Support for Your School Garden

Three hundred years ago, when early American colonist took a look at the food gardens in Native American villages, they often saw a unique planting plan – corn, pole beans and pumpkins or squash being grown together in the same plot. This was vastly different from the plowed fields in Europe. What they found was that this approach was a better way to grow three nutritious, easy-to-store crops in one space.

Companion planting plans based on three sisters gardening concepts can be very successful teaching tool for any class and requires only a small bit of space. With support from our traditional educators, your students can watch their garden flourish as they increase their knowledge of Native culture and tradition.

Interested in Incorporating Our Indian Educational Programs Into Your Class or School?

From speakers to performances and hands-on-activities, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department has a wide range of cultural and language based programs that foster positive academic growth.

For more information, please contact our Indian Education Coordinator today.

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It's the mission of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department to provide and support programs that nurture the positive social and academic development of the youth in our community. It's through our work, programs, presentations and exhibitions that we are able to promote a more complete understanding of the Mashpee Wampanoag in our youth, while deepening their understanding of tribal history, culture and the natural environment we are entrusted to.

We maintain our mission by working with schools, colleges and other educational cultural and social institutions to meet our common objectives by exploring avenues and approaches to provide holistic, creative community based education programs.

The education programs currently offered to our neighboring educational institutions include cultural presentations, after school support, Native films, performances, and traditional gardens.

**CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS**
*Grades K-12*

Learn about the daily life of the Wampanoag in the 17th century, as well as their current lives and communities. Students will gain an understanding of the connection the Wampanoag and other Native people have to Mother Earth.

Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework: 1.6, 1.8, 3.2, 4.11, 4.15 & 5.6

**INDIAN ED AFTER SCHOOL**
*Grades 1-6 for Native Students*

These weekly sessions unite Native American youth and assist them in developing skills and perspectives that result in an increased knowledge and sense of pride in their cultural identity. Activities include story telling, crafts, clay, music and much more.

**NATIVE AMERICAN FILMS**
*Grades 7-12*

Films include We Still Live Here, The Mashpee Nine, and a film about the Standing Rock water protectors. Each screening includes a Q&A from either the filmmaker or a person with firsthand knowledge on the topic.

Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework: 1.6, 1.8, 3.2, 4.11, 4.15 & 5.6

**NATIVE PERFORMANCES**
*Grades K-12*

Assembly style programs for school wide performances by Native American educators, artists, musicians, singers and dancers.