



Portland Public Schools Title VI Indian Education Program

# Talking Circle

October 2022

## Welcome Back!

Hello! Welcome to the 22/23 school year! This is my tenth year working for PPS. Students who know me call me Ms. Murr. I am Walla Walla and Dakota, and I grew up here in Portland, as well as on the Umatilla Reservation in eastern Oregon. I have two kids--my son is a Franklin alum and my daughter is in first grade in PPS; both were/are Indian Ed students. As the new director of Indian Ed, I am looking forward to an exciting year! We have a lot of plans, and are looking forward to meeting and serving the Native community in Portland. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or ideas! I hope to see you all around this year, and beyond! ~Ms. Murr

## Staff Introductions

Hello Everyone,

My name is Sunshine. I am the daughter of Loretta Seaman & Gary Guzman. I am Shoshone Bannock. I am a product of PPS Indian Education Program. I have two children that started their education in PPS Native Montessori Program. They are now both products of PPS Indian Education. I am on the quiet side until you get to know me. I enjoy beading (which is a family affair) and traveling all summer to Pow wow's and to see family & friends. I value family. I often get asked "How many kids do you have?" because I reference my Indian Ed kids as "my kids" LOL!! If I have not met you yet, hope to soon.

Hello my name is Valerie Nelson, I am Dakota/Lakota/ and Northern Cheyenne. I am an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Tribe in Montana. My position at Title VI is the Community Agent, working with Native students visiting schools and outreach... Welcome students and families!!!!

Chee-lal! Hello!

I am Jeidah DeZurney, a new Student Success Advocate here at the Indian Education program. I am a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. I will also be a throws coach for Jefferson High School track & field this upcoming spring. I am happy to be here to help our students strengthen their cultural identity, and break down academic barriers throughout their school years.

Hello,

I am Jane Quiroz I am the Senior Admin Secretary for Indian Education. I am originally from the Philippines but always open and willing to learn more about Native American culture and traditions here with PPS students and families. I am very excited to meet everyone this year!

## What have we been up to?

We had a busy summer! From the summer day camp at Bridger, to OMSI day camps, Canoe Day, and traditional games, summer was lots of fun! If we missed you, we hope to see you at events this year!



Traditional Games Day partnered with Native Wellness Institute. Pictured is the welcome circle; families then competed in double ball games and enjoyed lunch.

## Know an outstanding student? Shout them out!

We will be recognizing students achievements throughout the school year. Students on honor roll, with perfect attendance, have athletic and community achievements, we want to shout you out and show your hard work off! Send us your achievements, or the achievements of a student you know. Email [gmurr@pps.net](mailto:gmurr@pps.net) with stories and/or pictures to get in our next talking circle.



# Mark Your Calendars!

## Meet the new IPC Chair and Secretary!

### IPC Chairperson:

My name is Desirae, I am a member of the Yurok Tribe. I'm originally from Sacramento, Ca. and have lived in Portland since 2007. I have four kids enrolled in PPS, two at Markham and two at Jackson M.S. I am very excited to connect and serve on the IPC, and eager to engage more with our community to bring representation to the West end of PPS! If you would like to reach me, please email me at: dmr05@hotmail.com

### IPC Secretary:

Hello,

My name is Jason Red Bird. I am Lakota and Dakota Sioux (Fort Peck and Cheyenne River). I grew up all on the Warm Springs Reservation, Chiloquin Reservation, and in St. Johns, in North Portland. I am the proud father of six children. My oldest three attend Roosevelt High School and my younger children are at Sitton and Faubion. I also have a five month old baby. I work at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) as a Youth Advocate. I am excited to support Indian Education as the new Indian Parent Committee secretary. Please reach out and say hello or let me know how I can help. Looking forward to meeting you all!

You can reach Jason at redbirdnative@gmail.com

### Returning Officers:

Vice Chair: Tamara Brown

Treasurer: Marquita Guzman

District Rep: Karen Kitchen

## Want to get involved with the Indian Parent Committee? Join our next meeting!

Learn about our program goals and help us plan for the new school year! Time commitment for members is one meeting (1.5 hours) a month, and for officer positions 2-3 meetings (4 hours) a month. The next meeting will be on **October 19th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Scan to fill out an interest form.**



## Pumpkin Pick-Up!

**October 20th 2pm-6pm and October 21st 1pm-5pm**

Indian Education families to stop by Jefferson High School to pick up a pumpkin to take home.\* We will also be providing some of our favorite traditional fall recipes.

\*while supplies last



## 9th Grade Bridge Self Care and Traditional Medicines Virtual Event

**October 26th 6pm-7:30pm**

Feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or like you have no time for yourself?

Indian Education 9th graders come join us ,make a self care plan and personal medicine bag! It is so easy to focus on all your tests and upcoming projects, but **the most important thing is YOU!**

**This is a virtual event held over Zoom.**

We will be sending kits home with students signed up by October 19th (to allow for transportation) or pick them up at our office! Scan the code to sign up and get the zoom link!



## OMSI Native American Science Night

**Evening of November 5th**

More information to come soon



## Book BINGO

**November 17th 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Jefferson High School**

Indian Education families are invited to come play BINGO and walk away with a book or two that are Native American centered! Keep an eye out for the RSVP which will be shared soon.



# October Events in the Community

**BARBIE'S VILLAGE  
MEET AND GREET  
AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CELEBRATION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022**  
935 NE 33RD AVE PORTLAND, OR 97232

Atwai Barbie Jackson Shields (Warm Springs/Klamath) was a Natural Helper with the Future Generations Collaborative (FGC). When she passed away, the vision for "Barbie's Village" was born- a tiny home village for houseless Native women and children. The FGC and Presbyterian Church of the Cascades are working on a "Land Back" where the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst will be gifted to the FGC for Barbie's Village.

Please come and celebrate this historic moment as the Native community, the church and Laurelhurst neighbors come together to be in unity and in community with one another.

Dinner, vaccines, children's pow wow, speakers, building tours, vendors and more!

**4:00 PM**  
WELCOME, PRAYER  
TOURS, VENDORS, VACCINES




**5:00 PM**  
WELCOME TO BARBIE'S VILLAGE  
THE LAND BACK MOVEMENT


**5:45 PM**  
CHILDREN'S POW WOW  
DINNER

**6:45 PM**  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
MARK CHARLES (DINE)

**7:15 PM**  
MEET AND GREET

**8:00 PM**  
CLOSING/ADJOURN

   **GREAT SPIRIT**  
www.greatspirit.org

 **COLLEGE & CAREER  
CENTER AT NAYA**

**College Nights**  
Online: Tues & Thurs 4-6pm  
Get help with:

- Job Applications
- Resumes
- College Applications
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Homework

Join here:  
<https://linktr.ee/NAYACCC>


**FAFSA Filing Sessions**  
In Person at NAYA in the  
College & Career Center  
Saturday October 8th 9am-12pm  
Saturday October 22nd 4pm-7pm  
Sign up: <https://linktr.ee/NAYACCC>

**Career Skills**  
Career Skills Development  
Program (ages 16+)  
One-on-one coaching &  
group workshops

Activities include:

- Resume & cover letter assistance
- Mock interviews
- Teaching methods of networking
- Identifying online resources to access employers
- Best practices contacting employers
- Dressing for success
- Support accessing training opportunities

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 Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.

**It's STILL Important That Everyone  
6 months and Older  
Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19**

**Wellness Clinic COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule:**

TUESDAYS	FRIDAYS
9-11am & 1-3pm	1-3:45pm

**\*1st & 2nd DOSE**  
(Moderna/Pfizer)  
**6 months+**  
\*Gift cards for 1st and 2nd dose.

**BOOSTERS:**  
**Monovalent ages 5-11**  
**Bivalent Pfizer for 12+**  
**Bivalent Moderna for 18+**

NARA NW's COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduler: **Amber Sandberg (971)279-4800 Ext 2005**

For COVID-19 related information, call NARA NW's  
COVID-19 Vaccine Coordinator:  
**Tammy Stewart (971)279-4800 Ext 2090**

NARA NW is a non-profit organization. Monetary  
donations are accepted onsite or can be mailed to:  
**NARA NW Finance Department**  
1776 SW Madison, Portland OR 97205  
To donate over the phone: (503)224-1044 Ext 1067

**Protect our Tiny Tots. Protect yourself. Get vaccinated.**

**PARENTING ACROSS  
Race & Culture**

LUNCH AND CONVERSATION WITH INDIGENOUS  
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**October 11th  
11:30am to 1:00pm**

IN PERSON @ NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER (710 SW JACKSON ST.)  
ON ZOOM: [TINYURL.COM/PARCANEL](https://tinyurl.com/parcpanel). LUNCH PROVIDED.

Join the Services for Students with Children (SSWC), the Native American Student & Community Center (NASCC), and the Pacific Islander, Asian & Asian American (PIAAA) Student Center for a facilitated discussion in celebration of our Indigenous communities at PSU. Our esteemed panelists include PSU community members who identify as Indigenous parents/ caregivers. Come with questions, or just listen, learn and build community.

This is a hybrid event! Join in person with lunch from a local Indigenous caterer, or join on Zoom! All are welcome!

 To join remotely, scan the QR code or go to [tinyurl.com/parcpanel](https://tinyurl.com/parcpanel)



Illustrations by Bear Cunningham, Standing Rock Sioux and Siletz

## FASFA is open on October 1st!



Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FASFA) gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. Find the application online (<https://studentaid.gov>) . Contact our office if you have any questions about the process.

**Be on the look out for Indian Education upcoming college scholarship nights!**

## Local Opportunities



- Portland Trail Blazers Fan Fest, Oct. 14  
You can register for up to 8 free tickets here:  
<https://www.nba.com/blazers/fanfest>

- Portland Parks and Recreation Access Pass  
Register for up to 90% discount.  
Find more information here:  
<https://www.portland.gov/parks/discount>



## Title VI Indian Education Goals

- To assist in increasing the high school graduation rate for Indian Education high school students
- To assist in increasing retention for Indian Education students
- Increase Native cultural awareness & connections.

## A Message to Title VI Indian Education Students

We are here for you.

Indian Education staff are dedicated to supporting students however we can. If a student may be struggling please reach out to us. If a student needs someone to do homework with, someone to read over college applications, questions about culture, have an activity they want to bring to their school, or wants an advocate to attend a behavioral meeting, we are here for you and will support however we can.



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