

## Jordan Native American Program

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY NIGHT

On April 4, our Native American community witnessed a remarkable gathering which brought together over 300 people. This special night was marked by a joyous celebration of our graduating seniors, a delightful fry bread dinner, mesmerizing cultural dancing, and inspiring speeches from Utah State University's Native Royalty. The event received valuable feedback, offering insightful suggestions for further improvements to enhance future experiences. Mark your calendars for April 17th, 2025, for this event next year!

## NEXT YEAR OPPORTUNITY

The Jordan Native Program would like to expand our language and cultural reach next year by continuing our partnership with the Granite School District and Mr. Clayton Long (Dine') and their offering of both a Navajo Language Class and a Navajo Government class. We realize the immense cultural and historical significance of preserving language as it serves as a means of communication within the Navajo community. Learning the Navajo language promotes cultural appreciation and helps bridge the communication gap within the Navajo community. Understanding the Navajo government also allows for a deeper understanding of traditional systems, governance, and decision-making processes.

Starting in the fall, students can enroll in these classes to gain knowledge and understanding of the Navajo language and its governing structures. Overall, the opportunity to take classes in the Navajo language and government presents an essential step toward language revitalization and cultural preservation while offering High School credit toward graduation. If you want to take these classes next year, please contact Nick West.

NOTE: We are also looking for individuals from other Tribes to help share their language. If you are willing to help us expand this initiative, please contact Nick West.

## HELP WANTED

The Jordan Native Team is seeking a Native Mentor to join its team and help in our educational mentoring program. We are looking for a dedicated individual who shares a passion for supporting Native American communities and empowering the younger generations. If you are passionate about making a difference and are committed to helping Native American youth reach their full potential, we invite you to join our program. To learn more about this part-time opportunity, please contact Malinda Jensen.

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## THEY DID WHAT!?

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to celebrate and acknowledge the incredible achievements of our students in our final newsletter of the year. We invite you to share your child's or any other member of the community's accomplishments during the past academic year. This will be the perfect opportunity to showcase their hard work, dedication, and growth.

Here are some suggestions to help you highlight your child's achievements:

1. **Academic Milestones:** Did your child excel in a particular subject? Did they achieve outstanding grades or make significant improvements? Share their accomplishments in specific subjects, such as mathematics, science, language arts, or any other academic field.
2. **Extracurricular Success:** Did your child participate in extracurricular activities, clubs, or sports? Did they receive awards, or recognition or demonstrate exceptional dedication to their hobbies or passions? Share how they stood out and went above and beyond in these areas.
3. **Leadership and Initiative:** Did your child take the lead in a school project, organize an event, or show initiative in volunteering? Highlight their leadership skills, problem-solving abilities, and their positive impact on the school or community.
4. **Character and Personal Growth:** Did your child display remarkable qualities such as empathy, resilience, or kindness? Did they overcome challenges or show notable personal growth in any area? Share examples that demonstrate their character development and how they positively influenced others.
5. **Artistic and Creative Achievements:** Did your child excel in art, music, writing, or any other creative endeavors? Did they receive recognition for their talents or showcase their work at exhibitions, competitions, or performances? Share their artistic achievements and let their creativity shine.

Feel free to include any other accomplishments or experiences you are proud of and showcase your child's unique talents and abilities.

Reach out to Nick West with your suggestions.

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## FEEDBACK WANTED

As the year comes to a close, we need your input to help our program succeed. If you could please take 5 minutes to fill out the following survey, we would be immensely grateful. It is only through your help that we can modify our program for the greatest student success.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Save the Date!**

### **USBE-Title VI Program Fun Days at Lagoon!**

Sat & Sun. 5/4-5/5, 5/11-5/12, 5/18-5/19 &

Sat-Mon. 5/25-5/27/2024

Must Purchase your tickets ONLINE!

Your discounted rates will be:

Students: \$50.35 + tax per passport (Student ID may be required)

Family and others: \$74.95 + tax per passport

The online processing fee is waived for your school group.

**May 11, 2024**

Lil Feathers Social Pow Wow

**June 1st-2nd, 2024**

Intermountain Championships POWWOW

River's Edge at Heber Valley

**July 19-20, 2024**

Native Market Days hosted by AIS

Thanksgiving Point, Electric Park

Lehi, Utah

**July 20, 2024**

11th Annual Celebrating The People POWWOW

Mountain America Expo Center

9575 State Street

Sandy, UT. 84070

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