

Dear LSC Community:

We have had a most unusual fall, with temperatures and lack of rain keeping us in a long lingering late summer pattern. Fortunately, the drought did not hurt our fall color season, with the maples and birch giving us quite a show. Add in the Northern Lights we've experienced and you have some of the best of fall along the North Shore.

November brings many themes and opportunities to celebrate. November is of course Native American heritage Month: "National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated in November to recognize the culture, traditions, and achievements of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and affiliated Island communities." It also brings the American celebration of Thanksgiving (November 28th), Election Day (November 5th), Dia de los Muertos (November 1 and 2), and National Common Sense Day (November 4th). Maybe National Common Sense Day and World Kindness Day (November 13) can get together and extend their celebrations year-round.

For those of us who grew up in Minnesota, and who frequently enjoy Lake Superior's beauty and power, or who are fans of Gordon Lightfoot, the gales of November remind us of the wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald on November 10th. The last ship in contact with her was the SS Arthur Anderson, a laker you can still find working the waters of the Great Lakes.

November 11th also gives us Veteran's Day, and a reminder to pause for a moment of silence at 11:11am to honor veterans everywhere, particularly those who died in service to our country.

It is a busy month for all of us as we gear up for the end of the semester, and move into the holiday season. Be sure to take some time to reflect on the past year, be kind to yourself and others, and enjoy every minute of life.

Be well, Be safe.

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