

Portland Public Schools Title VI Indian Education Program

# Talking Circle

January 2023



## Student Shout Outs!

**Ben McDonald**

Nominated by Miadeline Kokes

Ben is a leader in our school in every aspect: academics (a top student) and extra-curriculars (head of our Indigenous Peoples Student Union and a varsity player on our soccer team).



**Keep up the great work Ben!**

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

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

## Happy New Year from your Indian Education Staff!

We hope everyone had a restful Winter Break! Winter is a time to move more slowly, reflect on the past, look forward for what is to come, and share in stories and memories.

As we move forward through the coming weeks of winter and the beginning of the this new year, we wish you all rest, peace, and fond stories and memories.

If you would like to share a memory or something that winter reminds you of, please share at this link:

<https://bit.ly/ppsWinterMemories>

We will post these in the next Talking Circle.

## REGISTERING FOR THE PPS INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM



If you have Native American ancestry, your child may qualify to be registered in the PPS Indian Education program.

The Title VI Indian Education Project provides supplementary education support to students of documented American Indian / Alaskan Native ancestry.



Our project provides cultural education to connect students with their Native history, cultures and traditions, instilling pride and confidence to achieve challenging academic standards.

To enroll in our program:

- Parent/Guardian must fully fill out a 506 Form and return it to our office / school secretary
- Student must be enrolled in PPS school or contracted program
- Student must meet federal eligibility requirements (student, parent or grandparent enrolled in a State, Federally-recognized, or select terminated Tribe/Band/Nation)

[indianeducation@pps.net](mailto:indianeducation@pps.net)

PPS Indian Ed

(503) 916-6499

form: <https://bit.ly/PPS506form>

# Mark Your Calendars!

Full Moon:  
Jan. 6th  
New Moon:  
Jan. 21st

**Tlingit: t'aawak dis  
(Goose Moon)**

What have we been up to?



**WINTER STOCKING MAKING**



*school-based student groups*

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

Next IPC Meeting:

January 18th!

Join virtually

6:00pm - 7:30pm



**This month: PPS Budget Info Session!**

Are you interested in learning more about the PPS budget? The Budget Info Session is a great opportunity for you to learn more about PPS funds, the district's strategic plan and targeted investments, to ask questions and provide feedback!

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



Recipe Corner!

*Chocolate Pecan Bites*

## CHOCOLATE PECAN BITES

Makes about 12 to 14 small bites

It's hard to deny the allure of chocolate, the gift of the ancient Aztecs to the Spanish. Chocolate was first enjoyed as a dark, bitter beverage, and sugar was introduced later on. Here we've blended cocoa butter, raw cocoa powder, and pecans with a little agave as a sweetener. Although none of these ingredients are native to our region, they represent the ways we can all share in the joys of indigenous flavors throughout the Americas.

- ½ cup cocoa butter
- ½ cup raw cocoa powder
- 2 cups pecans, lightly toasted
- Pinch salt
- ½ vanilla bean
- 3 tablespoons agave to taste

Line a small tray or flat plate with parchment paper. In a small saucepan set over low heat, melt the cocoa butter. Stir in the cocoa powder and set aside.

In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, grind the pecans into a paste, stopping occasionally to scrape down the sides. Slowly add the cocoa butter mixture, salt, the seeds of the vanilla bean, and agave until smooth.

Transfer the mixture to a bowl and, using a teaspoon, shape small balls or bites and set on the parchment-lined tray. Put into the refrigerator until set. Serve at room temperature.

*a favorite of Ms. Val's*

Space is open at the  
**NATIVE EARLY HEADSTART CLASSROOM**



Applegate School, 7650 N. Commercial Ave.,  
Portland, OR 97217.

Contact us if you would like more info, or complete an application at:  
<https://www.pps.net/Page/1006>

# January Events

## Indian Education Families

Do you have a child who is currently age 3, 4 or 5?

Interested in Cultural Activities?

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

We will be making

### Hair Ties

**6:00-6:30pm Dinner**

**6:30-7:30pm Activity**

@ **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)



Be on the lookout for an announcement about our upcoming in-person Family Night! We look forward to seeing you in February!



### Native Story Hour

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When

Wed, Jan 18, 2023  
10:30 to 11:30

Where

Online

See event description for registration details.



Come sing, listen, learn and celebrate. Join Karen Kitchen (Osage Nation) for this story hour featuring songs and books from Native cultures. Children, families, elders, aunts and uncles — everyone is welcome.

[Register/join via Zoom.](#)

Made possible by [The Library Foundation](#) through support from [The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Fund](#).

On day 3 of Crayola Creativity Week we're excited to be joined by Indigenous dancer & movement artist, Ria Thundercloud, with a read aloud of her picture book, FINDING MY DANCE, which explores dance as a form of self-expression and how it can reflect authentic cultural heritage. Access the content anytime throughout the day (it only takes 30 mins to complete each activity). Then share kids' artwork using #CrayolaCreativityWeek.

As students hear Ria's story, they'll be moved to connect culture, identity, and self-expression. From pow wows to traditional regalia, Ria will captivate students with her remarkable journey. Then they can draw and illustrate nature-inspired patterns and dance poses, making their art dance on paper with Kalila J. Fuller! **This will be broadcast live on Crayola Education's Facebook Page.**



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

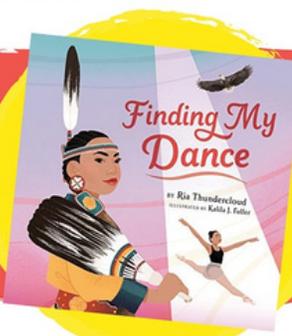
## Dancing with Traditions



with **celebrity creators**

**RIA THUNDERCLOUD** – Professional Indigenous Dancer

**KALILA J. FULLER** – Illustrator



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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Indian Education staff would like to bring enrolled Indian Ed high school students to the NW career expo.

We will meet at the expo center, and then go enjoy a lunch afterwards (sponsored by Indian Education)

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023 , Oregon Convention Center , meeting at 9:30**

The nonprofit Portland Workforce Alliance's 19h annual Expo is a chance for your students to learn about careers in health care, technology, construction, manufacturing, business, the arts and more, while exploring postsecondary options as well. Our last in-person Expo featured 195+ exhibitors representing the region's top employers, and it attracted about 6,500 students from 75+ high schools.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/3Z5gKJ7>

## Workshop with artist Jeffery Gibson

Email or Text Jeidah if interested  
jdezurney@pps.net , 503-278-2644



**PPS FIELD TRIP**  
**Portland Art Museum**

**Workshop with Artist Jeffrey Gibson**  
(Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians/Cherokee)

**January 19th @ Portland Art Museum (Lunch provided)**

There are limited spots open for highschool students to participate in this opportunity, please reach out to Ezra Whitman ([cwhitman@pps.net](mailto:cwhitman@pps.net)) or Jeidah DeZurney ([jdezurney@pps.net](mailto:jdezurney@pps.net), text 503-278-2644) with your student ID to register and receive a permission slip.



PPS Indian Ed high school students are invited to join us for an all-day, on campus college visit to Corvallis, OR to tour Oregon State University and their on campus Long House, Kaku-Ixt Mana Ina Haws.

Sign up here : [bit.ly/3VNPdst](http://bit.ly/3VNPdst)

There are a limited number of spots available. Transportation and lunch will be provided, please fill out an interest form for more details.



**PPS TITLE VI INDIAN EDUCATION**  
**OSU COLLEGE VISIT**  
**JANUARY 27TH**

Sign up with this link  
<http://bit.ly/3VNPdst>



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