 school year, please keep in touch with your children's teachers and make sure your children finish the year strong. Attendance is still extremely important for continued academic success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or our teachers or administrators for assistance.

Sincerely,

*Margo Heinert*