

THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP: Overview

Blending storytelling, traditional songs, and the Northern Plains grass dance, Trenton Wheeler, a Nashville-based member of the Amskapi Piikani (Blackfeet) nation, brings the history and culture of Native American peoples to life. These presentations explore the diversity of Indigenous cultures across North America, with a focus on the Northern Plains and Middle Tennessee. Drawing from personal heritage and regional connections, Trenton offers audiences a deeper understanding of the ongoing significance of these traditions.

Woven into each presentation are themes of unity, honor, community, and gratitude, encouraging reflection on how these values resonate in today's world. At the same time, each individual is commissioned to explore their own cultural identities and consider how these histories shape and form the communities in which we live. The goal is to foster a sense of connection and shared understanding, helping audiences appreciate the deeper meanings behind Indigenous practices.

The presentation closes with a round dance, or friendship dance, where participants are invited to join in a moment of togetherness. Whether for schools, organizations, or community groups, these presentations provide an insightful way to explore and appreciate Native American culture.

This particular program has a minimum capacity of 50 students (if you do not have 50 students registered, the field trip will simply charge an additional \$5.00 until the minimum is completed. Please note, this program requires a 3 month reservation to book.