



# Talking Circle

December 2022



## Student Shout Outs!

### Violet Hafez and Everett Morrison

Nominated by Teacher Lyndsey Mackenzie

Thank you both for proudly speaking about and celebrating your Native American identities in class.

Violet during the Indian Ed Summer Camp this past summer



### Stella Krakow

Nominated by Teacher Taylor Wirtheim

"Stella is a thoughtful, creative and compassionate person. She frequently uses reflective practices when asking questions to further her learning. Stella is also our classroom 'Spider Wrangler' because of her calm demeanor and care for nature; she makes sure these spiders get back to their homes outside. Thank you Stella for all that you do!"

### Abi Buchanan

Nominated by Teacher Molo

"Abi is a super involved member of the Indigenous Alliance at McDaniel and shared with me yesterday that Glenn (Lamotte) asked her to read a history of PPS-Native educational neglect to an upcoming gathering of PPS Leadership. She was so proud of being asked to read this info to these (largely, if not all, non-Native) leaders, especially because she agreed the information would be much more powerful coming from the mouth of a Native student. She understands the political nature and nuance of these types of statements and how to further deepen their impact. She glowed as she told me how proud her mom would be, and then went back over to her desk, where she is constantly beading to stay focused in class. This kid is awesome"



## What have we been up to?

We held a family Book Bingo night! Thank you to all who came and Rocked Your Mocs!



We partnered with OMSI for the Native American Community Science Night. It was the largest family night OMSI has held.



### Native Montessori Program



Students went to a pumpkin patch in November.



### Native Head Start Classroom at Applegate



Teacher Amber Brown and students met with members of the 7 Waters Canoe Family.



# Mark Your Calendars!



## December Moon

Comanche-Southern Plains

"Wahi Mua"  
(Evergreen)

Want to get involved with the Indian Parent Committee? Join our next meeting!

Next IPC Meeting:  
December 21st  
Join virtually  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

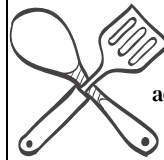
This month we will have folk from Colloqate with us to get feedback about the Jefferson Remodel.

[bit.ly/PPSIPC](https://bit.ly/PPSIPC)



## Important December School Dates:

- Dec. 8th: Midterm
- Dec. 16th: Last day before Winter Break
- Dec. 19-30th: Winter Break
- Jan. 3rd: First day back from Winter Break



### Try this winter recipe :

Hearty Mushroom, Sweet Potato, and Bean Soup  
adapted from The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen by Sean Sherman

- 2 T sunflower oil
- 1 C chopped wild onions or ramps (or white part of store-bought leek)
- 8 oz fresh mushrooms, sliced (seasonal are best but any work)
- 2 t chopped fresh sage
- 2 C cubed sweet potatoes, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 6-8 C stock (Sherman suggests his homemade corn or duck stock, but store-bought turkey bone broth or chicken is fine)
- 1 C Cedar-Braised Beans (or canned beans, drained)
- Salt to taste
- Pinch sumac to taste

In a large soup pot, heat the oil over medium heat and sauté the onions and mushrooms until the mushrooms have released their liquid and browned, about 10 minutes. Stir in the sage and sweet potatoes and stock. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, cover, and simmer until the sweet potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Add the beans. Season with salt and sumac to taste and continue cooking until heated through.



Link for cedar-braised beans: [bit.ly/cedarbraised](https://bit.ly/cedarbraised)

PPS Indian Education Program  
**VIRTUAL**  
Stocking Ornament Making  
Winter Event

**Pick up** a stocking making kit from our office in Jefferson High School (5210 N Kerby Ave. 97217)  
**December 14th, 15th, 16th 8:30-5:00pm.**  
Then join virtually to make the stocking and listen to some traditional winter stories.

Please RSVP using this link :  
<https://forms.gle/ufqbSyu8CEda14AG9VIRTUAL>

Join virtually on **Tuesday, December 20th at 3:00pm**

This event is for enrolled PPS Indian Ed Students  
(503)916-6499 | [indianeducation@pps.net](mailto:indianeducation@pps.net)

## Indian Education Families

Do you have a child who is currently age 3, 4 or 5?  
Interested in Cultural Activities?

**December 7, 2022**  
We will be making

# Breastplates

**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
@ Applegate Head Start (Gym)  
7650 N Commercial Ave. Portland OR. 97217

If you have questions, please contact:  
Sunshine at Indian Education  
(503)916-6499  
[sguzman@pps.net](mailto:sguzman@pps.net)

# November Events in the Community

**WELLNESS CIRCLES**  
ON ZOOM  
WITH TACUNA GUESTS

**Oct 12**  
George Funmaker  
(Dakota/Ho-Chunk)  
"Using culture as healing for Native Americans"

**Nov 9**  
Virginia Carmelo  
(Tongva)  
"Removal, Erasure, and Identity: California's Non-federally Recognized Tribes"

**Dec 7**  
Cittali Arvizu  
(Gabrielino/Tongva, Diegueño, Aztec/Nahuatl)  
"Connecting To Your Ancestors Through Your Tribal Language"

*save the dates!*

Register on Linktree  
[linktr.ee/tacuna](https://linktr.ee/tacuna)

The Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.

**35th ANNUAL NEW YEAR EVE SOBRIETY POWWOW**  
Saturday, December 31, 2022

Oregon Convention Ctr Hall A - 777 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Portland  
*On max and street car lines, Bus #6*

**MC's**  
Eddie Tattooed  
Aaron Morgan

**WHIPMAN**  
Ed Goodell

**1pm - Afternoon Grand Entry**  
- Children & Youth Powwow  
- Activities  
- Traditional Games  
**5pm - Mexica Titahui Dancers**  
**Raffle Throughout the Evening**  
- **DINNER BREAK** -  
**6pm - Evening Grand Entry**  
- NARA NW Honoring's  
**9:30pm - Sobriety Countdown**  
**12am - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Vendors Contact: [mpinkham@naranorthwest.org](mailto:mpinkham@naranorthwest.org)

Masks are encouraged. Social distancing required for safety.  
This is an alcohol-, drug-, and commercial tobacco-free event. NARA NW will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

**NAYA Family Center**

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**NAYA OPEN GYM**  
NAYA Pavilion  
5135 NE Columbia Blvd

Wednesdays & Fridays  
through December 30  
7-10 PM

Ages 17+  
Families Welcome

Snacks &  
Drinks Provided!

Respectful &  
positive attitudes  
welcomed

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT**  
**MARLIN SUPPAH: 971-323-3969**

**Winter Wonderland**

*Calling all Corners*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Barbie's Village  
9335 NE 33rd Ave.  
Portland, OR

- COVID19 VACCINES, ALL DOSES & BOOSTERS
- COVID TAKE HOME TESTS.
- HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES.
- GIVEAWAYS, GIFTS, SANTA PHOTOS, PHOTO BOOTHS.
- POETRY SLAM, BIPOC SMALL BUSINESS VENDORS, FOOD, & MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [BARBIESVILLAGEPDX@gmail.com](mailto:BARBIESVILLAGEPDX@gmail.com) OR [CHENOA@NATIVEWELLNESS.COM](mailto:CHENOA@NATIVEWELLNESS.COM)

Partners: **Health**, **UTOPIA FOX**, **REACH**, **MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

VIP, General Admission and Discounted/FREE Admission available to Indian Education Staff and Families by emailing [cardonaramirezdearellano@gmail.com](mailto:cardonaramirezdearellano@gmail.com) for a discount code.



Please join me for the inaugural kickoff of the Ayotola'ki'ho Project Statewide tour

## WEAVING US BACK TOGETHER

More than three-thousand people have come together in a symbolic act of weaving themselves back into community, as they strengthened connections with the acknowledgement of our capacity to heal, grow, and thrive through our interconnectedness.

This interactive art installation of 8 looms built by and for specific cultural communities showcases the beauty of those interactions and challenges us all to be better community members and bridge builders.

Show Opens November 17 through January 2023  
Architectural Heritage Center 701 SE Grand Ave. Portland  
Thursday through Saturday 11am-5pm  
Artist Talk and Reception  
December 17th, 3-5pm



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Indian Leadership for Indian Health

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WE NATIVE

# Quarter 1

**YOU ARE  
AMAZING**

We would like to acknowledge all of the students who have achieved Honor Roll status at their schools, as well as students who have been at school consistently. It takes a lot of effort and diligence from the students and the families, so way to go!

We can't wait to see the way students grow and improve over this second quarter.