Portland Public Schools Title VI Indian Education Program

# **Talking Circle**

#### October 2024

### Welcome Fall!

Dear Students, Families and Community, The weather is cooling, days are growing shorter, and the leaves are changing. Welcome Fall! We hope that you are all getting back into the swing of the academic year and enjoying the season. We look forward to celebrating Native American Heritage Month with you all in November.

#### Be well,

Director Murr and the Indian Ed Team



## **Upcoming Events**

### October

- October 5-6 Indigenous Arts Festival
  12 4 pm at Gresham History Museum
- October 11 State wide in-service (NO SCHOOL)
- October 14 Indigenous People's Day
- October 14 Indigenous People's Day Celebration 4 - 8 pm at Barbie's Village
- October 15 Modified Schedule: <u>CLICK</u>
  <u>HERE</u>
- October 18 Portland College Access
  Fair 1 2 pm, McMenamin's Kennedy
  School
- **October 19** Oregon Origins Project V: Keeping Traditions Alive, 7 pm at Reed College. Tickets <u>HERE</u>
- October 23 Modified Schedule: <u>CLICK</u>
  <u>HERE</u>
- October 23-24 Pumpkin and traditional recipes give-away 9am-7 pm
- October 31 End of Quarter
- October 31 Halloween

# Find event flyers <u>HERE</u>

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# Student Shout Outs!

### Kamayla Wallulatum

"Kamayla stepped up to help in the cafeteria so that students can get their lunches and not have to wait in long lines."

#### Qalch'ema FriedLander

"Oalch'ema led the Native American Culture Club in a wonderful Orange Shirt Day presentation, raising awareness about the impact of residential schools."





#### Newsletter bit.ly/NMPocto

## **Looking Ahead-November** is Native American **Heritage Month**

November is a time for Indigenous people to celebrate their culture. We encourage Native students to embrace their culture by wearing Native made clothing and jewelry, attending events, and practicing cultural arts and activities.

For those who are not Native, this is a great time to learn more about Native history and culture. Indigenous people are diverse and multi-faceted. A great place to start is learning whose land you are on! From there, you can explore the culture, history, and communities near you. Learn whose land you're on HERE





#### **Community Partnership**

Portland Parks and Rec is looking for input from the Native community! Please consider completing this short survey to inform their future planning! Take the survey by visiting

#### parksurvey2024.org/indianed

Any questions? Please contact: pprsurveyhelp@pdx.edu or call (503) 725-9531



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# **Event Spotlight**

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## Orange Shirt Day at Benson High School

On Monday September 30, 2024 the Native American Culture Club at Benson High School shared a presentation about the history of residential schools, their lasting impact, and the importance of Orange Shirt Day. The Native American Culture Club was joined by drummers, who sang an honor song.



The Native American Culture Club, preparing to present on Orange Shirt Day, led by Qalch'ema FriedLander.



Qalch'ema FriedLander pausing for a moment to reflect on the impact of residential schools on Indigenous people.



The drum cared for by Qalch'ema FridLander's relative, that was used in the honor song presented during the event.

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