

September Presentation Summary:

ICS students (Grades 1-8) reported to the library and were greeted by HCN Executive Director of Heritage Preservation, Jon Greendeer (Maasusga) and Museum Director/Division Manager, Josephine Lee (Haksinazii).



Following brief introductions, Haksinazii began with a version of our Hoocak Creation Story.

Part I

The Creator Ma'uuna had come to a consciousness and sat in darkness. By grabbing things from where he sat, he was able to set the stars wiiragusge in the sky followed by the sun haap wiira, then the moon haahe wiira.

Ma'uuna Earth Maker created the earth maa and began casting element down so slow it (spinning) down and sent 4 women spirits waxopini down landing in the ground until only their heads showed. These became rocks and at that point, the earth had slowed.

Ma'uuna took a piece of his heart nacge and sent that down creating man wak.

Part II

He looked at man asked him to look around at all he created. The hills xee, the trees, the lakes, tee, and rivers nii sanak. He looked upon the man and said, " My son, my son. What do you think? Hinikhaxji, Hinikhaxji. Jagu hirare?"

The man stood there in silence for he could not talk hake hitetere. The Creator thought and something appeared waza catijee. The then touched his own eyes hisjasu then the man's and he was then able to see all the creation but remained silent when asked again.

The creator then touched his own ears nacawas then that of the man's and the man was able to hear hanaxgu ruxuruga. Asked what he thought again, the man stood in silence.

The Creator made him a mouth ii to speak from and asked again. The man mumbled incoherently and the Creator was quick to give him something to think from. It wasn't a brain but a heart that would guide his thoughts. Then he picked up the man and blew with his breath honiha four joop times. (It was mentioned other versions of the story have the Creator placing the language on the man's tongue reezi)

The Creator asked the final time and the man said, "My father, my father. It is good. It is good."
"Ah, hiachaxji, hiachaxji. Ee pino, ee pino!"

End

From the discussion and display words

Wooden Bowls - Naą wąsge
Wooden Spoons- Naą cuugi
Yarn Belts- Ceehj hipirak
War Clubs
Beaded Vests- Wanap'j ruhiwowaguk (?)
Bow (for fire making)
Fire - Peec
Heat/Hot- Taakac
Drum- Reex haruporok
Deer Hide- Caaha
[Hoocak] flag- Hoocak wiiwašik
Drum Stick-
Indian Corn- Waąkšik wicawąs
Table- Waaruc
Apron- Coowejakańak
Teach- Gigųs
Learn- Hiperes
Listen- Hanaųgu
Talk- Ht'et'e
Thank you- Wa'įiginapšana
Moccasin- Caaha waguje
Basket- Naąpaą