
JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Native American Program

NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is National Native American Heritage Month (American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month). It's a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of our Native American community, and to acknowledge our important contributions to the United States. This month is also an opportunity for our program and mentors to educate others about the challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and to continue our program's commitment to supporting the educational needs of our Native students.

Here are some ways the Jordan Native Program has done this:

- **Books, books, books.** With our programs focused on literacy, we have purchased sets of books for the school libraries across the Jordan School district that are focused on Native culture by Native authors. Lori continues to visit elementary students to give them personal books to take home.
 - **Support and Attend Local Native Events and Celebrations.** Our program team has attended several events with our bracelet-making booth. At these events, we recruit businesses and community members to help provide support and services for our community while we expand our student enrollment.
 - **Support Indigenous-owned Businesses.** We would like to do more of this! If you own a business or know of a Native-owned business that could use our support, please contact nick.west@jordandistrict.org and he will add them to our vendors list.
 - **Learn About History.** We support teaching about the history and culture of the Native tribes who originally inhabited our state. Kaitlin has crafted educational resources teaching the history and culture of the 8 federally recognized tribes of Utah. We are excited to begin presenting it to students as the year progresses.
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PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT NOVEMBER 7TH AT JATC South

If you are a high school student (or the guardian of one) and would like to know more about getting all of that free money for college, you should plan on attending our scholarship night. The focus of this night will be informing students and families about the financial opportunities available to them as they navigate their higher education. We will have a speaker and counselors on hand to help students answer questions. Food will be provided. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

OPERATION WARM

Operation Warm donated winter coats to the Native American Program. If you would like one, please email Malinda Jensen at malinda.jensen@jordandistrict.org. We have the following sizes available on a first-come, first-served basis:

- 1 – Girl 2T
- 2- Girls 5/6
- 5- Boys 7/8
- 3- Boys 10/12
- 3- Boys 14/16
- 1 – Men Small
- 1 – Women XXL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP GUIDE OUR PROGRAM

Calling all Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, and High School Students. We at the Jordan Native Program Invite you to join the Title VI Planning Committee. The Committee is responsible for developing and implementing our school's Title VI plan. If interested, please contact Nick West for more information.

ATTENDANCE

As we move into Quarter 2, we want to emphasize the importance of consistent attendance. In-class instruction provides valuable learning experiences and opportunities for collaboration. Regular attendance is crucial for students to stay on track, build upon their knowledge, and reach their full potential. We have seen drastic improvements in grades simply by improving attendance. If there are issues that prevent you from attending class on time, reach out to your mentor for guidance and assistance. Many times teachers are willing to work with deadlines for assignments when a student approaches them with the assistance of their mentor.

KUMON

Need extra tutor help? Are you willing to commit to 2 days a week after school? Reach out to your mentor for a Kumon Scholarship. These financial grants are based on student needs and have commitment and attendance requirements.

MENTOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Two members of the Jordan Native Mentor team recently returned from the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Annual Convention & Trade Show in Palm Springs, California. This year's conference focused on "Education, Sovereignty and a Declaration of Change." Our team participated in a variety of sessions aimed at strengthening and enhancing our Title VI program. Key takeaways included new teaching strategies, cultural awareness activities, and program evaluation methods. We are excited to implement these learnings and further our commitment to providing a culturally rich and supportive educational environment for our Native American students.

DUOLINGO

If you want to learn Navajo, let your mentor know! We have a limited amount of subscriptions left, so reach out as soon as possible to start your learning journey!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, 2024

Native American Craft

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

South Jordan County Library

10673 S. Redwood Road

November 23, & 24

Native American Arts Market

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Urban Indian Center

of Salt Lake City

120 West 1300 South

Other events:

November Events

[Indian Training Education Center](#)
