



Talking Circle

July 2025

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Greetings,

We hope you are all enjoying a joyful and restorative summer. July is the height of powwow season for many, a time to honor the strength of our communities, the richness of our cultures, and the wisdom passed down through generations. As we gather with loved ones, celebrate traditions, and prepare for the upcoming school year, we remain committed to uplifting Indigenous voices and creating spaces where our students feel seen, supported, and proud of who they are. We look forward to reconnecting and hearing about your summer fun at the start of the school year!

The Indian Ed Team



Upcoming Events

July

- July 28 - August 1st: CRITFC Salmon Camp
- Recurring on Tuesdays: Family and Friends Story Time at the Holgate Library
- July 18th-20th: Annual Seafair Indian Days Powwow, Seattle, WA
- July 26th: Wiconi 19th Annual Living Waters Powwow, Turner, OR
- August 8th - 10th: Annual Nesika Illahee Powwow in Siletz
- August 15th - 17th: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow

If there are events you would like us to share, please send them to indianeducation@pps.net

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

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 4 th of July	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Annual Seafair Indian Days Powwow	19 Annual Seafair Indian Days Powwow
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27	28 CRITFC Salmon Camp	29 CRITFC Salmon Camp	30 CRITFC Salmon Camp	31 CRITFC Salmon Camp		



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](#)

PPS PRE-K

Now accepting applications!



pps.net/prek



PPS Pre-Kindergarten is available to any
child 3 or 4 years of age by September 1st,
2025 that resides within the PPS boundary.

Community Partnership



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& Recreation's programs and
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Indian Education Summer Program 2025

A Message From Teacher Theresa about Summer Programming:

Each day started out with breakfast and then moving to the outdoors to smudge. We shared information with the youth about why we smudge, as well as the medicinal properties of the plants used to smudge. We used sage, sweetgrass, tobacco and cedar. At the end of programming, each student made either a medicine bag or bundle to carry these plants with them.

Our main focus of study was the Lamprey. We learned so much! Some students had prior knowledge of these ancient relatives, but attending the Lamprey Celebration and Bonneville Dam provided so much more. Students were offered the opportunity to view, touch, hold, and even taste, cooked lamprey. We appreciate Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission for working with us to provide rich and meaningful learning experiences to our youth.

Staff shared knowledge about the tradition of gifting. Each student worked on a necklace to gift to community members at the Lamprey Celebration. We used traditional materials such as dentalium shells, bone hair pipe, glass beads, and sinew. These necklaces carry tradition as well as some math facts. Students were encouraged to create patterns and symmetry while designing their necklace. Each student was able to put their own creativity into the gift by choosing their own colors and length of the necklace.

Students brought home the book "I Love Salmon and Lamprey" by Brooke Thompson. This book had significant ties to the current event of the Source to Sea historical travel down the Klamath River by Tribal youth in Kayaks. This is the first time in 100 years that the Klamath River runs freely with the removal of Dams. In class we watched some of the videos provided by Paddle Tribal Waters and Rios to Rivers. It is an incredible event to witness.

Gardening was part of our daily routine. Students visited the gardens on campus and were taught about indigenous plants and other edible plants. They collected seeds, watered, and harvested. The garden staff brought in snails, snacks, art activities, and a lot of knowledge about how to be a good relative to the plants.

PE was offered daily and provided the opportunity for students to run around with guided, structured games. We had daily recess with outdoor physical activity.

Our programming ended with a field day in the morning that had stations to rotate through. We did a potato sack race, tug of war, created bubbles using sticks and strings, water balloon toss, and even had a dunk tank. We ended the day with popsicles and a water balloon war. We are always sad to see Summer Programming end. We look forward to seeing you this coming school year at our events and in the schools.



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Viewing lamprey at the
Bonneville fish hatchery



Experiencing a
lamprey's suction



Feeding trout at
the fish hatchery



Attending lessons with
Growing Gardens



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PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

Free Lunch + Play **Monday-Friday**
Play for days at Free Lunch + Play, where kids come to share a meal together and have fun in the sun! **Program Times:** 10am-2pm
No program on July 4

Free lunches are for youth 18 years & under. If you bring 10 or more youth age 18 and under to receive free lunch, please contact 503-729-0332 at least five business days in advance to ensure we have lunches available. Meals are required to be eaten on-site in the designated area per USDA Federal guidelines.

All events are **Wheelchair Accessible**: Individuals may enter and exit the site using paved pathways

	LOCATION	DATES AND MEAL TIME
NORTH	Columbia Park: N Woolsey Avenue and N Winchell Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Kenton Park: N Delaware Avenue and N Kilpatrick Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm
	McCoy Park: N Newman Avenue and N Newark Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm
	Peninsula Park: 700 N Rosa Parks Way	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm
	St. Johns Park: 8427 N Central Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
EAST	Alberta Park: NE 19th Avenue and NE Jarrett Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Irving Park: 875 NE Fremont Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	K'unamokwest Park: 5200 NE Alberta Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm
	Montavilla Park: NE 82nd Avenue and Glisan Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm
	Gateway Discovery Park: 10520 NE Halsey Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11 - 11:45am
SOUTH EAST	Lents Park: SE 92nd Avenue and SE Steele Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Lincoln Park: SE 135th Avenue and Mill Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:45am - 12:30pm
	Luwit View Park: NE 127th Avenue and Fremont Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12:15 - 1pm
	Mill Park: 1949 SE 122nd Avenue	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 12:45pm
	Parklane Park: 15635 SE Millmain Drive	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
SOUTH WEST	Raymond Park: SE 118th Avenue and SE Liebe Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 12:15pm
	Ventura Park: 460 SE 113th Avenue	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12:30 - 1:15pm
	Verdell Burdine Rutherford Park: 1599 SE 167th Avenue	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Greston Park: 4454 SE Powell Boulevard	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Essex Park: SE 76th Avenue and Center Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
SOUTH WEST	Mt. Scott Park: SE 72nd Avenue and SE Ramona Street	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm
	Holly Farm Park: 10819 SW Capital Highway	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Stephens Creek Crossing Apartments: 6715-6861 SW 26th Avenue	Monday, June 23 to Friday, August 22 • 12 - 1:30pm

5th Annual NATIVE YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
JULY 28-AUG 1, 2025

The Native Theater Project invites 7th-12th grade Native students to a FREE performing arts camp at the University of Oregon! Dive into the world of improv and theater games, character building, acting, writing, and storyboarding for both stage and screen. Travel scholarships available!

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 13, 2025
Register early at: <https://tinyurl.com/NativeTheaterCamp2025>

Contact: Tanis Parenteau, Outreach Coordinator, (925) 609-4901, tanis@nativetheaterproject.org

tinyurl.com/NativeTheaterCamp2025

Portland All Nations Canoe Family
2025-2026

NATIVE ARTS INITIATIVE CULTURAL COHORTS

PANCF is excited to announce our Native Arts Initiative program - **free** for youth and young adults ages 12-25 years old.

This program will include cohorts led by Indigenous Artists for weaving, beading, sewing, and carving throughout 2025. In early 2026, there will be a community teaching opportunity and a group exhibition for Indigenous Arts Educators and Youth/Young Adult participants in Spring/early Summer 2026. Enrollment and full participation for the duration of the cohort is required. All supplies/materials will be provided to participants in each cohort.

Cohort Time Frame	
Weaving Cohort	Mar - June 2025
Beaded Cohort	Aug - Oct 2025
Carving Cohort	Nov 2025 - Feb 2026
Sewing Cohort	Dec 2025 - Mar 2026
Participant Teaching with Community	March 2026
Indigenous Artists Exhibit	Spring 2026

Contact **Stephanie@pancf.org** with questions or to register

PANCF Native Arts Initiative is sponsored through a grant from the First Nations Development Institute.

Contact Stephanie@pancf.org to sign up