

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENT

Friday, November 17, 2017

Our Thought for the Day is:

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Reminder - Archery Club will begin on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017.

Hello Panthers! What goes well with our chilly days of fall? A nice soft, warm Hyde Park Spirit Hoodie! Supplies are limited. Stop by Room 204 or 208 and purchase your warm Hoodie for \$25 today!

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

John Herrington was the first tribal Native American Astronaut. More than 200 Americans have flown in space, and now these esteemed ranks will finally include a Native American. John Herrington of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma was the first enrolled Native American to fly in space when SST113 lifted off the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center On November 23rd, 2002.

Surprisingly, Herrington didn't realize he was the first enrolled Native American to become an astronaut until NASA informed him. He noted, "I didn't intend to be a role model, but I think it's very important.

The fact that he is an astronaut testifies to his immense personal drive. Herrington grew up in the 1960s when many Native Americans were discouraged from associating with their heritage, and it wasn't until the 1970s that his mother told him, "You are a Chickasaw; let's get you enrolled in the tribe."

In the 1980's he enrolled in the U.S. Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School, where he trained as a pilot. He was assigned to duties that included searching for Russian submarines, serving as a patrol plane flight instructor, and finally as a test pilot. In 1995, he received his master's degree in aeronautical engineering, and in 1996, was one of 2,500 people to apply for 35 astronaut spots with NASA. The man who was told he couldn't master algebra as a kid was selected.

Mrs. Belknap would like to remind everyone to be kind, be responsible, and be the best that you can be today. The choice is yours.