

ALL PRINCIPALS/AP's/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

*Category: For Your Information*

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [Native American History Month 2015 Power Point.pptx](#)

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National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month are celebrated across the nation. Social Sciences has developed instructional resources to assist teachers as they provide instruction on the history and culture of American Indians.

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- The Department of Social Sciences has developed separate instructional resource guides for elementary and secondary teachers to assist them in providing instruction on the history and cultures of American Indians and Alaska Natives.
  - The instructional resource guides include background information, full lesson plans and activities, suggested Internet resources, and other activities to support the character education core value for November (citizenship).
  - **In addition, since Thanksgiving is celebrated during National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, a fact-based lesson is also provided on the harvest feast (Thanksgiving) that took place in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621.**
  - Please click on the links below to view and download the instructional resource guides:
    - [2015 Elementary Native American History Month Resource Guide](#)
    - [2015 Secondary Native American History Month Resource Guide](#)
  - Also attached is a PowerPoint presentation that may be utilized to celebrate National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The Power Point may be used during school-wide opening exercises or in individual classrooms.
  - The above referenced instructional resources may also be downloaded directly from the Department of Social Sciences' website: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net>. Look under "Current News" and find the file titled: "Instructional Packets."
  - Should you have questions about these resources or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, at [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.
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