

## March 2024 NATIVE EDUCATION Spring Edition MONTHLY NEVVSLETTER



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#### Let's Talk!

Do you have a question, concern, or compliment you would like to share with Spokane Public Schools but do not know who to reach out to? SPS has a solution for you!

Let's Talk! Helps build trust and open the lines of communication between parents, staff, students, and our community. And it's important that we make it easy for you to reach us, anytime, anywhere, at your convenience.

When you visit the Let's Talk page, on the lefthand side of the page you will also find information regarding Bullying Harassment, Nondiscrimination, Citizen Complaint, and more.

If you have concerns regarding anything Native Education related, you can also reach out to Tamika LaMere at TamikaL@spokaneschools.org or call (509)354-4633. We are here to support you and your students needs.



### Shaw drum group: Wolf Solider

Embark on an inspiring adventure with Marty Whelshula, Native Education Student Support Specialist, and the remarkable students at Shaw as they delve into the realm of drumming! With some discovering their talent for the first time and others further developing their skills, this journey emphasizes culture, camaraderie, and personal growth. As they learn a classic traditional song, they aim to establish a drum group with a powerful name: *Wolf Solider*. We are excited to see them grow and develop as a team.

# Upcoming Events

#### HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

- Shadle Park HS Native Student Alliance: Mondays from 2:30-3:30 pm @ Shadle Park HS
- SHADES Multicultural Club: Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm
   @ North Central HS
- Ferris HS Native American Beading Club: Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm @ Ferris HS
- Lewis & Clark Indigenous Student Union: Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm @ Lewis \$ Clark HS

### ELEMENTARY INDIGENOUS CLUB

- Tuesday, March 19, 3-4 pm @
   Stevens Elementary School
  - Movie & ice cream
- Wednesday March 20, 3-4 pm @
   Bemiss Elementary School
  - Bracelets & outdoor games
- Thursday, March 21, 3-4 pm @
   Grant Elementary School
   TDB
- Friday, March 22, 3-4 pm @ Willard Elementary: TBD







#### PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- We are now taking applications for our Native Parent Advisory Committee (NPAC)
- We are looking to fill the following positions:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Sergeant in Arms
  - Alternate 1
  - Alternate 2
  - Student
  - Staff

Deadline to apply is March 25 5:00 pm.

We will hold a vote during the Public Hearing March 25, 2024.

If you would like to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the PAC and each position, please



# Upscoming Events

#### 2024 PUBLIC HEARING

March 25, 6:30-8:00 pm Yasuhara Middle School located at 1098 E North Foothills Drive

Join us to learn more about Native Education programs and services and share your feedback with us to better serve you and your students!

Please register **HERE** to attend!

### PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, March 11, 6:30-8:00 pm @ Spokane Public Montessori School located at 1300 W Know Ave. Please use Adams Entrance.

Virtual option here

This month we have a guest presenter, Gina Naccarato Director of Special Programs to share about Title I services.

