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ALL INDIANS DO NOT LIVE IN TEEPEES (OR CASINOS)

Begin 2012 with a closer look inside American Indian education from kindergarten through college. Karen Kitchen (Osage), manager of the Indian Education Project in the Portland Public Schools, Dean Azule (Pima), coordinator of Native American Student Services at Portland State, and journalist and author Cathy Robbins will take up this subject at Barnes and Noble, Lloyd Center on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 3:30 PM.

This event is part of a day-long book fair at the store that coincides with the publication of Robbins' book *All Indians Do Not Live in Teepees (or Casinos)*. In the chapter on urban Indians, Robbins discusses issues facing Native young people in Albuquerque. She will share some of that chapter to set the context for the discussion, and Ms. Kitchen and Mr. Azule will focus on the situation in Portland. They invite lively audience participation.

A portion of the proceeds from the fair and from the sales of Robbins' book will go to the Native American Youth and Families Center and PSU's Native American Studies Center.

The Portland Public Schools Indian Education Act Project currently supports 690 Native students from 100 tribes. While academic support is critical to the project, cultural awareness is a significant component. Native students making the transition from reservation to urban schools face special challenges accommodating Native and the larger cultures. On the other extreme, some Native students have no awareness of their cultures.

At Portland State, Native American Student Ser-

vices serves 384 American Indian and Alaskan Native students from 38 tribes. The organization provides a cultural home for Indian students and support for academic goals.

Published by Bison Books/University of Nebraska Press, 2011, *Indians Don't Live In Teepees (or Casinos)*, is getting great reviews. Indian Country Today notes, "*Robbins' ability to take the all-encompassing term Indian, once used to stereotype a myriad of peoples, and show it not as a limiting factor but as describing a larger brotherhood, is inspiring. The capacity of artists and journalists from various tribes to form alliances and bring the Indian voice to the non-Indian public is a monumental step forward in understanding today's Indian country.*"

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianet-work.com/2011/11/26/enough-with-the-teepees-already-book-review-and-interview-60645#ixzz1iw0AtDR2>

25TH ANNUAL PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD FIX-IT FAIRS

Come learn simple and affordable ways to save money and be healthy at home this winter. At the Fix-It Fair, you will receive information and attend presentations on home and personal health, sound money and safe homes, home repair and utility savings, and yard and gardens. Enjoy free exhibits, on site child care; lunch, raffle, hourly workshops, and great giveaways.

January 21st: Rosa Parks Elementary, 8960 N. Woolsey Ave. 8:30 AM – 2 PM

February 25th: Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Ave. 8:30 AM – 2 PM

~ Karen Kitchen (Osage), Project Manager ~ Neva Lenk (Karuk), Student Support Specialist ~

~ Christine Bruno (Comanche), Community Agent ~ Jessica Yatteau, Community Agent ~

~ Sunshine Guzman (Shoshone-Bannock), Tutor ~ Linda Hart (Turtle Mt. Chippewa), Tutor ~ Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant ~

~ Willa Campbell, Director of Funded Programs ~



27TH ANNIVERSARY "KEEP ALIVE THE DREAM" Monday Jan. 16th, 11 AM – 6 PM

On Monday, January 16, 2012, greater Portland will celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keep Alive the Dream" offers an exhilarating renewal of the human spirit. The tribute & celebration take place in Portland, Oregon at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan St., 97213. The entire program will be simulcast live on Portland community Media, Ch. 11; PPS Television Services (Ch.28, TBC), and KBOO Radio (90.7 FM, radio and online streaming at www.kboo.org)

"Keep Alive the Dream" is recognized regionally and nationally as one of the finest community based celebrations in the U.S. Performers include Linda Hornbuckle, Janice Scroggins, Reggie Houston, No Kidding Choir, student choirs from Portland Public Schools, and the nationally acclaimed Jefferson Dancers. Mayor Adams and several city, county and state officials will be in attendance. Individuals and organizations will be recognized for exemplary service in the Lifetime Achievement Awards portion of the program. In addition to the program, there will be a range of vendors and information tables that will showcase the culturally rich network of arts and education within the community.

This event is free, but a donation of \$5.00 or five cans of non-perishable food for the Oregon Food Bank will be greatly appreciated. Sponsors include Portland Public Schools, Providence Health & Services, The Oregonian, TriMet, City of Portland, Oregon Education Association, PPS Community Media & Television Services, and Concordia University.

1ST ANNUAL VOICE OF THE HORSE CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION

This writing competition asks students to write an essay in response to the question, "*What do you think the horses would be telling you if they could speak?*" The contest has two age categories—12 and under, and 13 – 18. It is open to children in the US and Canada. Deadline: March 1, 2012. First prize: Trip For Two to The International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros (airfare included)! If 1st prize winner is unable to travel, the trip will be substituted with \$1000 Canadian dollars for scholarship purposes, plus a gift pack from supporting sponsors. Second prize is an IPAD sponsored by Best Buy. This contest is dedicated to Wild Horse Annie, and celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. For more information please visit www.voiceforthehorse.com

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

The Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop was attended by 45 people on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at PSU's Native American Student & Community Center. The guest speaker was **Sherie Guess**, who was the PSU Diversity Scholarship Programs Coordinator, and is now starting a new job at Portland Community College.

Special thanks to **Dean Azule** from Portland State University, and **Katy Holland-Sipes** from The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, for sponsoring the workshop and sharing their wisdom and encouragements. Students received important information on how to earn scholarships and avoid loan debt.

Useful tips for preparing for scholarships included:

- Be careful to follow all directions
- Have someone proofread your essay
- Ask for letters of recommendation 4 weeks ahead of deadlines and send a thank-you note
- Do volunteer work and keep track of dates and hours you serve
- Don't give up—your persistence will pay off!
- Apply for all scholarships for which you meet the eligibility requirements

Remember to contact your tribal education department to learn what tribal supports are available for you!

MARYLAND TRIBES RECEIVE STATE RECOGNITION

On January 1, 2012, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley signed the executive order to recognize two American Indian groups indigenous to the state. "*Today is a day of recognition,*" O'Malley said. "*It is a day of reconciliation, and it is a day of arrival — a day 380 years in the making, a day made possible only by the kindness, the forgiveness, the goodness of the Piscataway people of this beautiful place that we now call Maryland.*" The Piscataway Conoy Tribe includes two entities, the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-Tribes and the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians. Because of this important action, the state and these tribes are eligible for millions of dollars in federal funding for education, housing, public health, and business contracting. In addition, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs will be able to help secure funding to re-establish Title VII Indian Education programs for students in southern Maryland. Congratulations to the Piscataway!

"There is a need for a national initiative to ensure that the people charged with educating our children are themselves educated— highly educated—about the cultural differences of all children ."

Rochelle Garcia-Gomez, Adams 12 Five Star



INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS: Support & Advocacy

Do you have questions about any part of your child's IEP, special education services or your legal rights? You can request an IEP Partner to help prepare for and attend meetings with you. The following programs provide free assistance:

- PPS Special Education Department, 503-916-3152. Questions answered within 24 hours during the school week.
- PPS IEP Partner, contact Diann Drummond, Parent Liaison 503-916-3723 e-mail: ddrum@pps.net
- Oregon RISE (Respect, Inspire, Support, Educate) formerly OrPTI, Special Ed Help Line: 1-888-891-6784 for questions or to request an IEP Partner
- Judy Wiley, American Indian and Diversity Program Coordinator, 1-888-505-2673, Ext. 201
- Christine Bruno, PPS Indian Ed. Community Agent 503-916-6499 cbruno@pps.net for questions and support. Christine has the experience of having children with IEPs in addition to training in special education advocacy.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT WORKSHOP

An engaging & informative workshop for American Indian/Alaska Native Parents & Guardians Facilitated by Judy Wiley (Apache), Oregon RISE Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities, and National Indian Parent Information Center (NIPIC). This free workshop will address the following topics:

- What is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA)?
- What is Special Education?
- What are the components of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?
- What is an Individualized Family Service Plan?
- How children are evaluated to determine if there's a disability
- What is a Transition Plan?
- What is a letter of complaint, mediation, and due process?
- How to work with schools and other professionals
- How to attend an IEP meeting
- How to increase parent-teacher partnerships

A light meal will be provided. Child care stipends available on a limited basis. Please

RSVP to Chris Bruno 503-916-6499 or cbruno@pps.net.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM / SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – Portland Area Office

Services provided include financial assistance for school fees, preschool, enrichment classes, cultural workshops, sports and more. Eligibility: ages 3 – grade 12, attending a public school in Multnomah, Clackamas, or Washington County, be a member of a federally recognized tribe or have documentation that you are ¼ blood degree in a federally recognized tribe. Contact Katy Holland-Sipe, 503.238.1512, kyk@ctsi.nsn.us The CTSI Portland Area office is located at 12790 SE Stark ST, Suite 102, Portland, OR 97233

2012-13 SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER CYCLE

Transfers will be determined through a centralized lottery, and space is limited. Some focus option schools and programs require families to attend a mandatory meeting and/or sign a statement of understanding in order for the transfer application to be considered. Transfer applications for the 2012-13 transfer cycle will be available when the window opens, and must be returned by the close date. Make informed decisions about your student's school choice by visiting http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php.

Key	Times	School Choice Transfer Cycle
02-03-12	8:00 am	High School application window opens
02-10-12	8:00 am	Elementary/Middle School application window opens
02-29-12	5:00 pm	High School application window closes
03-09-12	5:00 pm	Elementary/Middle School application closes

SAFE HOME PARENTING GROUP

Every Thursday, 4 – 6 PM

Participate in a drop-in parenting group designed especially for young and first-time parents. Learn fun games to do with your children that will create a positive learning environment. Discuss baby and child development and ways to celebrate important milestones. Contact Nora Farwell, Parent Involvement Advocate at NAYA, 503.288.8177 x 234, noraf@nayapdx.org.



HOWARD VOLLUM AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible students include Native American residents of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties seeking post-secondary education or training in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The awards are for \$3,000 / year for up to five years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Criteria: Participation in school or community activities; personal accomplishments or achievements; preference to students with demonstrated commitment & involvement in the AI/AN community; open to students with a certification of tribal enrollment or a descendant of an enrolled member. Students may apply at any point during their post-secondary career.

Visit: www.ocf1.org for more information or email dianed@oregonct.org Telephone: 503.227.6846. The application can be accessed at: www.oregoncf.org/Templates/media/files/scholarships/schol_app_vollum.doc

PSU DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

This renewable scholarship is available to students admitted to Portland State University as freshman or college students with less than 30 credits. Eligibility: Must meet regular admissions requirements; hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status. Priority is given to Oregon residents, those with financial need, first generation college students; students who will contribute to campus diversity goals. Scholarship provides partial to full remission of instructional fees for 3 – 15 terms for students maintaining G.P.A. and meeting other program requirements. Contact Dean Azule at 503.725-5348 or Rachel Cushman at 503.725.5348. Deadline: February 1, 2012

TRUMAN D. PICARD SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: January 27, 2012 5:00 PM (PST)

Award: \$2,000 for college students (number of awards varies per year) **\$1,500** for graduating senior high school students.

The **Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program** is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. For an application or more information, visit the Intertribal Timber Council's website: www.itcnet.org , call 503.282.4296 or e-mail itc1@teleport.com.

COLLEGE HORIZONS

Kenyon College, June 10–15, 2012, Gambier, OH
University of Pennsylvania, June 24–29, 2012
Philadelphia, PA

College Horizons is a six-day "crash course" in preparing for college. Students will learn about a broad variety of colleges and universities, and establish personal relationships with admission representatives and college counselors. At each site, 100 students from across the nation work with over 70 expert college counselors and college admission officers to help students:

- *Select 10 suitable colleges to apply to;*
- *Write memorable essays and create a resume;*
- *Complete winning applications including The Common Application;*
- *Receive test taking strategies, resources, and information on the ACT & SAT;*
- *Navigate the financial aid/scholarship jungle, complete a preliminary FAFSA financial aid form, and learn about the Gates Millennium Scholarship Fund and other available scholarships;*
- *Attend Informational Sessions & a College Fair consisting of over 35 colleges and universities!*

Deadline: Complete applications must be postmarked **February 6, 2012** (note, only 1 deadline to apply by). Late applications are accepted on a space available basis and are placed behind applicants who applied on time.

Eligibility: American Indian (enrolled), Alaska Native (proof of status) or Native Hawaiian (proof of heritage); 3.00 GPA (in academic courses); current 10th and 11th grade high school students.

Application: The application consists of the Student Application & Essay, Teacher Recommendation, Counselor Recommendation, and Transcripts. Application information is available online at www.collegehorizons.org

Cost \$225 + airfare. The \$225 program fee includes tuition, room, meals, program materials, and ground transportation to/from the airport. Only a \$50 dollar deposit required at the time of application.

Please note: **Significant financial aid is available** to students in need for program fee and airfare. Each year 50% of students are awarded travel assistance. Simply apply for financial aid in the application.



NAYA'S NEW COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

On January 6, the NAYA Family Center opened a college and career center to help youth in achieving their educational and career goals. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Tamara Henderson, 503.288.8177 x 296, tamarah@nayapdx.org NAYA Family Center is at 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR, 97218.

GRATITUDE

PPS Title VII wishes to thank **Marie-Claude Bérubé**, Sales Coordinator for **Cavalia**, for her generous donation of 150 tickets for our students and parents to see this fantastic show. In addition we want to acknowledge the support of Cavalia's sponsors, the **Oregonian** and **KATU**. Student responses included, "Awesome", "It's the greatest show I've ever seen!" and "It was beyond Epic!" We received the tickets two days before the show, and distributed them to interested families who attended our December Family Fun Night.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL TRADITIONAL WACIPI POW-WOW JANUARY 21ST

Portland Community College and the Sylvania Multi-cultural Center are proud to present WACIPI - a celebration of Native American culture and tradition. WACIPI features drum groups and dancers from across the region and attracts more than 1,000 participants each year. It supports the PCC Native American Scholarship Fund and Native American businesses by offering vendor space. Date & Location: Saturday, January 21, 2012, PCC Sylvania Campus, in the Health Technology Building (HT). Doors open at noon. Grand entries: 1 PM & 7 PM. Dinner break: 5:30 PM. Master of Ceremonies: Bob Tom. Vendors and drum groups must call 971.722.4116 by Jan. 6, 2012 to register. For more info visit: PCC.EDU/POWWOW

4TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF OREGON'S FIRST NATIONS POW-WOW

All are invited to celebrate culture and strengthen inter-tribal friendships. Doors open at noon. Grand entry: 1 PM. Dinner Break: 5-6 PM Powwow ends at 9 PM.

Location: Oregon State Fair & Expo Center, Salem Pavilion, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem

Tribal vendors contact: 1.800.422.0230

WINTER ROUND DANCE & HAND DRUM CONTEST

Please join **UISHE (United Indian Students for Higher Education)** and the Native Community for a night of singing, dancing and traditional feed! Master of Ceremonies: Harold Paul. Special guest: Paul Rowley. Date & Location: **Friday, January 20, 2012**, from **6 - 10 PM**, at PSU's Native American Student & Community Center, **710 SW Jackson St., Portland, OR 97201**. Limited vending space available. Please contact UISHE at **503.725.5671**.

INDIGENOUS ART & CRAFT GROUP

Learn cultural art practices from indigenous students and community members. Everyone is welcome to come and learn a variety of art and craft techniques or teach your skills to others. Teach or learn: beadwork techniques, regalia making, sewing, embroidery, and more. Starts January 19th and meets every Thursday from 4 – 6 PM through the winter term, at the Native Student & Community Center at PSU, 710 SW Jackson (& Broadway). For more info, contact Shilo George shgeorge@pdx.edu Sponsored by UISHE (United Indian Students in Higher Education).

NARA YOUTH NIGHTS

Thursday evenings, Dinner at 5:30 PM; Activities: 6 – 8:30 PM in NARA's new facility at 12360 SE Burnside Ave. Contact: Shane Lopez-Johnston, NARA, 503.953.6071, slopez@naranorthwest.org

Solomon Trimble, 503.953.6496 stribble@naranorthwest.org All youth ages 9 – 21.

CALENDAR:

Event details are outlined in the preceding pages

- 1/14—Book Talk: All INDIANS DO NOT LIVE IN TEEPEES (or Casinos), 3:30 PM, Lloyd Center Barnes & Noble
- 1/20—Winter Round Dance, 6-10 PM @ NASCC
- 1/21—WACIPI Powwow, 1PM Grand Entry, PCC Sylvania Campus
- 1/26—Jefferson Dancers Winter Recital, 7 PM, @ Jefferson HS, Adults \$6; students \$3
- 1/31—Gathering of 1st Nations Powwow, 1 PM Grand entry @ Salem Fairgrounds, Pavillion
- 2/2—Family Fun Night, 6 PM, Indian Ed @ Jefferson
- 2/8—Special Ed Workshop, 6 PM, Indian Ed @ Jefferson



**NA-HA-SHNEE PROGRAM AT WASHINGTON
STATE UNIVERSITY**

The 17th annual Na-ha-shnee Camp will be June 18 – 29, 2012.

This country is facing a critical nursing shortage. By 2015, the U.S. will more diverse, populated and older and will need 381,250 more nurses than we have now! The shortage is even greater in Indian Country. Na-ha-shnee is a camp for Native American High School students entering grades 10-12. This camp gives students opportunities to explore the nursing profession. The camp is located in Pullman, Washington. Its curriculum is designed to preserve and enhance cultural identity or Native American heritage, provide hands-on learning about the nursing profession and assist students in preparation for college.

Applications will be available in mid- February on line: www.nursing.wsu.edu and click on summer programs, then Na-ha-shnee.

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MARCH 12TH 6-8PM

PLEASE RSVP - 503-916-6499



PPS Title VII Indian Education

Family Fun Night

**Native crafts and activities for the
whole family.**

**February 2, 2012, 6-8pm in the
Jefferson HS cafeteria**

Please RSVP to 503-916-6499

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