



Talking Circle

February 2025

Happy Black History Month!

Dear Students, Families, and Community,
As we approach the milestone of 100 days of school, we want to take a moment to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our students, families, and educators. Every school day is an opportunity for growth, learning, and connection, and we know that consistent attendance plays a crucial role in student success.

Attendance matters—not just for academic progress, but also for building relationships, staying engaged in learning, and fostering a sense of belonging. We understand that challenges can arise, and if your student is facing barriers to attendance, our department is here to help. Whether you need resources, support, or just someone to check in, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's continue working together to ensure our students feel supported and empowered every day!

Be well,
Director Murr and the Indian Ed Team

*Every
Moment
Matters*

Upcoming Events

February

- February 8th: NAYA Native Made Market Pop-Up 11am - 6pm
- February 8th: Indigenous Marketplace 10am - 4pm
- February 9th: North Portland Library Opening Celebration with Hoop Dancer Cooper Nez 2:30-3:15pm
- February 14th: Valentine's Day Party at Barbie's Village
- **Feb. 20th- Indian Ed Family Night (FLYER coming soon!)**
- February 22nd: Chemawa Birthday Powwow, Grand Entries 1 & 6pm.
- February 28th: First day of Ramadan
- February 28-March 1: Agency Creek Round Dance
- **March 6th: Culture in the Classroom (more info to come)**
- 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 17th: In Honor of Our Children Powwow
- May 31st: First Willamette Valley Powwow

Find event flyers [HERE](#)

FEBRUARY

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Native Made Market Pop-up Indigenous Marketplace
9 Hoop Dance at North Portland Library Celebration	10	11	12	13	14 Oregon's Birthday, Cowitz Tribe Federal recognition anniversary, Valentines Party at Barbie's Village	15
16	17 President's Day, NO SCHOOL	18	19	20 Indian Ed Family Night 5:30-7:30 Jefferson HS	21	22 Chemawa Birthday Powwow
23	24	25	26 Modified Schedule for Elementary and Middle Schools	27 Midterm Progress Reports	28 First day of Ramadan Agency Creek Round Dance	

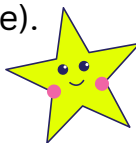


Student Shout-Out



Violet Hafez

Violet is a very involved young member of our community. She plays basketball with NAYA, models for African fashion shows, and modeled in the Eugene Native artists fashion show for Rhythm Art (shown above).



**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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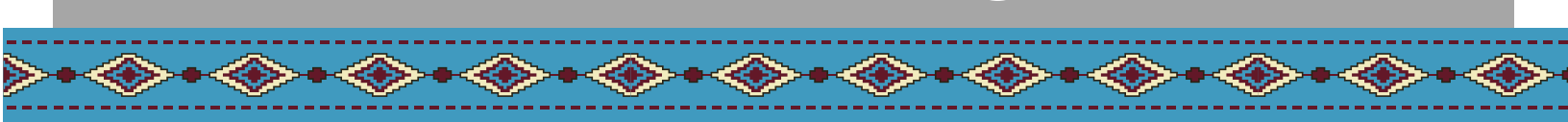
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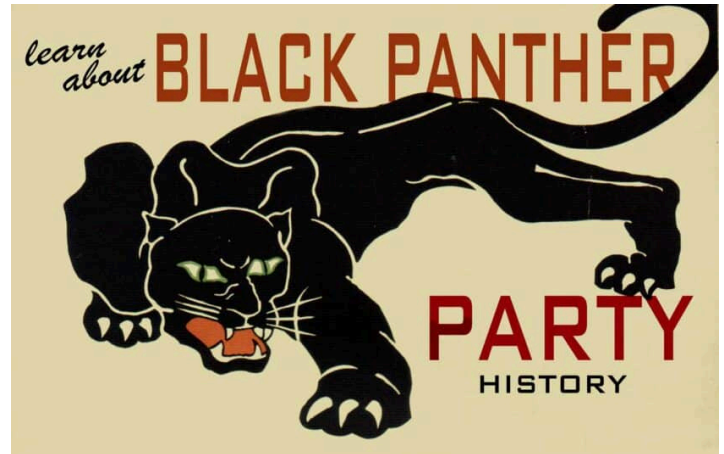
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Black & Indigenous Unity

The American Indian Movement drew inspiration from Black activists involved in the Civil Rights movement, including the Black Panther Party. The American Indian Movement organized free breakfast programs, free legal help, and health clinics the same way that the Black Panther Party did. The shared strategies of Black civil rights activists and the Black Panther Party with the American Indian Movement helped provide support to urban Native communities.



Afro-Indigenous Relatives

Many of our relatives have both Indigenous and Black heritage. They sit on an intersection of being both Black and Native, and have a unique perspective. Afro-Indigenous and Black Indigenous people face additional challenges including: erasure of their identities, colorism, anti-Blackness in Indigenous communities as well as complex historical, cultural, social, and political influences. Afro-Indigenous are and should always be, celebrated members of our community.



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