

MCPS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

THE IEFA BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2024

Upcoming PIR Opportunities



9/18: Introduction to Indian Education for All

[Click here to learn more about the course](#)

PD Portal #16979

10/2: Work Session

[Click here to learn more about the course](#)

PD Portal #16984

10/8 and 10/22: IEFA and Arts Integration: Mapping Montana's Tribal Nations' Homelands

[Click here to learn more about the course](#)

PD Portal #16982

See the full
2024-2025
[IEFA PIR
Calendar](#)

THE IEFA BOOK CLUB

FALL 2024

Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Anton Treuer

November 18 - December 9 / Book available now!

What have you always wanted to know about Native Americans? Do you feel like you should already know the answers—or are you concerned that your questions may be offensive? Anton Treuer, an Ojibwe scholar and cultural preservationist, addresses nearly 200 questions on a range of topics—questions that are thoughtful and outrageous, modern and historical, and always interesting. Participants will read on their own, and then participate in 3 reflective and rigorous in-person discussions. Book provided for free! Space is limited! [Click here to learn more about the course](#), and sign-up now by emailing Sara Ibis (sibis@mcpsmt.org).



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Meet your IEFA Coaches

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We're here to help you with all things Indian Education for All!

We can help you: create lessons, understand challenging materials, answer questions, provide feedback or model instruction, find high-quality teaching materials, and connect you to elders, knowledge keepers and other opportunities.

Start your
IEFA journey
now!

Go to the the [Indian Education Learning Hub](#) on the MCPS website to access lessons, materials, and other IEFA Resources. [Watch this video](#) for tips on navigating the Learning Hub and accessing materials.



Native American Studies for Teachers with
instructor Dr. Anna East

This course will help teachers develop understanding of American Indian history, culture, policy, and contemporary issues to create more comprehensive, accurate Indian Education for All teaching units.

Sliding scale fee, 3 UM Credits or 45 OPI credits

[Click here for information and registration](#)

Glacier National Park Trip for Grades 7-12 September 9-11

We received a homelands grant from the Hopa Foundation to take 25 Native American students to Glacier National Park. Students will learn about the importance of the area to the Blackfeet by meeting Blackfeet elders, hiking with GNP rangers and engaging in exchange activities with students at Browning Schools. Please encourage interested students to connect with their Native American Specialist (Leigh or Trena) to fill out a permission slip.



MCPS Native American Student Services and All Nations Health Center present

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY ROUND DANCE



SEPTEMBER 27

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FEED STARTS AT 5:30

**C.S. PORTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MISSOULA, MT**



**FIRST TEN
DRUMS PAID**



Contact Info: Billie Jo Juneau, 406-728-2400 ext. 1063, bjuneau@mcpsmt.org

JOIN US

American Indian Heritage Day

Round Dance

September 27, 6-9 pm

C.S. Porter Middle School

A round dance is a social dance where everyone is invited to participate! There are a variety of dances for all ages and abilities to enjoy. Round dances are a time to reconcile differences, rekindle and make new friendships and, of course, celebrate!

MCPS Land Acknowledgement: The Original Stewards of the Land

The MCPS Land Acknowledgement and printable versions of the flags of the Montana Tribal Nations are available on the [Indian Education Resource Hub](#) on the Native American Student Services website.

