



# Talking Circle

December 2024

## Welcome, Winter!

Dear Students, Families, and Community,

We wish you a warm and festive winter season, however you choose to celebrate. For many tribes, winter has traditionally been a time for storytelling—a cherished tradition not only for entertainment but also for teaching our children the important ways of the world.

As the cold weather settles in, we hope you find moments to slow down and embrace the beauty of our traditional crafts and storytelling. May your holiday break be filled with joy, reflection, and connection.

Be well,

Director Murr and the Indian Ed Team



## Upcoming Events

### December





- **December 6th & 7th:** Reclaiming Indigenous Sexual Health and Safety Retreats (see flyer)
- **December 7th:** World Forestry Center Event (free admission, meal provided, sessions in both English and Spanish, **registration required**)
- **December 8th:** World Forestry Center Event (free admission, meal provided, sessions in both English and Spanish, **registration required**)
- **December 13th:** Medicine Bear Holiday Celebration (see flyer)
- **December 14th:** Holiday Crafting with All Nations Canoe Family (see flyer)
- **December 14th - 15th:** NAYA Native Winter Marketplace 11am-6pm (see flyer)
- **December 18th:** Modified schedule for elementary and middle schools
- **December 18th:** NAYA Winter Gathering 5:30-8:30 (see flyer)
- **December 18th-20th** Winter Activity bag pick-up, more details to come.
- **December 21st- Indian New Year/Winter Solstice**
- **December 23rd-January 3rd:** Schools closed for winter break
- **December 28th:** NARA Basketball Camp (see flyer)
- **December 31st:** NARA Sobriety Powwow (see flyer)
- **January 23rd:** Culture in the Classroom (see flyer)

[Find event flyers HERE](#)

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## Student Shout-Out



Sedona Smith

"Sedona, along with a few of her classmates, wrote and presented the first land acknowledgement at a da Vinci Arts Middle School performance prior to our Master's Drama class' production of The Average Family."



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](#)

*Native Montessori*



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[bit.ly/NMPocto](http://bit.ly/NMPocto)

## Community Partnership-Portland Parks & Rec

### TeenForce Pass

Service

The TeenForce Pass gives FREE access to scheduled drop-in activities and designated open swims at five Portland Parks & Recreation community centers. The pass is available for youth ages 10 to 20.



Click pic for  
more info.

### Access Discount Program

Information



Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) believes recreation is for everyone. We know that the price of programs and activities prevents some community members from being able to participate.

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more info.



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# Did You Know?

More than 50 tribal nations originally lived in the area we now call Oregon.

Today, these nations are represented by Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes, who continue to carry forward the rich traditions and knowledge of their ancestors.

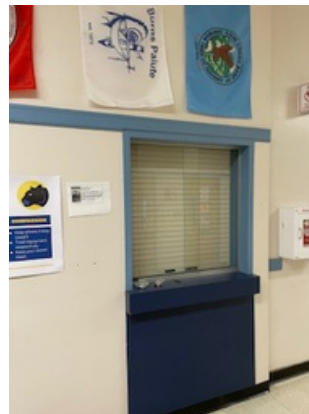
We are proud to have supported the purchase and installation of tribal flags in all PPS schools across the district. A big shoutout to the schools that have already displayed the flags and joined us in honoring the first people of the land we now call Oregon!

We also want to recognize Grand Ronde tribal member and Vestal teacher, Gina Rentz. She reached out to all of Oregon's tribes and created a set of lessons to accompany the flags.

Qeciyewyew! (Thank you!)



## Sellwood Middle School



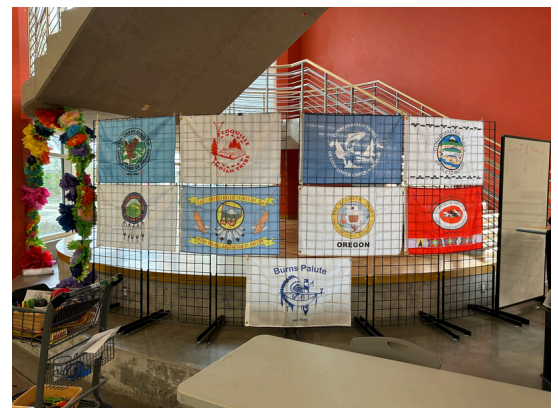
## Whitman Elementary



## Woodmere Elementary



## Llewellyn Elementary



## Kellogg Middle School