



Talking Circle

April 2025

Welcome, Spring!

Waynat (Hello),

We hope you had a great Spring Break! As Quarter 3 wraps up, the fourth quarter is a time to finish strong, reflect on growth, and set new goals—it's never too late to start!

We have some important updates:

- Public Hearing – Join us as Superintendent Armstrong listens and learns about your priorities for Native students in PPS. See the linked flyer for details.
- Summer Program – We're excited to confirm June 23 – July 3 at Faubion! Stay tuned for registration details.
- Busy Spring Ahead! – Don't miss these upcoming events (more information, including registration, coming soon!):
 - Last Culture in the Classroom community engagement session
 - CTSI Youth Leadership Conference
 - U of O Youth Movement Day
 - Senior Honor Day Celebration
- [Needs Assessment Survey](#) – Help shape Indian Ed programming. Three respondents will get an Indian Ed swag bag with cultural and educational items!

Thank you for being part of our Talking Circle. Your voices, traditions, and commitment to our students make all the difference.

In community,
Director Murr & the Indian Ed Team

Upcoming Events

April

- April 3rd- End of Quarter 3
- April 4th and 7th- **NO SCHOOL:** Teacher grading and professional development day.
- April 4th-6th: Squalli Absch Wellbriety Pow-Wow
- **April 10th: Indian Ed Public Hearing**
- April 19th: Traditional Powwow
- **April 25th: CTSI Native American Youth Leadership Conference (more info soon and sign up out soon)**
- **April 30th: Culture in the Classroom**
- May 3rd: MMIW Hope and Search Alliance
- May 3rd: Beaverton/Hillsboro School Districts Indian Ed Powwow
- May 3rd: PSU Powwow
- May 11th: UO Mother's Day Powwow
- May 17th: In Honor of Our Children Powwow
- **May 25th: University of Oregon Youth Field Day-More info from Indian Ed soon!**
- May 30th: Honor Day
- May 31st: First Willamette Valley Powwow
- Indian Ed Summer Program: June 23- July 3
- Recurring on Tuesdays: Family and Friends Story Time at the Holgate Library

[Find event flyers HERE](#)

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Student Shout-Out

**Do you want to see your staff
or students celebrated here?
Let us know!**

Please submit recommendations for Indian
Education student shout-outs, and staff
shout-outs [HERE](#)

Need Assessment



Please scan to fill out our annual
family needs assessment!

Autism Awareness Month

In observance of Autism Awareness Month,
here is a local resource:

<https://autismsocietyoregon.org/>

Native Montessori



[Newsletter](#)
bit.ly/NMPocto



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Recreation's programs and services here:

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news on their website:

<https://www.portland.gov/parks/news>



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Meet Our Student Success Advocates!

Sunshine Guzman



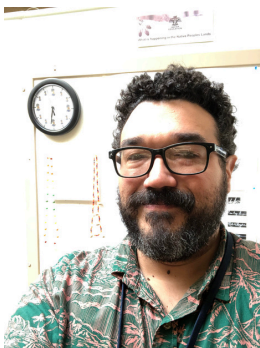
Sunshine Guzman is a Shoshone-Bannock tribal member. She has been supporting Title VI students since 2009. She has enjoyed seeing our students grow and contribute to our communities.

Emily St.Martin



Emily joined the Department of Indian Education in August of 2024. Prior to working within Indian Education, they served the urban Native community as a College Preparation Coach at NAYA. They are a member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Their specialties are beadwork and leatherwork, they aspire to learn weaving. Emily enjoys sharing their cultural crafting knowledge with youth.

Bruce Morrison



Bruce joined PPS Indian Education in January 2025, having previously taught Middle School Mathematics and a blended 4th/5th grade classroom. He has also worked as a substitute teacher for PPS in a wide range of subjects and grade levels. Bruce is originally from North Carolina, and is an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe of NC. He enjoys scary books and movies, drawing comics, and growing unusual fruit trees and vegetables in his garden.