

# *Indigenous Insider*

September 2023

## MCPS NASS Collecting 506 Forms

MCPS Native American Student Services is currently collecting 506 Forms. One of the NASS Specialists might be contact you if we are missing the form for your child.

### ***What is a 506 Form?***

The 506 Form is formally called the '*ED 506 Form: Indian Student Eligibility Certification Form for Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant Program.*' The form is an official record of eligibility for Native American children to be included in the Native American student count for Missoula County Public Schools.

### ***Is the 506 Form required?***

You are not required to submit a form. When you choose to complete a form for your student they are counted for funding through the Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant. Without the completed form we are not able to include your child in the official Native American student count for Missoula County Public Schools.

### ***How does the 506 Form impact my student?***

MCPS NASS capacity and programming is determined each year in part by the official Native American student count.

Funding through the Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant Program pays for programming to provide academic and cultural support for Native American students.

### ***My child isn't an enrolled tribal member. Can I still submit the form?***

Yes! The 506 Form can be completed using the tribal enrollment number of the student's parent or grandparent. If your child is not an enrolled tribal member or a 1st or 2nd degree descendent they are not eligible to be counted in the official Native American student count for the Title VI Indian Education Grant. However, they will still be welcomed and supported by the MCPS Native American Student Services team!

***For more information please contact Billie Jo Juneau, NASS Coordinator, at [bjuneau@mcpsmt.org](mailto:bjuneau@mcpsmt.org) or 406-728-2400 ext. 1063***

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# ALL NATIONS HEALTH CENTER *in collaboration w/* MCPS NASS DEPT.

PRESENTS:

## INDIGENOUS HERITAGE DAY ROUND DANCE CELEBRATION

MC:ALLEN PIERRE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

C.S. PORTER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2510 W. CENTRAL, MISSOULA, MT

5PM - 10PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

1ST 10 SINGERS PAID  
SOCIAL DANCE CONTESTS  
FLU VACCINATIONS  
COMMUNITY FEED

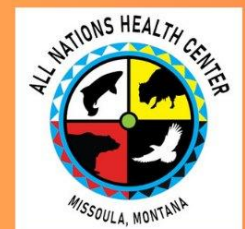
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# MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES



## >> 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

[WWW.MCPSMT.ORG/IEFA](http://WWW.MCPSMT.ORG/IEFA)



## **MCPS Native American Student Services Seeks Nominations for Parent Advisory Committee**

Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) Native American Student Services is excited to announce that we are seeking nominations for our Title VI Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). This committee plays a vital role in supporting and enhancing the educational experiences of Native American students within the MCPS community.

MCPS Native American Student Services values the importance of our Native American students and their families, as well as the expertise of our dedicated teachers. The Parent Advisory Committee is a crucial platform to ensure that we are meeting the unique needs of our Native American students and fostering a culturally inclusive environment.

Wilena Old Person, MCPS School Board Chair, expressed the importance of this committee: “As a parent I chose to work within a system to change it, many choose how they want to change the world for the betterment of their kids, this is how I am. I believe in individual impact. Being part of the PAC is a way we as Native Parents can have a voice for safer, more inclusive schools for our kids.”

Parents and guardians of Native American students, Native American high school students, and MCPS teachers are eligible to serve on the committee. MCPS Native American Student Services encourages all eligible individuals to consider participating in the Parent Advisory Committee and helping to shape the future of Native American Student Services programming and support within MCPS.

### **Key information:**

- **Eligibility:**
  - Parents/guardians of Native American students enrolled in MCPS schools,
  - Native American high school students enrolled in an MCPS school,
  - MCPS teachers (can be Native or non-Native)
- PAC meetings are held in person on the first Wednesday of each month
- Members serve 2 year terms
- Nomination Deadline: September 29, 2023
- PAC Election: October 4, 2023

For more information and to submit nominations, please visit <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/6728>

Missoula County Public Schools  
Native American Student Services

# PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## ELECTION!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

Polls are open from 8AM to 6PM at the NASS office.

909 South Ave W, Building B# 120

All parents and guardians of Native American students are eligible and encouraged to vote for the Title VI Parent Advisory Committee!

Votes will be tabulated and committee members announced at the PAC Meeting

PAC Meeting

October 4th, 6-8pm

909 South Ave W, Building B, Rm 119



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