



Talking Circle

May 2025

Greetings-

As the seasons shift and our students move closer to the end of the school year, May offers us a moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate growth. This month, we honor the strength and resilience of our Native students and families, share updates about our upcoming summer program, and continue building pathways rooted in culture, connection, and community. Thank you for walking with us.

Director Murr & the Indian Ed Team



Student Shout-Out



Lucas Ball

Lucas is an amazing student and kind friend. He has made huge leaps in literacy this year, and he is always excited to participate and learn. He has also come in to a new school and made several close friendships. We love having him in class!

Please submit recommendations for Indian Education student shout-outs, and staff shout-outs [HERE](#)

Upcoming Events

May

- May 1st: Sign ups for Indian Ed Summer Camp open
- May 3rd: MMIW Hope and Search Alliance
- May 3rd: Beaverton/Hillsboro School Districts Indian Ed Powwow
- May 3rd: PSU Powwow
- May 5th: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples' Day
- May 9-11th: UO Mother's Day Powwow
- May 10th: ELSO Youth Design Forum
- May 17th: In Honor of Our Children Powwow
- May 25th: University of Oregon Youth Field Day
- May 30th: Honor Day
- May 31st: First Willamette Valley Powwow
- Indian Ed Summer Program: June 23- July 3
- July 28 - August 1st: CRITFC Salmon Camp
- Recurring on Tuesdays: Family and Friends Story Time at the Holgate Library

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



Summer Program
1st-8th grade
June 23-July 3
bit.ly/IEsummer2025

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24	25 University of Oregon Youth Field Day	26	27	28	29	30 Indian Ed Honor Day
31 First Willamette Valley Powwow						

Need Assessment



Please scan to fill out our annual family needs assessment!

Portland Metro Survey

Let Portland Metro know what your transportation needs are!

Survey open thru MAY 9TH



Native Montessori



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Community Partnership



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May 5th is MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) Day!

For decades, Native American and Alaska Native communities have struggled with high rates of assault, abduction, and murder of tribal members. Community advocates describe the crisis as a legacy of generations of government policies of forced removal, land seizures and violence inflicted on Native peoples.

- A 2016 study by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime, including 56.1 percent who have experienced sexual violence.
- In the year leading up to the study, 39.8 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence, including 14.4 percent who had experienced sexual violence.
- Overall, more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime.

(Information from [BIA](#))



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