



# Talking Circle

August 2025

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Dear Portland Public Schools Indian Education Families,

On behalf of the entire Indian Education team, I want to extend a warm welcome to you and your students as we begin the 2025–2026 school year. We are deeply honored to continue supporting the academic success, cultural identity, and overall well-being of our Native students and families.

As we start the year, I want to share that Director Gillian Murr is currently on leave, and during this time, I will be supporting the Indian Education Program. My name is Dr. Camedra Jefferson, and I serve as the Director of Funded Programs for Portland Public Schools. I will be working closely with the Indian Education team, district staff, and community partners to uphold and strengthen the important work of this program in Gillian's absence.

We have a vibrant year ahead, filled with monthly cultural and community events designed to foster connection, identity, and belonging. We're excited to offer a variety of opportunities for cultural celebration, academic support, and meaningful family engagement throughout the year.

Our team is here to support you, and we welcome your questions, feedback, and involvement.

We look forward to connecting with you soon and will be sharing more information about upcoming events and opportunities to engage. Thank you for your continued partnership and trust.

With gratitude,

Dr. Camedra Jefferson  
Director of Funded Programs (Interim Support – Indian Education)

## Upcoming Events

### August

- July 28 - August 1st: CRITFC Salmon Camp
- Recurring on Tuesdays: Family and Friends Story Time at the Holgate Library
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> : NAYA Movie in the Park
- August 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>: Annual Nesika Illahee Powwow in Siletz
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow
- August 21<sup>st</sup>: Indian Ed School Supply Backpack Pick Up
- August 26<sup>th</sup>: Back to School
- September 6<sup>th</sup>: Neerchokikoo Powwow at NAYA

If there are events you would like us to share, please send them to

**[indianeducation@pps.net](mailto:indianeducation@pps.net)**

**[Find event flyers](#) [HERE](#)**

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## Student Shout-Out



Want to see your  
student here?  
Let us know!

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

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2025 that resides within the PPS boundary.

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parks/news](https://www.portland.gov/parks/news)

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Recreation? Start making a  
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# BACK TO SCHOOL



**INDIAN EDUCATION  
SUPPLY PICK UP!**



**AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>  
11AM - 4PM\***



**PICK UP A BACKPACK  
FILLED WITH SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES  
GRAB AND GO LUNCH  
PROVIDED!**



**Jefferson High School, Room A 10  
5210 N Kerby Ave  
Portland, OR 97217**



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schedule a  
different pick  
up time if this  
doesn't work  
for your family!**

**Student(s)  
must be  
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