

Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

This year the Indian Education program is implementing a **Bridge Program** for 8th grade students. We are planning on **meeting six times throughout the academic year**, at Jefferson High School where our offices are located, and also at other sites to offer academic, social and cultural opportunities for the students.

We believe this program will benefit students because it will:

- Give students an opportunity to **meet Native students from around the city** and make new friends, some they may see at their high school next year
- Provide academic and cultural support
- Help students gain confidence before their transition to high school
- Provide mentorship from various Native leaders
- Expand their knowledge of Native Portland
- Provide a small stipend for students for attending each meeting
- Be a lot of fun!

Possible activities include Native games, outdoor stewardship and first food gathering, learning heritage languages, writing zines and poetry, theatre games, making crafts and more. **We want** the students feedback on what they want, so we will be giving them choices at our first meeting.

	DATE November 3	LOCATION Jefferson HS	TIME 11am-3pm
2010	January 12	TBD	11am-3pm
	February 9	TBD	11am-3pm
	March 9	TBD	11am-3pm
PS	April 13	TBD	11am-3pm
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