
JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Native American Program

NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE

This year, the Jordan Native American Community Night will be on April 24th from 5:00-7:30 pm at West Jordan Middle School. We are thrilled to announce that our keynote speaker will be the former chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, Darren Parry. In addition to Chairman Parry's remarks, there will be entertainment, a seniors recognition ceremony, and dinner. If you would like to help with this event, contact Malinda Jensen. We specifically would love any information for potential Native American Caterers.

SENIOR STUDENT RECOGNITION

Native American Program Senior Recognition. We would like to honor all our students who will be leaving our program at our Native American Community Night. We will invite representatives from our high schools, Jordan School District Board Members, and local elected officials to celebrate this great milestone. To make it as personal as possible, we have created a survey for all senior students/parents/guardians to complete. This is not just for students who will be graduating with a formal diploma. If your student is; graduating, graduating early, already graduated this school year, or will be making up credits in the summer to eventually graduate, we still want to include them and their accomplishments in our recognition. One survey needs to be completed for each senior student by FEBRUARY 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlin Durfey.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

High School Students who are looking to earn additional credit should consider taking the Navajo Language and Government Class offered in cooperation with the Granite School District. The government online class begins in March and is taught by Dr. Clayton Long (Dine'). Both classes are required for any student applying for the Chief Manuelito Scholarship.

APPRECIATION FOR ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to last month's winner, Rashel Holguin! You won a McDonald's gift card. Get in touch with Malinda Jensen to receive your card.

This month, we are having another drawing for anyone who reads this newsletter. All you need to do is email Nick.West@jordandistrict.org with your Tribal Affiliation in the subject line, and you can be entered into this month's drawing. Good luck!

WE ARE EXPANDING

We are happy to announce that after our last outreach efforts, we added 50 students to our program! We are thrilled to welcome these new students and their families to the Jordan Native American Program. The more students we have in our program, the more resources we are allocated. If you know of a Native American student or family who may qualify to register for our program, please let us know.

SEEKING INDIGENOUS VENDORS AND BUSINESSES

As we continue to expand our program, we recognize the need for more Native American vendors and businesses at our events. We need your help to grow our pool of vendors and businesses. If you are someone you know is interested in helping at our community event or future fundraising event, please contact Malinda Jensen.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

We have another field trip planned to the Utah Natural History Museum to see the 'Our Native Voice' exhibit. This field trip is offered to our fifth and sixth-grade students in the 4th quarter. Our field trips have become so popular that we are forced to limit the number of students that can attend. To best support our academic and attendance goals, we will prioritize students on these trips based on attendance and academic performance. Make sure you reach out to your mentor, lori.packer@jordandistrict.org, now if you would like additional assistance. Also, if parents would like to volunteer on any field trips, you must complete paper work at the district office. This process can take a few weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Malinda Jensen early, so that we can guide you through the process.

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