



Talking Circle

September 2025

Dear Native Students and Families,

I want to extend a warm welcome to you as we begin the new school year. It is an honor to stay connected with you through our **Talking Circle newsletter**, where each month we share updates, events, and opportunities from the Indian Education Program. I also want to take a moment to recognize the **amazing work of our Indian Education team and Indian Parent Committee (IPC)**, whose dedication, cultural knowledge, and care continue to uplift Native students and families across the district. Their commitment ensures that traditions are honored, voices are heard, and our students are supported in every way possible.

We invite you to join us for a **Native Community Engagement** session regarding the **interim Director of Indian Education**. This gathering will take place on **Wednesday, September 3, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. at Barbie's Village (935 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97232)**. Your voices and guidance are invaluable as we move forward in shaping the leadership of Indian Education.

I am also excited to highlight our upcoming **Community Event: Orange Shirt Day**, taking place on **Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Jefferson High School**. Orange Shirt Day is a day of remembrance and reflection to honor survivors of residential and boarding schools, while also recognizing the ongoing impact these schools have had on Native communities. It is a time to gather in healing, solidarity, and respect for our children and future generations.

I look forward to seeing you at these important gatherings and to continuing our work together in support of Native students and families.

In partnership,

Dr. Camedra Jefferson

Director of Funded Programs (Interim Support – Indian Education)

Upcoming Events

September

- September 1st: Labor day, no school
- September 3rd: Community Conversation at Barbie's Village
- September 5th: Totem Lodge Art Show
- September 6th: Neerchokikoo Powwow at NAYA
- September 13th & September 20th: Ribbon skirt class at Holgate library (both sessions must be attended)
- September 17th: Indian Parent Committee Meeting
- September 25th: Indian Education Community Event
- September 27th & October 4th: Ribbon skirt class at Holgate library (both sessions must be attended)
- September 30th: Orange Shirt Day

If there are events you would like us to share, please send them to us via email at:

indianeducation@pps.net

Please note: event flyers may not be shared in the Talking Circle depending on when we receive them, and the event date. We will still share them on our Facebook page and website.

Find event flyers [HERE](#)

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day, No School	2	3 Community Conversation at Barbie's Village	4	5 Totem Lodge Art Show	6 Neerchokikoo Powwow at NAYVA
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Ribbon Skirt Making Class #1 at Holgate Library (2 part series)
14	15	16	17 Indian Parent Committee Meeting	18	19	20 Ribbon Skirt Making Class #2 at Holgate Library (2 part session)
21	22	23	24	25 Indian Ed Community Event	26	27 Ribbon Skirt Making Class #1 at Holgate Library (2 part session)
28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4 Ribbon Skirt Making Class #2 at Holgate Library (2 part session)



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](#)

Did you attend our Back to
School Event?
Send us your feedback!

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Survey Link:
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Tuesday September 30th
Orange Shirt Day



**Please join us in wearing orange shirts
on September 30th to promote
awareness of residential schools and
honor Indigenous communities
impacted by them.**

For more information about Orange Shirt Day
please visit orangeshirtday.org