
JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Native American Program

NEWSLETTER

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY NIGHT IS HERE

The Jordan Native American Program is thrilled to host our annual Native American Community Night on April 24th, from 5:00-7:30 pm at West Jordan Middle School. This night has been a great success in the past, and we hope to continue the tradition of meeting as a community and celebrating our rich heritage, culture, and student achievements. Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#), so that we have an accurate count for dinner, and everyone that RSVPs will be entered into a drawing for exciting prizes!

Highlights of the event:

- Cultural Performance by Echoing Spirit Dancers
- Keynote Speaker, Dr. Darren Parry, a former Chairman of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone, and Author of “The Bear River Massacre, A Shoshone History”
- Senior Recognition
- Student Celebrations
- Prizes/Vendors/Booths/Crafts
- Dinner

Please Note: Our venue has changed to West Jordan Middle School, 7550 S Redwood Rd, West Jordan, UT 84084, to better accommodate our needs.

Regalia Encouraged: While not required, we would like to provide the opportunity for all those wishing and willing to share your regalia at this special event.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help out with the community night. If you or your student(s) are interested in volunteering at the community night, please contact Malinda Jensen.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

We are thrilled to continue our tradition of honoring our seniors students at our Native American Community Night. We have sent out surveys to households with students graduating from our program to help gain a unique and specific insight into their academic journey.

Along with recognizing our senior students, each Student Mentor has selected three students from various grades to recognize for meeting individual student goals and achievements. If you have any student who has accomplished a milestone in their educational journey that you feel should be recognized, reach out to Nick West with their name and what they have accomplished. While we can't guarantee their inclusion in our community night, we would like to recognize them in our next newsletter.

CALLING ALL PRE-K OR KINDER STUDENT PARENTS

Will you have a preschool or kindergarten student next fall? Let's get them enrolled in our program! When registering your student for Pre-K and Kindergarten, please submit the Federal 506 form with your student's registration. It can be found [HERE](#).

By enrolling your child in our program early in their educational journey, you can maximize their federally allocated resources throughout their entire academic path. This will help our program immensely!

INDIAN PARENT COMMITTEE ELECTED

On March 26th, 2025. A public meeting was held to elect our new Indian Parent Planning Committee and begin drafting the grant proposal for the next 4 years. This committee is dictated through law and is a requirement to receive our Federal funding through the Title VI Program. We are thrilled to announce the following members:

- President: Nina Sampson
- Vice President: Emmalani Longenecker
- Secretaries: Sheri Vidriales and Lance Johnson

In addition to their leadership, six other parents have chosen to join us as members of the committee. If you would like to be included in the planning committee, reach out to Nick West.

On April 24th, 2025, following Native American Community Night, this committee will meet to approve our new 4-year grant cycle.

SAVE THE DATE: ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP

On May 7th, 5th and 6th grade students will be visiting the Utah Natural History Museum. We have a limited amount of space available for this field trip.

Please contact Lori Packer if you would like your student to participate in the field trip.

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