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APRIL FEST

(FAMILIES ENGAGING IN SCIENCE TOGETHER)

You and your family are cordially invited to our **April FEST!** Learn about birds of prey and see live birds up close with the **Audubon Society of Portland**. Learn about wolf restoration on the Nez Perce reservation with biologist **Randy Stewart from the Wolf Education & Research Center of Idaho**. Play fun and exciting math games with **Dean Azule (Pima)**. Build your own delicious ice cream sundae. Participate in our **annual public hearing** and provide feedback to help determine our goals for next year. View the amazing and beautiful artwork produced by students who attended our 2010 Summer ACE program. RSVP's are appreciated so we can be sure to have enough supplies and ice cream! To RSVP, call 503-916-6499.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

In mid-February we mailed attendance awards to **230 Indian Education** students who have had fewer than three absences this year! **Sixty of you had perfect attendance!** Research shows that good attendance (fewer than 5 days absent in any given year) is a major factor in raising student achievement. **Congratulations to all of you!**

Congratulations to Portland Indian Education students **Jojo Ball, Ramzees Gallegos, Cyrus Lyday, Athon George, Keeli Kotchik,** and former student **Tila Salas** on your success in ***The Ghosts of Celilo*** musical. Thousands of people experienced the show and were deeply moved by your work. It was powerful to see you featured

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

~ Karen Kitchen (Osage), Project Manager ~ Tina Baldomaro (Standing Rock Sioux), Student Support Specialist ~

~ Christine Bruno (Comanche), Community Agent ~ Anna Ricks (Confederated Tribes of Colville), Community Agent ~

~Sunshine Guzman (Shoshone-Bannock), Tutor ~ Amber Brown (Turtle Mt. Chippewa), Tutor ~ Pam Smith, Project Secretary ~

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in the *Oregonian's Arts & Entertainment* (March 4-10, 2011), and to read your biographies. We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing you in your next show!

Title VII Franklin HS graduate **Shoni Schimmel** is featured in the Feb. 23, 2011 edition of *Indian Country Today* magazine. Shoni is a freshman at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, where she continues to break records, and earn prestigious awards and titles for her basketball prowess. Her coach Jeff Walz says, "**Shoni is one of the most dynamic players in the women's game. She can play both guard positions and is a master at getting other people involved. Her passion for the game is unparalleled.**" In the interview, Shoni talks about growing up and playing basketball on the Umatilla Indian Reservation where the nightly competitive games helped to sharpen her skills and shape her "fearless attitude." She understands that her accomplishments are an inspiration to her friends and family back home, and she's proud to demonstrate that Natives can be successful on and off the reservation. Shoni's mother, Ceci Moses told *The Courier Journal*, "People call us and say they're watching her, and that's neat. Everybody knows everybody (on the reservation), and they're watching Shoni. They call her the **Umatilla Thriller.**" www.IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork.com Vol.1, Issue 6 February 23, 2011

Lexie Moyer is poised for a bright future in the world of running! She recently clocked a time of 12.43.47 in a 3000 meter race. Lexie and her brothers Chance, Brandon, and Caleb excel in speed skating and soccer. They also have good attendance and grades! Congratulations to all of you!



GRATITUDE

Title VII Indian Education appreciates the many valuable contributions of **Linda Huddleston** to our Native community. Linda is a representative of the Foster Care Children and Family Fund. Her program donated and delivered \$1,000.00 worth of Clothing and Toys to NAYA on December 22, for the Children's Holiday Party. They also provided complete Christmas Food Boxes to 8 families in and around the Portland area. The only requirement, that they be Certified Foster Care Providers.

Linda writes, *"In 1986, Penny Folk, Elodee Roe (deceased), and I decided children in the foster care system deserved new toys. Before this time children in the system were given used toys and hand me downs. Or it was left up to the caseworkers to provide something. This did not always work out. Some children went without. Every Christmas season for the last twenty-four years, our many children, have "donned" elf hats and have actively gathered and delivered gifts for the children in DHS foster care system. This is where the Foster Parents Holiday Gift program began. It continues today to assist foster parents. This also taught our children about the true meaning of the season and giving of your time."*

This program also offers scholarships to deserving high school students. Check out their web site at www.fostering.us.

Linda and her family are models of service and support. Three of her children are currently serving in Afghanistan. Thank you Linda!

Thanks to Alan St. John for volunteering his time and skills to restore the Indian Education display case. It's beautiful!

Thanks to PSU A.I.S.E.S. members Joshua Smith, Larrita Riggs, and Zachary Wong for helping out at our OMSI Family Science Night in January!

Thanks to Rose Johnson-Tsosie for sharing her storytelling expertise with students at Arleta K-8 and Chief Joseph schools on March 2nd.

YOUNG NATIVE WRITER'S ESSAY CONTEST

The **2011 Young Native Writer's Essay Contest** (YNWEC) is now accepting entries! Contest rules and info on how to apply can be accessed at www.nativewriters.hklaw.com. **Essays are due 4/1/11.**

The YNWEC is an annual, national writing contest for Native American (both federally and state-recognized) high school students. The purpose is to provide an outlet for Native youth to address issues that are important in their tribal communities and share solutions for positive change. The contest was established in 2006 by the Holland and Knight Charitable Foundation, in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian. Contest winners receive a scholarship and an all expenses trip to Washington D.C. to receive their award!

HEALING FEATHERS POSTER CONTEST

The **Healing Feathers** Group at Portland State University is sponsoring a poster contest for suicide awareness & prevention. The theme is **"Breaking the Silence."** Applicants must be of American Indian or Alaskan Native descent, and enrolled in

school (6th – 12th grade). Rules: Poster cannot be plagiarized; poster size is 8.5 x 11 inches; art mediums allowed: photography, pencil, charcoal, paint, & digital; one entry per student; Include a separate paper with the name, age, address, tribal affiliation, email address, school, and phone number.

Art work will not be returned and will become property of Healing Feather and PSU. By sending in a submission you are allowing Healing Feathers & PSU to use the image in any way they see fit including, but not limited to: printing in newsletters, use in PowerPoint presentations and showing at local events.

Prizes: 1st place - \$100 gift certificate; 2nd place - \$75 gift certificate; 3rd place - \$50 gift certificate

For more information or for assistance with art supplies to participate, contact Tina at PPS Indian Education, 503-916-6499.

18 ANNUAL WARM SPRINGS TRIBAL YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

The public is invited to The Museum at Warm Springs to view the amazing art pieces created by Warm Springs youth. The Bloomfield Family Foundation provided generous support for this exhibit, which will be open through April 10, 2011. The Museum at Warm Springs is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information call: 541-553-3331 or visit the website: http://www.museumatwarm Springs.org/museum/Plan_a_Visit/plan-a-visit/

INTERNSHIPS:

*Native Internships with Stipends at Indian Arts Research Center, Deadline: March 30, 2011, <http://iarc.sarweb.org/>

*Center for Coastal Margin Observation, Deadline: April 01, 2011, <http://www.stccmop.org/education/undergraduate>

*Coming Soon- NOAA MPOWIR Internship, <http://mpowir.org/get-involved/noaa-internship/>

* State Farm Internship, www.statefarm.com/careers

*NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Association) **Donor Relations Internships** Contact Carmen Farmer – Operations Specialist, carmen@nicwa.org, (503) 222-4044 x111

CHILDREN'S BOOK MISSING! Please check to see if you have our copy of **"The Range Eternal"** by Turtle Mt. Chippewa author Louise Erdrich. The missing copy was autographed by Louise and dedicated to our Indian Education Program, and we would love to have it back. Thank you!



SCHOLARSHIPS:

* Indian Health Service Scholarship Program, Deadline: March 28, 2011, www.scholarship.ihs.gov

* Asian Pacific Community Fund- Version Scholarship Awards Program, Deadline: March 30, 2011, <http://www.apcf.org/index.php/what-we-do/scholarship-fund>

* Dick French Scholarship, Deadline: April 6, 2011
http://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html

* Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation Scholarship, Deadline: April 15, 2011, <http://www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships>

* AISES Intel Scholarship, Deadline: June 15, 2011,
<http://www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships>

* A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Deadline: June 15, 2011, <http://www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships>

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Pursue your goal to work in the health professions by studying Biology, Chemistry, or Public Health at Fort Lewis College, where nearly one out of every five students is Native American. Pre-Health professions advisors will help you customize your education to include the coursework and research experience required for admission to professional schools and graduate programs. **Full tuition scholarships are available to students who are members of federally recognized tribes.** Visit www.FORTLEWIS.EDU//DURANGO.COLORADO

PORTLAND TEACHER PROGRAM

Teachers are "nation builders," those who teach our youth to be creative, compassionate thinkers and leaders. **All** young people need to experience culturally connected and culturally competent teachers who are passionate about equity, excellence and education. Native American teachers are desperately needed in our public schools, from K - 12th grades. If you are willing to work hard, and you want to change the world by becoming a teacher, check out the Portland Teachers Program and the PTP criteria at www.pcc.edu/ptp. Applications are reviewed in the spring of each year for fall entry, so now is a good time to start working on your application. PTP pays tuition to obtain your Oregon teaching license, and you join a group of diverse, dynamic students (and alumni) who share a vision for making positive change.

NA-HA-SHNEE PROGRAM AT WSU

This year's program will be 12 days long: June 20th – July 1st.

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 at the end of February.

14TH ANNUAL PATTY IRON CLOUD NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH INITIATIVE JUNE 18 – 26, 2011

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative which will be held in **Washington D.C.** June 18 – 26, 2011. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16- 18, who have an interest in the health careers and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply. The NNAYI scholarship pays for travel, lodging, and most meals during the program. NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research. Students will learn about various health professions, college and medical school admission processes, financial aid resources, and health care issues affecting AI/AN communities. Students will also get the opportunity to network with AI/AN health professionals and learn about mentoring and shadowing programs with AAIP member physicians. Application and additional program information available at <http://www.aaip.org/?page=NNAYI> **Application deadline: March 25, 2011.**

CANCELLATION

The Children's Powwow that was scheduled for April 16th has been cancelled. Instead we are inviting all to attend the UISHE (United Indian Students for Higher Education) Powwow, scheduled for April 15th & 16th at PSU's Stott's Center. The UISHE powwow is being held in conjunction with the AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) Conference, and will help raise funds for their annual honor day ceremony.

HONOR DAY CELEBRATION FOR GRADUATES

PPS Indian Education's annual Honor Day Celebration is scheduled for **Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 6 PM**, at PSU's Native Student & Community Center. This is a special event—a time for our community to acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our high school graduates and their families. Native students from surrounding districts are welcome to participate. For more information or to **RSVP contact Tina at the Project office 503-916-6499.**



HEARING VOICES-A STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Washington County Libraries are proud to host storyteller Gene Tagaban. Here's the schedule:

"*Ravens Voice*" at the Banks Library, 7 PM, 4/14.

"*According to Coyote*" at the Hillsboro Library, 6:30 PM, 4/15.

"*A Living Story Workshop*" at the Beaverton Library, 12:30 PM, 4/16

"*Final Concert*" at the Garden Home Library, 7 PM, 4/16.

All events are free! For information visit www.wccls.org/voices

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of Women's History Month, let's be thankful for our mothers, our grandmothers, our aunts, and our sisters! Let's take some time to learn about and reflect upon the significant achievements of Native women. Here is a small list of remarkable Native women from the past and present. We have so many reasons to be proud of our people!

Charlene Tetters (Spokane); **Carrie McGowan Bethel** (Mono-Lake Paiute/Northern Paiute); **Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte** (Omaha); **Susette La Flesche Tibbles** (Ponca); **Elizabeth Woody** (Navajo/Warm Springs/Wasco/Yakama); **Annie Dodge Wauneka** (Navajo); **Ada Deer** (Menominee); **La Donna Harris** (Comanche); **Essie Parrish** (Pomo); **Wilma Mankiller** (Cherokee); **Winona LaDuke** (Anishinaabeg); **Rebecca Adamson** (Cherokee); **Charlotte Edith Monture** (Iroquois); **Cora Sinnard** (Oneida); **Hanging Cloud** (Ojibwe); **Stacy Leeds** (Cherokee); **Fallen Leaf** (Gros Ventre); **Maria Tallchief** (Osage); **Sarah Winnemucca** (Paiute); **Army Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa** (Hopi); **Gouyen** (Apache); **Floy Pepper** (Creek); **Yvonne Chouteau** (Shawnee); **Bessie Sorethumb** (Creek); **Ellen Hansen** (Coos); **Corporal Bernice Firstshoot Bailey Washte Hinata Wiya** (Assininboine); **Lynda Conley** (Wyandotte); **Rosella Hightower** (Choctaw); **Della Reese** (Cherokee); **Louise Erdrich** (Turtle Mt. Chippewa); **Buffy St. Marie** (Cree); **Sacajewea** (Shoshone); **Edmonia Lewis** (Ojibwe); **Buffalo Calf Woman** (Cheyenne); **Kara Briggs** (Yakama); **Denise Juneau** (Three Affiliated Tribes); **Tashenamani Moving Robe** (Lakota); **Katsi Cook** (Mohawk); **Lillian Pitt** (Warm Springs/Wasco/Yakama); **Dr. Janine Pease Pretty On Top** (Crow); **Patricia White Foot** (Yakama); **Apolonia Susana Santos** (Tygh/Yakama); **Susan Masten** (Yurok); **Mary Dann** (Western Shoshone); **Carrie Dann** (Western Shoshone); **Naomi Lang** (Karuk); **Sandra Sunrising Osawa** (Makah); **Patty Talahongva** (Hopi); **Nancy Ward** (Cherokee); **Suzan Shown Harjo** (Cheyenne/Holdugee Muskogee); **Moving Robe Woman** (Hunkpapa Sioux); **Maa-ya-ha Grandmother Nellie** (Apache); **Hannah E. Smith** (Eastern Band of Cherokee); **Nicole Wheeler** (Comanche); **Mary Kim Titla** (San Carlos Apache); **Lillian Sparks** (Lakota); **Patricia Iron Cloud Chanupa Ohankoko Win Fast Pipe Woman** (Oglala Lakota Sioux); **Cheryl Kennedy** (Grand Ronde); **Delores Pigsley** (Siletz); **Katherine Harrison** (Grand Ronde)

OREGON INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The 36th Annual Oregon Indian Education Association Conference will be held at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon on **April 22 – 23, 2011**. The 2011 theme is "**Lighting the Fire: Indigenous Arts and Language in Indian Education.**"

Cost: Preregistration by April 1st (\$95); onsite registration is \$110. Elders and students are \$50 by April 1st; onsite registration is \$75. Registration includes annual OIEA Membership dues, refreshment breaks, banquet and admission to all conference activities. To pre-register: Make check or money order payable to the Oregon Indian Education Association, and mail to: Urbana Ross, OIEA Treasurer, P.O. Box 726, Warm Springs, OR 97761

For more information contact Justine Y. Connor, 541.318.3782 or jconnor@cocc.edu

SPRING & SUMMER 2011: SAVE THE DATES!

What: **A.I.S.E.S. (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) Conference**

Where: Portland State University

When: **April 16th & 17th**

Cost: Title VII Indian Education Program will sponsor 20 students.

Includes: Meals, workshops, field trip to OHSU, and more! This conference also features the United Indian Students of Higher Education (UISHE) Powwow!

What: **Oregon Indian Education Association's Youth Conference**

Where: Lewis & Clark College

When: **May 14th & 15th**

Cost: Title VII Indian Education Program will sponsor 12 students.

Focus: Leadership and Cultural Enrichment, Networking with youth from across the state, reservations and urban areas.

Includes: Meals, workshops, recreation activities and more!

What: **Regional Health Promotion Conference for Native HS Youth from WA, ID, & OR**

Where: Portland State University

When: June 26 – June 29

Focus: Promotion of health & wellness through music, art, digital storytelling, and more!

Cost: Free!

Includes: Meals, workshops, recreation activities, and more!

For more information or to register for any of these opportunities, please contact the **PPS Indian Education office at 503-916-6499**.

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