



Talking Circle

March 2023

Our Upcoming Events:

- **March 15th, 2023**

Indian Educations annual **Public Hearing** to inform our community and receive their feedback.

- **March TBD, 2023**

8th - 12th grade students are invited to join our Media/Press club partnered with an Indigenous Affairs Reporter Jarrette Werk. If interested please contact Jeidah at jdezurney@pps.net

Native Montessori Update

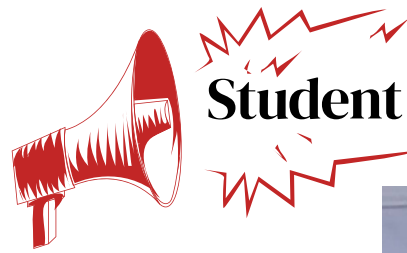
It is with both excitement and sadness we learned that Ms. Carrie, the Native Montessori teacher since 2015 is moving on to teach third grade next school year. She has left a huge mark on many hearts, as well as helped run an amazing program!

The new teacher, B Mello, comes from Faubion, and has experience in Montessori principles.

The Indian Education program looks forward to continuing to support the Native Montessori classroom and B Mello in the coming months!

You can read Teacher Carrie's letter, and B Mello's introduction letter [here](#).

Please send well wishes to both educators [on their new journeys](#).



Student Shout Outs!

Turner Cale

Turner is an amazing student who is active in RHS theater. He is a cast member in the upcoming play and won regional in acting and is going to state in the spring. Thank you for being so creative, and a great person Turner! Good luck at state!



Sun Hawk Barney

Sun Hawk attends Many Nations Academy. He is on the basketball team there, and has been a great team player. Have a great end of your season Sun Hawk!

Jasmine Barney

Jasmine is on the basketball team at Cleveland and has been having an amazing season. Keep up the good work Jasmine!

If you have a student you would like to acknowledge, please email gmurr@pps.net, or fill out the form [here](#) -

<https://bit.ly/3X8lYSt>

March Moon

Shoshone: *yu'a-mea'*
(warming)

Full Moon:
March 7th
New Moon:
March 21st



**Please complete the annual
PPS Indian Education Needs
Assessment and help guide the
future of the program!**



bit.ly/NeedsAssessment23



**If you have Native American
ancestry, your child may qualify
to be registered in the PPS
Indian Education program.**
<https://bit.ly/PPS506form>

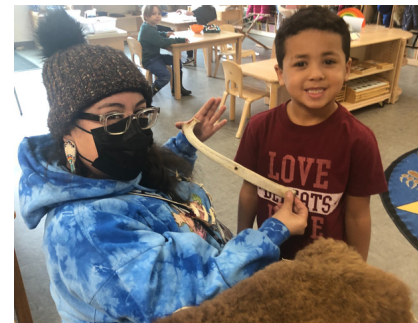
What we have been up to:

Indian Ed Loves You Culture Night



Native Montessori Program

Children learned
about Bison with
student success
advocate
Sunshine.



NMP Students
had loads of
fun at the
Faubion School
friendship
dance.

Celebrated Black
History Month by
learning about
Alma Thomas and
her love of color.



Upcoming Community Events & Support

- **Hooked on Fishing event (April 29th)** - Families are invited to learn about and practice all things angling. Participants will fish the stocked trout pond, make new friends, and participate in fun art and science activities led by volunteers. Scholarship application - bit.ly/3IGdD2Q
- **Konaway Nika Tillicum Summer Camp-Grades 7-12-** Konaway Nika Tillicum, which means "All My Relations" in Chinook Trade Jargon, is traditionally an eight-day academic program exploring a broad range of classes, lectures, cultural experiences, and recreational activities for Native American students. Application now open and be found here: bit.ly/3KLkLY6
- **Native Family Nights at Tryon Creek State Park-** flyer found here - bit.ly/3J2desX
- **Gardening: Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge-Free seeds!!** While supplies last, Oregonians who sign up for the Challenge and request seeds will receive four different seed packets free of charge. Oregon State University will send these seed packets to county Extension offices around the state for pick-up in March. Flyer found here: bit.ly/3mdF50i
- **Native Story Hour with Multnomah County Library (March 15th)** - Join Karen Kitchen (Osage Nation) for this story hour featuring songs and books from Native cultures. Children, families, elders, aunties and uncles — everyone is welcome. Join here - <http://bit.ly/3xYL3ot>



In honor of Women's History Month we would like to recognize:

Joyce Nelson

Delores Joyce (Culbertson) Nelson was born on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. She and her family moved to Oregon in 1944, settling first in Vanport City and then, after the Vanport flood, in Portland. She attended Lincoln High School, where she was a majorette in the band.



Joyce received numerous honors through the years for her community service, including a Spirit of Portland Award in 2006 for being "a consistent source for collaboration and advocacy in the Native American community in Portland for over 50 years."

(taken from an article by Douglas Perry @ Oregon Live)



Joyce's philosophy was simple -- and it served the Native community and Portland well.

"If everybody helped everybody," she said, "it would be a much better world."

Our department is honored to have Joyce's daughter, Valerie, as our community agent. The Nelson family has been such an outstanding and integral part of advocating for the Portland Native community.

If trauma can be inherited from one generation to the next, then so can love, resilience, and wisdom

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Follow our Facebook to see more Native American and Alaskan Native women in honor of Women's History Month. Contact us if you would like to recognize a powerful woman!



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