

Indigenous Insider

December 2023

Bison Harvest

In November we were invited by the Great Falls Public Schools Indigenous Education Department to join them for their Bison Harvest. MCPS staff along with 20 students traveled to the Diamond 4D Ranch in Choteau, Montana to participate. Students and staff were given opportunities to participate in several meaningful aspects of the event including a Blackfeet pipe ceremony and harvesting the bison.

Our group was driven out onto the field to see the beautiful herd. A small group of students were able to ride along to harvest the bison and were given the opportunity to help butcher the bison. Through this process students learned about traditional protocols, uses and cultural significance of bison along with the anatomy of the bison.

After lunch we traveled back to Missoula filled with gratitude from an awesome experience!



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Naming Ceremony

The MCPS NASS Department is gauging interest and need to host a naming ceremony this spring for students. Please complete this form to share your interest: [Naming Ceremony Interest Form](#)

For more information please contact NASS Coordinator, Billie Jo Juneau at bjuneau@mcpsmt.org or 406-728-2400 ext. 1063

MCPS NASS Parent Advisory Committee

We are excited to announce the members of the 2023-24 Parent Advisory Committee. We are grateful for everyone who took the time to vote!

All parents and guardians of Native American MCPS students are encouraged to attend PAC meetings on the first of each month.

2023-24 PAC

Parent Representatives:

- ★ Matt Bell
- ★ Julie Cahoon
- ★ KaylaBeth Charlo
- ★ Amber Shaffer
- ★ Chad Villegas

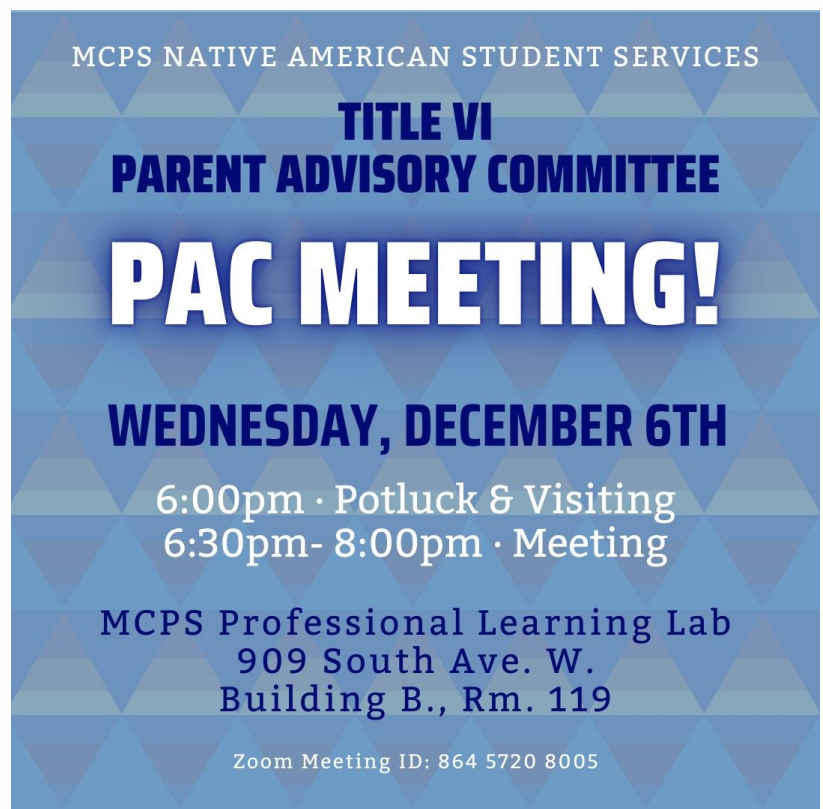
Student Representative

- ★ Jude Juneau

Teacher Representative

- ★ Alyssa Johnson

NEXT PAC MEETING:
Wednesday, December 6th
6pm - 8pm

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MCPS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

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Visit our website for more information about PAC: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/6728>



MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES



>> 2023-2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR <<

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	VENUE
American Indian Heritage Day - Round Dance	Friday, Sept. 22	5 - 9pm	CS Porter Middle School
SEPTEMBER 22ND - AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY (MONTANA SCHOOLS)			
SEPTEMBER 29TH - AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY (ALL OF MONTANA)			
SEPTEMBER 30TH - ORANGE SHIRT DAY - NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (US/CANADA)			
OCTOBER 9TH - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (US)			
Halloween Carnival	Monday, Oct. 30	5 - 8pm	Franklin Elementary
NOVEMBER - NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH			
NOVEMBER 15 - ROCK YOUR MOCS DAY			
Ribbon Skirt & Shirt Sewing Classes	November 6, 13, 20, 27	5 - 8pm	MCPS Admin - Bldg B
Winter Storytelling	December 13 & 20	5 - 8pm	MCPS Admin - Bldg B
Ledger Art Class	January 17th	5 - 8pm	MCPS Admin - Bldg B
Native Love Sock Hop	February 21st	5 - 8pm	TBD
Naming Ceremony	March 29th	4 - 8pm	Willard High School
Native Youth Powwow	Saturday, April 27th	Grand Entry 12pm - 1st Session 6pm - 2nd Session	Sentinel High School
MAY 5TH - NATIONAL MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS' AWARENESS DAY (US)			
Native Grad Senior Dinner	Wednesday, May 8th	5 - 8pm	Missoula Fairgrounds
End of Year Celebration	Wednesday, June 5th	5 - 8pm	TBD

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