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JORDAN NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY FALL!!

GIFTS ARE OUT!

Our three mentors have spent all month in the field getting to know your students and are very excited to help them reach their educational goals this year. When our mentors first met their students, they came bearing gifts. Elementary students had the opportunity to choose between four excellent books while middle school and high school students received their choice of a maroon or black beanie. Ask your students what book they selected or what color beanie they got. If they did not receive their gift, reach out to Malinda and we will make sure to get it out to them shortly.

NAVAJO LANGUAGE CLASSES

In addition to high school classes, the program has access to limited online, self guided, language classes through Duolingo. If you are interested in beginning a program and would like to see if you qualify, please email Malinda Jensen.

COMMITTEE ELECTED!

On September 8th, 2023 the Jordan Native Parent Committee met to elect their leadership board and approve the Bylaws for the 2023-2024 school year. We are pleased to announce that Charmayne Gray, Ashley Heaton, and Natalie Miles were all elected to the leadership roles of the committee. The Parent Committee acts as a liaison between our Native American Community and the Title VI Jordan School District Program in the assistance of drafting program ideas, helping with establishing program goals and communicating the needs of our student community. If you would like to be a member of the committee, please contact Malinda. We encourage all who want to be involved to apply.

FIELD TRIP!

On Tuesday, October 3rd we had the wonderful opportunity to explore the Natural History Museum of Utah with our 5th and 6th grade students. This field trip allowed us to visit the Native Voices Exhibit. This exhibit was designed in consultation with Utah's Indigenous communities. It depicts Native American art and culture and interprets the deep memory and contemporary presence of Utah's indigenous people. In addition, our students were able to tour the rest of the museum and interact with the exhibits. We feel this field trip was a great success and look forward to continuing it. If you have any suggestions for culturally relevant activities our students would enjoy, please let us know!

Email suggestions to Malinda Jensen.

TALENT WANTED!

As our program continues to grow, we seek to expand our professional development for teachers and help incorporate culturally relevant and appropriate Native American materials into their curriculum. Many Teachers have inquiries about having guest speakers or presentations in their classroom and we would like to reach out to our community for assistance. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers, presentations, entertainment, dancers, or other ideas to help bring our culture into the classroom, please reach out to us. We will be compiling a contact list for teachers as well as for future community night presentations.

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FRIGHTMARES DISCOUNT!

"Fear is in the Air"! Don't miss out on this fantastic discount during Frightmares!

Use promo code DCFRIGHT23 online at lagoonpark.com and receive \$12 off of a Regular Single Day Passport for Frightmares!

Promotion valid for use between September 8-October 29, 2023 (*EXCLUDES SATURDAYS) on *any regular operating day, weather and other factors permitting.

Upcoming Events:

October 6 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
4th Annual Two Spirit Powwow
Salt Lake Community College, Taylorsville Campus, Lifetime
Activities Campus 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City,

SAVE THE DATE Social Powwow Not responsible for theft or damage of personal property-drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free event.

October 9th-Indigenous People Day

October 14, 2023 -"Steps For Scholarships" AIS MoccWalk Wardle Fields Regional Park Bluffdale Utah Walk Starts at @12:00pm

October 19-21-National Indian Education Conference and Trade Show, Albuquerque, New Mexico

October 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Circle of Health
The Circle of Health program will help you be healthier, stronger, and happier. We work together to change lives for us and our children. Program benefits include gas reimbursement, assistance with child care, cooking, and exercise classes, and the support you need to change. This program is offered through the

Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake. The program begins October 17th! Call (801) 214-7667 or (385) 267-1721

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