

HPTA Center School Enrichment Program  
presents  
**Black Snake Woman and Traveling Medicine Dog**

On November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, the HPTA will sponsor a presentation by Black Snake Woman and Traveling Medicine Dog, Native Americans from the Woodland Village in Western Massachusetts. Black Snake Woman and Traveling Medicine Dog will visit each kindergarten classroom, bringing with them a basket of more than 30 Native American artifacts including tools, games and musical instruments.

This exciting, interactive program gives the children insight into Native American culture. The object of the program is to break down barriers and extinguish incorrect perceptions that children have learned in movies or books.

Your child will:

- sit council style and discuss Native American lifestyles
- learn about the traditional "talking stick", how it was used and have a turn using it
- have a hands-on experience with Native American artifacts and get to ask questions about them
- learn about how resourceful Native Americans were and how they used ordinary items in nature to meet their needs.

Ask your child about the items they saw and handled. You will be surprised at the variety of the artifacts and be delighted at what your child learned.

At the conclusion of the program, Black Snake Woman and Traveling Medicine Dog will teach the children a "Going Home Song" in both English and in their native tongue. Ask your child to sing the song to you.

Overall, Black Snake Woman and Traveling Medicine Dog teach a theme of kindness and honor. This program reinforces the kindergarten curriculum on National Holidays and Symbols as well as History.

The HPTA would like to thank all of the Hopkinton parents and sponsors for your continued contributions because without your support, these wonderful programs would not be possible.

