

Organization: Native Voices

Sponsor: Merry Monroe

Purpose: The Native Voices is a service and culture club specifically for Native American students; however, it is open to all students. Emphasis is on Native American culture and awareness is fostered through participation in cultural activities. Many of the activities involve sharing cultural activities with younger students. These activities may include helping with cultural fairs or giving cultural presentations. Self-awareness and self-understanding are enhanced through school and community service.

The club conducts two major projects each year. The first project is done around Thanksgiving. The club provides desserts for the community dinner held in Ada. The students also volunteer to help at the dinner. The second project is a penny drive held at Christmas. The majority of the proceeds from this fundraiser are used to adopt a needy family (in some cases more than one) for Christmas.

Other activities we participate in with other organizations throughout the year include Red Ribbon Week and the Veteran's Day program. Also, each year students are encouraged to volunteer and help with a pow-wow that is held in Ada during the month of December.