



# Talking Circle

March 2025

## Welcome, Spring!

Warm greetings to our students, families, and community,

As we welcome March, we step into a time of transition—a shift from winter’s quiet reflection to the renewal of spring. In many of our Indigenous traditions, this is a season of preparation, growth, and gathering. The lengthening days remind us of the teachings passed down through our families, encouraging us to nurture our minds, spirits, and communities.

This month, we continue our commitment to supporting Native students through culturally grounded advocacy, and connection. We want to honor the resilience of our youth as they navigate their academic journeys while staying rooted in their cultures and identities.

As always, we are here to support you. Whether you need academic assistance, cultural resources, or simply a space to connect, our program is here to uplift and empower. Your voices, traditions, and futures matter, and we are honored to walk alongside you in this journey.

Qeciyewyew (thank you) for being part of our community. We look forward to a month of learning, celebration, and growth together.

In community,  
Director Murr and the Indian Ed Team

## Upcoming Events March

- Recurring on Tuesdays: Family and Friends Story Time at the Holgate Library
- March 1st: Pi Nee Waus Elders Powwow
- March 6th: Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Workshop (Registration Required)
- March 13th: Indian Ed Steam Night
- March 19th: Indian Parent Committee Meeting
- March 20th: ECEF Culture Night (flyer to come)
- April 4th-6th: Squalli Absch Wellbriety Pow-Wow
- April 10th: Public Hearing
- April 19th: Traditional Powwow
- 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 11th: UO Mother’s Day Powwow
- May 17th: In Honor of Our Children Powwow
- May 31st: First Willamette Valley Powwow

[Find event flyers HERE](#)

# MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Pi Nee Waus Powwow
2	3	4 Family and Friends Story Time	5	6 Culture in the Classroom Event Ribbon skirt + shirt workshop	7	8
9	10	11 Family and Friends Story Time	12	13 Indian Ed Steam Night	14	15
16	17	18 Family and Friends Story Time	19 Indian Parent Committee Meeting	20 ECEP Culture night	21	22
23	24	25 Family and Friends Story Time	26	27	28	29
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## Student Shout-Out

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](#)

## Need Assessment



Please scan to fill out our annual  
family needs assessment!

Join the Indian Parent Committee  
Meeting on March 19th at 6pm



## Native Montessori



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



## Community Partnership Portland Parks & Recreation



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Recreation's programs and services here:

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# LOCAL *Resources*

## Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

### Offered Resources and Support

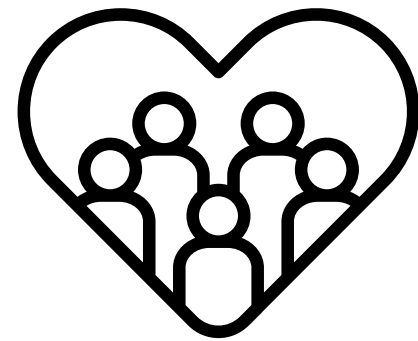
- TANF (Temporary assistance for needy families)
- Diverted Services which maintains current employment
- TANF Work Experience, paid training to gain real world work experience and employment references
- Non-Needy Caretaker Relative: Cash grant to caretaker relative of TANF eligible children
- House Stabilization for Victims of Domestic Violence
- Classroom Training: Assistance with GED, higher education, vocational training, or certification
- Work Experience: Paid training to gain real world work experience and employment references
- On-the-Job Training: Employer incentive based program
- Direct Placement: If hired by an employer and need supportive services to become job ready
- Core Services: Provides employment enhancement services to clients
- Supplemental Youth Services: Summer employment or educational services to youth 14-24

### Who is eligible?

- Enrolled members of federally recognized tribes, descendants
- Live in the Siletz Tribe's approved service area (see flyer for map)
- Household income must fall within the program income guidelines or employment services guidelines

### How do I apply?

- Request an application in the area you reside (tribal offices are located in Siletz, Salem, Portland, and Eugene)
- Complete the application, provide all required documentation
- Schedule an intake appointment
- Program eligibility determination



[See flyer for more details](#)



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