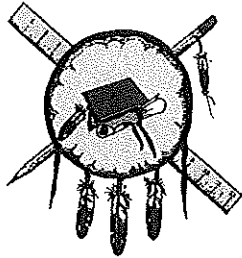


PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TITLE VII / INDIAN EDUCATION ACT PROJECT
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Fall 2010

Greetings everyone!

We hope you are off to a strong start to the 2010—2011 school year. In August, we moved our program to Jefferson High School. We are very happy to be part of the Jefferson community, and excited at the programming potential this new space affords. Our plan is to have an Open House in late October or early November, and we look forward to celebrating Native American Heritage Month in style this year.

We've got lots of good things planned for the months ahead: Native Reading Clubs, Children's Playgroup, Family Science Night at OMSI, Family Literacy Nights, Financial Aid Workshops, Cultural Arts classes, and more.

The goals of the Title VII Indian Education Project are to provide academic support, increase our student graduation rates, increase cultural awareness and build self-esteem of our Native students. Encourage our Native youth to take advantage of the special opportunities designed especially for them. Active participation in Title VII will positively impact your child's academic and cultural education.

NW CHILDREN'S THEATER TICKETS

Once again, the NW Children's Theater has prepared an exciting array of plays for the 2010-2011 season.

The lineup includes "**Annie**", "**Robin Hood**", "**Go, Dog, Go!**" and "**Snow White**."

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Students & families are expected to complete a short written response/reflection to the play. Contact our office at 503.916.6499 for more info and/or to RSVP for tickets.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING REFLECTIONS

Our Summer ACE (Academic and Cultural Enrichment) Program was a big hit again this year. Summer ACE is designed to help elementary students increase reading, writing, and science skills in an environment that nurtures and supports cultural values and knowledge. This year we housed our four-week, full-day summer program at Atkinson School in SE Portland, in partnership and collaboration with the Learning Gardens Program. Students enjoyed field trips to the Evergreen Aviation Museum, Oaks Bottom, and the Wildwood Recreation Area. Additional hands-on fun was provided by Katie Woods and *Wish Upon a Pony*. Our students created beautiful art within this short time, and we will be showcasing their work in November. The Project wishes to thank the following people for helping to make the 2010 Summer ACE such a success:

Teachers: Amber Brown, Charlotte Frederick, Wendy Siri, and Wren Christopher

Support staff: Tina Baldomaro, Christine Bruno, Barbara Burks, and Rita Murillo

Volunteers: Canté Nakanishi, Anna LaCourse, and Thomas Bruno

Cultural and educational presenters: Rose Johnson-Tsosie, Ed Edmo, Judy Bluehorse Skelton, Josh Bruno, Phil Burks, Isabel LaCourse, and Karen Wolfgang

Learning Gardens Coordinator Alicijia King and her staff
Phyllis Mencosy in Nutrition Services

Thanks to retiring principal Chris Gutierrez and incoming principal Debbie Armendariz and the custodial staff at Atkinson for their strong support of our work!

The summer learning and the fun continued beyond the Summer ACE program. Students and parents participated in a variety of cultural arts workshops including finger weaving, regalia making, and drum making. Many families also participated in the **Family Field Trip** to the **She Who Watches** site in the Columbia River gorge.

~ Karen Kitchen (Osage), Project Manager ~ Rita Murillo (Red Lake Chippewa), Community Agent ~

~ Christine Bruno (Comanche), Community Agent ~ Tina Baldomaro (Standing Rock Sioux), Student Support Specialist ~

~Sunshine Guzman (Shoshone-Bannock) Tutor ~ Pam Smith, Project Secretary ~



PARENTS, GUARDIANS, & TEACHERS OF STUDENTS WITH LEARNING CHALLENGES

You are cordially invited to attend a free workshop on how to support our Native students with learning challenges. Lunch and all materials will be provided. This important training will cover the following topics:

- Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- IDEA
- How to write effective goals & objectives
- Accommodations and Modifications
- Prior written notice
- Communication with school staff
- Community resources

Date: **Saturday, October 16, 2010, 10 AM – 2 PM**

Location: **Siletz Portland Education Office, 12790 SE Stark, Suite 102, Portland, 97233**

To register: Contact **Judy Wiley** at 1-888-505-2673 x 201 or call the **PPS Indian Education office, 503-916-6499**. There are **limited child care stipends** available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please call in advance to request. This workshop is made possible through the support of Oregon Parent Training & Information Center (ORPTI), PPS Title VII Indian Education Project, and the Siletz Portland Education Program.

HEALING FEATHERS

The purpose of Healing Feathers is to promote wellness to AI/AN students of PSU and to create an awareness of suicide and its impact on American Indian/Alaska Native populations. They are presenting a variety of workshops and events during the 2010-11 school year.

- Healthy Relationships w/ Jillene Joseph, on October 13 in Room 180, 6 – 8 PM
 - “Out of Darkness” Walk on the Waterfront at the Marriott, Oct 17
 - “Just Move It” Fun Walk on December 17th @ NASCC-Park Blocks, 11:00-12:00. In conjunction with this event, there will be a Healing Feathers fundraiser which features a healthy salmon lunch.
- Sugar Free Halloween Party (also known as Healthoween) on Oct. 31st, 1-5 PM at the NASCC. For more information, please contact Dean Azule at 503.725.5348.

LATE OPENINGS

All PPS schools will open two hours late on seven Wednesdays throughout the 2010-11 year for staff training. Upcoming dates: Oct. 13; Dec. 8; Jan. 12; Feb. 9; Mar. 9, Apr. 13, & May 11th.

2010 CHILD DISABILITY AWARENESS SPEAKER SERIES

The Swindells Center Child Disability Resource Center is presenting an excellent workshop on October 28

Titled, “**Keep It Clean! Hygiene For Kids Of All Ages And Abilities.**” Taught by Pat Crissey, a special education teacher and autism consultant, this free workshop will provide handy tips and ideas for getting a routine of clean for children with disabilities. Learn activities and supports to help kids want to change from dirty to clean. Location: Providence Cancer Center Amphitheater, 830 NE 47th Avenue, Portland, OR 97213. Time: 6:30 – 8 PM.

CROW'S SHADOW INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS EVENT

Artists Ric Gendron (Colville) and Wendy Red Star (Crow) will present their work and discuss their experiences working at Crow's Shadow in 2010, and a celebration of the dedication of the CSIA Print Repository and archives at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art on Friday, October 8th at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem, OR.

PPS INDIAN ED. PRESENTS FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT AT OMSI

Save the date! Title VII students and families are invited to participate in our Family Science Night at OMSI, on **Monday, January 24, 2011 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**. The featured exhibit is “**IDENTITY.**” This event is free, but families must RSVP in advance by calling our office, 503-916-6499.

2010 PORTLAND PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE FAIR

Students who wish to study visual or performing arts have some unique challenges and options during their college search. If you're considering a major in music, art, dance, or drama, you will want to take advantage of this college fair! This free event will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010 from 7 – 9 PM** at **Portland State University, Smith Center Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway**, in downtown Portland. For more information call 503/725-3000.

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR: NOV. 12 - NOV. 13, 2010

FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC, NACAC's college fairs allows **middle school and high school students** to interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions to discuss course offerings, admission and financial aid requirements, college life in general, and other information pertinent to the college selection process. Portland's National College Fair will be held in the beautiful Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 97232.

Friday, November 12, 2010: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturday, November 13, 2010: 1:00– 5:00 PM

Need more information? E-mail collegefairs@nacacnet.org or info@nacacnet.org or call: 703/299-6827.



SCHOLARSHIPS

American Association on Health and Disability Scholarship Program

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) is offering \$1,000 scholarships to students with disabilities. The AAHD Scholarship Program is for any student with a disability, but AAHD gives preference to students who plan to pursue undergraduate or graduate studies in the field of public health, health promotion, disability studies, to include disability policy and disability research.

Applicants must be: A high school graduate; Have a documented disability and able to provide documentation of their disability; A US citizen or legal resident living in the US; Enrolled in or accepted by an accredited US four-year university or graduate school on a full-time basis.

To apply, submit a Personal Statement of up to three pages covering your personal history, educational and career goals, extracurricular activities, and why you should be selected for the scholarship. You will also need three letters of recommendation, with one being from a teacher or academic advisor. You must also provide a copy of your college transcript and agree to allow AAHD to use your name, picture, and story in future scholarship materials.

Deadline for applications is November 15, 2010. Email applications to: contact@aahd.us <<mailto:contact@aahd.us>> with "2010 Scholarship" in the subject line. For more information, contact Roberta Carlin, AAHD Executive Director,

at rcarlin@aahd.us <mailto:rcarlin@aahd.us> or call (301) 545-6140 ext. 206. Download a registration form here: <http://fifthfreedom.org/u/2q>

JOIN THE NEW YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Recruitment is underway to form a School Based Health Clinic Youth Advisory Council. This is a leadership opportunity for students who want to learn about health issues that affect our world today, educate others about important health topics, promote the services of the School Based Health Center (SBHC), get involved in fun health-related activities and events, and give feedback to adults and the SBHCs about how to improve their outreach to youth. Your opinions are valued!

To join, pick up an application from the SBHC office. Fill out the application and turn it in to the box labeled Youth Advisory Council located in the SBHC, and then come to a YAC meeting and see what it's all about.

Questions? Contact Megan Ackerman-Youth Advisory Council Leader at 503.278.3878.

"INDIGENOUS WISDOM" 10th ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

Explore indigenous cultures through this exciting and FREE film series offered at the North Portland Neighborhood Library at 512 N. Killingsworth. **Time: 5 PM – 7:30 PM**

Mark your calendars for the following shows:

Oct. 12th: **Avatar**

Nov. 9: 1) **White Shamans and Plastic Medicine Men**, 2) **Native American Tribute: Native American Wisdom Quotes**

Dec. 14: **The White Road—Visions of the Indigenous People of the Americas**

Jan. 11: **Great, Great, Great Grandparents' Music**

Feb. 8: **Throw Down Your Heart Director**

Mar. 8: **Wayfinders, A Pacific Odyssey**

Apr. 12: **Whaledreamers**

May 10: **Kanyini**

IINIM MIYÁC (OUR CHILDREN) AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKA NATIVE PLAY GROUP

Twice a month we will be offering a Children's Play Group for ages birth to 5 here at our Indian Education Resource Room. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4 PM – 5:30 PM. Our first session will be on October 20th. Please call Tina at 503-916-6499 to RSVP or for more information.

DIPLOMA UPDATE: REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010-2011

While no new graduation requirements are being phased in this school year, schools and districts should be in high gear preparing for the 2012 Reading Essential Skill requirement. This year's 11th graders will be the first class required to demonstrate proficiency in reading to receive a diploma.

Graduation requirements are now determined by the year a student enters grade 9. Students who take longer than four years to complete their requirements are still held to the requirements that were in place when they entered grade 9. The same is true for students who leave school and return at a later date.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

The children of Indian Country need you. Too many of our American Indian & Alaska Native children are coming into care and losing their connection to their community. American Indian & Alaska Native foster parents are needed to help strengthen families in our community. You can enrich the life of a child by sharing your home, family, culture and tradition. Call 1-800-331-0503 or go online to fosterORadopt.com.



FREE DENTAL CARE

The Oregon Dental Association and Dental Foundation of Oregon will provide **FREE dental care** through a Mission of Mercy (MOM) program:

DATE: Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23, 2010

WHERE: Oregon Convention Ctr, 777 NE MLK Jr Blvd., Portland, OR.

TIME: Doors open 6 AM. Patients are seen on **first-come, first-served basis** with a maximum 1,000 patients seen each day. The day's patient quota is typically reached by 10 AM, so come early!

WHO: **Adults and children** of all ages who are uninsured, underinsured or otherwise unable to visit a dental office and do not have a medically-compromising condition that prohibits receiving care are welcome. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

CARE: Cleanings, fillings, extractions and limited treatment partials offered. **All work is provided for free** by 1,000 dental professionals and community volunteers donating

their time and skills.

NOTE: Photo identification, social security number or other personal identification/documentation is **NOT** required.

Interpreters will be available to assist Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese speaking patients. Please **do NOT wait** for the ODA Mission of Mercy to seek care for dental pain, as this could signal a serious condition. Visit oregondental.org for a list of low-cost dental clinics and other information.

If dental pain is severe and accompanied by a fever or swelling, go to a hospital emergency room immediately!

It's the smiles – not the miles – that make it a mission!

AMERICAN INDIAN WOMAN RECEIVES MACARTHUR FELLOWS "GENIUS GRANT" AWARD

One of the 2010 MacArthur Fellows Award recipients is Jessie Little Doe Baird (Mashpee Wampanoag). She received this honor and the \$500,000 award for her work as a linguist and advocate for Native language restoration and preservation. Baird has spent 17 years studying the Wampanoag language, and in 1993 she founded the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project. Her desire to learn and preserve the language of her ancestors led her to Massachusetts Institute of Technology to earn a graduate degree in linguistics. In her research she learned that her Wampanoag ancestors were the first American Indian people to use an alphabetic writing system and that the first Bible published on this continent was in the Wampanoag language in 1663. Baird intends to use her award money to publish children's books in Wampanoag, and develop a language school to promote the language. In an interview with the Boston Globe newspaper she said, ***Your one job as an Indian person is to be able to lay on your deathbed and say, 'I left something for my community that wasn't here when I came, and I left***

my community in a better place than I found it.' "

To learn more about this Native achiever, her accomplishments, and Wampanoag history, visit the website: www.wlrp.org/

"Here are some words used in our every day American language that are derived from Wôpanâak:

Pumpkin: Pôhpukun (ponh-pu-kun) = 'grows forth round'

Moccasin: Mahkus (mah-kus) = 'Covers the whole foot'

Skunk: Sukôk (su-konk) = 'Ejects body fluid'

Moose: M8s (moos) = 'moose'

Powwow: Pawâw (pa-waaw) = 'she/ he is healing/heals (someone)' (from www.wlrp.org/Fun.html)

FREE DAY AT OREGON HISTORY MUSEUM

The Oregon History Museum is celebrating back to school with a special free day on Friday, October 8th. There will be lots of family friendly activities including crafts, guided tours, live performances, hands-on history activities, and more! For a full schedule of events, visit www.ohs.org. The Oregon History Museum is located at 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland, OR 97205

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 8: Art Show/Event, Crow's Shadow

Oct 8: Free Day @ Oregon History Museum

Oct 13: Healthy Relationships Workshop, NASCC

Oct 13: Late Opening for PPS Schools

Oct 16: Special Ed Parent Workshop, Siletz Office

Oct 17: Out of Darkness Walk, NASCC

Oct. 27: Performing/Visual Arts College Fair, PSU

Oct 28: Keep it Clean Hygiene Workshop, Swindells Center

Oct 31, Sugar Free Halloween Party, NASCC

Nov 4: Last day of 1st Trimester

Nov 5: NO CLASSES

Nov 11: NO CLASSES, Veterans Day

Nov 12/13: National College Fair, Portland Convention Ctr

Nov 22/23: Free Dental Day, Mission of Mercy

Nov 25/26: NO CLASSES, Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 2: Indian Ed Financial Aid Night

Dec 2: Last day of 1st Trimester

Dec 17: Just Move It Walk, NASCC

Jan 24: OMSI Family Science Night, PPS Indian Ed