JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Native American Program

NEWSLETTER

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU AND END-OF-YEAR UPDATE

Dear Jordan Native American Program Families and Supporters,

As the school year draws to a close, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your incredible support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a truly rewarding time filled with growth, learning, and celebration of our rich Native American heritage.

To end this year, we wanted to highlight a few of our program's successes.

We were especially thrilled with the success of our cultural field trips this year! These experiences provided invaluable opportunities for our students to connect with their culture in meaningful and engaging ways, creating lasting memories and fostering a deeper sense of identity. We look forward to continuing them next year and would love suggestions for new places and experiences for our students. Reach out to our team with your ideas!

Our mentors have a monthly opportunity to improve their professional growth through State Title VI coordinator meetings. These sessions are provided by various tribal leaders in our communities and offer insights into the educational needs of our Native Students. This commitment to continuous learning has allowed us to enhance our support for your students and further enrich their educational journey. If you have any suggestions for areas of professional development for our teachers, reach out to us with your suggestions.

Of course, a highlight of every year is celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating seniors! We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and achievements, and we wish them all the best as they embark on their next chapter. We will miss our Seniors, but are so happy for their success.

We want to thank all those who joined us at our annual Native American Community Night. We are honored to have such incredible support from our community. If you have a moment, we would greatly appreciate everyone to complete this <u>Feedback Survey</u>, so we can continue to improve this cherished event.

We also want to recognize nine students that we honored at our Community Night. They were awarded with the following certificate and fun prizes. "In recognition of your hard work, resilience, and dedication to your education and community. Your commitment to embracing your culture and striving for success inspires those around you. We are proud to honor you and celebrate all that you've accomplished."

Elementary School Students

Luna Watchman Naat'aannii Amo

Middle School Students

Alexandra Munoz Tayson Matagi Kiona Begay

High School Students

DJ Jones Tiyan Beletso Laney Grayhawk Adriana Haws

As the summer months begin, our program will be taking a break. We will be back in full swing in September, ready to welcome back our returning students and new faces. While our regular programming will be paused for the summer, our office will remain open. If you have any questions or need to reach us, please feel free to reach out to Malinda.

If you are looking for ideas for upcoming community events, reading programs, vocational opportunities, or educational resources, please dive into our new and exciting **Resource Newsletter** that was mentioned at our community event.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We wish you all a safe, healthy, and joyful summer, and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall!

Sincerely,

The Jordan Native American Program Team

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