

January 2026

# EDUCATION UPDATES

Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake-Education Department



## Achievements



**Michael received the Bobcat award from Upper Lake Elementary School for being safe, respectful, and responsible.**



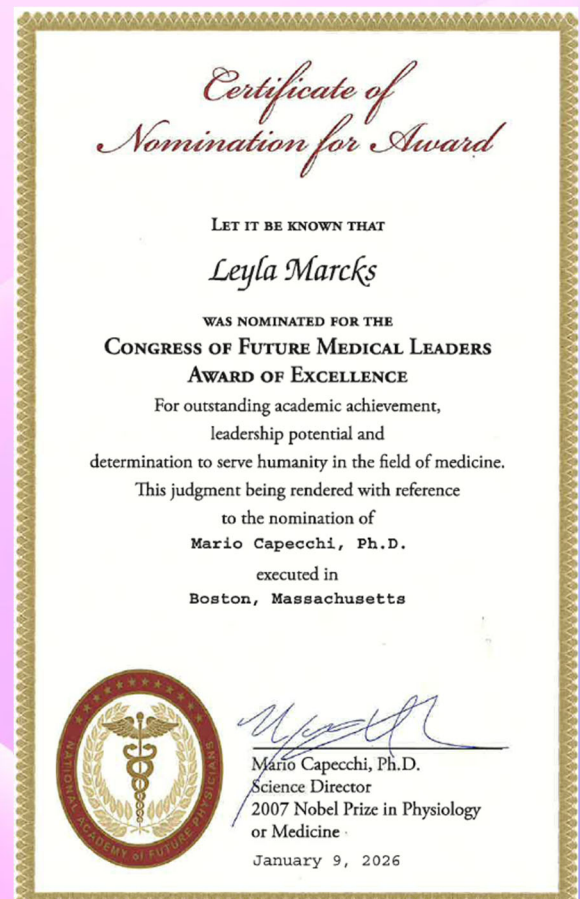
**Mikey received an award for JV Football from Upper Lake High School.**



**Vincent Bechtol received the Star Award for achieving Student of the Month from Upper Lake Middle School.**



**Leyla was nominated for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence for outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine. She has also received the Super Youth award from the Education Center.**





**Thank you Executive Council for our new  
basketball hoop!!**



**Kalani, Theodore, Vincent, Ethan, Billy,  
Vann, Ivy, Leo, Maya, and Michael.**



# ***Thank you Candace and Rudy!***



**Candace and Rudy Brown were generous enough to donate a new play structure for our students at the Education Center to enjoy!**



**Kalani and Lucas**



**Leo, Lucas, Kalani, Lily,  
and Vincent**



**Tiberius, Vincent, Lily, Sofia,  
and Kalani**



**Billy and Angelica**





# Neurodiverse Day-<sub>parent café!</sub>

attention  
compassion  
curiosity  
rhythm  
expression

The HPUL Education Department will be hosting a neurodiverse training on January 30, 2026 from 12:00-3:30 pm. at the HPUL Community Building for HPUL Tribal Families (Parents/ Guardians).

Learn how young children respond to the world, how everyday settings can invite connection, and why it matters!

Raffles, lunch, and stipends (space is limited).

**January 30, 2026, 12:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**HPUL Community Building**

**Upper Lake Ca. 95485**

RSVP to [jmarcks@hpultribe-nsn.gov](mailto:jmarcks@hpultribe-nsn.gov)



**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Shoshana Phoenixx-Educator & Public Speaker**

**Shoshana Phoenixx (@mama\_shoshana)**

**On January 30, 2026 the first Parent Café was hosted at the Tribal Hall on Main Street in Upper Lake. The Parent Café is to offer our members alternative methods to implement tools with our kids who are neurodiverse.**



# SPORTS



**Jack plays basketball for both Upper Lake Middle School and NYC League.**



**Vann  
NYC  
League**



**Janine Upper Lake Middle School A Team**



**Weya WYBL, Raymond, Michael, and Kalani NYC League**



**Sofia Upper Lake Middle School B Team**



**Mason NYC League**



**Mikey Upper Lake High School JV**



# Welcome Teacher Anzia



*We welcomed Anzia to the Education Center in early December. Anzia fits right in and has taken over our art projects/station for our students.*



Our Office Will Be  
**CLOSED**  
on  
MONDAY ~ February 16<sup>th</sup>

In Observance Of





# UPDATES CONTINUED

## Important Dates

- 02/12/2026 Valentine's Day Party
- 02/13/2026 Upper Lake and Lucerne Schools Closed
- 02/16/2026 Education Center **CLOSED** for President's Day
- 03/05/2026 Mendocino College and Career Day Event
- 03/23/26 State Capital Youth Quest Event

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## Back-To-School Programs

- \*Educational Clothing Allowance Program
- \*School Supply Assistance Program
- \*After School Education and Enrichment Program
- \*Electronic Device Program
- \*Tutoring Program
- \*Seven Generations Scholarship Fund
- \*Infant & Pre-School Tuition Program

For details and/or to apply visit the member portal at  
<http://www.hpultribe-nsn.gov/member-programs/>

- ⇒ Tribal General Welfare Programs & Services
- ⇒ Tribal General Welfare Programs and Services Manual
- ⇒ View the Member Services Funding Schedule

**"January is the first of the year, a month full of new beginnings."**

**-Charmaine J. Forde**