

National PTA's Every Child in Focus campaign for this November is Native American Heritage Month. National PTA's Every Child in Focus is a campaign centered on strengthening family engagement in schools by celebrating important cultural distinctions and achievements, while highlighting solutions to potential educational issues. Using National PTA's Standards for Family-School Partnerships, PTAs can explore ways to welcome and support American Indian families in the school community.

There are also other resources available that offer suggestions on how you can help your family and school community celebrate Native American Heritage Month. From reading books about Native Americans, or written by a Native American; doing dramatizations to act out folktales; learning the names of States, or words in the English language, that derived from Native American words; playing cultural games, like the Ball and Triangle game; trying new recipes; or sharing historical facts; these are some creative and interactive ideas to engage your family and school community in learning about the culture and traditions of Native Americans. The websites listed here provide details on how to implement many of these activities.

American Indian College Fund	Education World
Diversity Inc - Timeline of Historic Events	Diversity Inc - Facts and Figures

PTA has a rich history of valuing similarities and differences among people. It only helps our organization grow stronger when we have a diverse representation of the community in which we serve. We encourage you, as PTA leaders and members, to reach out in your communities, and by your actions create a board and membership that reflects the diversity among your families and community organizations.