



MISSOULA COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDIAN EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT



2016-17
Welcome Back
Students and Families!

Mission:
Help Native American students achieve
academically, culturally, and socially to
graduate and become successful lifelong
learners.

*“Education
Is Today’s
Buffalo”
—Glen Anaquod*



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215 South 6th St. West
Missoula, MT 59801
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Activities:

The following list of activities are the major events for the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee and the Indian Education Department for the 2016-17 academic year. Check our website for any updates at:

www.mcpsmt.org/IEFA

Facebook is also another way to keep updated on events and activities:

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Native American Heritage Week	September 19-23, 2016	Various times during week	Various locations throughout district
Big Read Event—Rounddance	Wednesday, September 21, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Lewis & Clark Elementary
Halloween Rounddance	Friday, October 28, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Chief Charlo Elementary
Veterans Event Collaboration	To be announced		
Winter Gathering	Friday, December 9, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Russell Elementary
Open Gym/Drumming	Sundays, January 8-February 26, 2017	1:00-3:00 PM	CS Porter Middle School
Native Youth Powwow	Saturday, April 1, 2017	Grand Entry 1:00 and 7:00 PM	Sentinel High School
Missoula Native Youth Conference in collaboration with Montana Indian Ed. Association	Thursday & Friday, April 20 & 21, 2017	To be announced	University of Montana UC Center
Senior Dinner	Wednesday, May 24, 2017	6:00-8:00 PM	DoubleTree Inn
End of the Year BBQ	Friday, June 2, 2017	3:00-6:00 PM	McCormick Park





The 2016-17 academic year is upon us and we are excited to start the academic year with you. All the information in this pamphlet will assist you in knowing and contacting our staff and parent advisory committee.

TITLE VI PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Administration Building is located at 215 S. 6th Street W., B2 entrance is on eastside of building
 Business Building is located at 915 South Avenue West, next to Sentinel High School

Date	Time	Location & Type of Meeting
September 07, 2016	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
October 05, 2016	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
November 01, 2016	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
December 06, 2016	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
January 03, 2017	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
February 07, 2017	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
March 07, 2017	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
April 04, 2017	6-8 PM	Admin Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
April 19, 2017	6-8 PM	Business Building, Conf Room / Title VI Public Hearing, Part 1
April 26, 2017	6-8 PM	Business Building, Conf Room / Title VI Public Hearing, Part 2
May 02, 2017	6-8 PM	Administration Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
June 06, 2017	6-8 PM	Administration Building, B2 / Regular Meeting

2016-17 Staff Contact Information and School Assignments

Name	Title	Phone 728-2400	Email	Assigned Schools
Karen Allen	Region 3 Executive Director/Indian Education Department Supervisor	Ext. 1074	kallen@mcps.k12.mt.us	
Jake Arrowtop	Native American Specialist	Ext. 1049	jarrowtop@mcps.k12.mt.us	Big Sky High School, Lewis & Clark, Lowell, & Paxson Elementary Schools
Cathie Cichosz	Native American Specialist	Ext. 1064	ccichosz@mcps.k12.mt.us	Jefferson Preschool, Cold Springs and Hawthorne Elementary Schools
Melissa Hammett	Hellgate & Sentinel High School Native American Business Teacher/ Native American Specialist	Ext. 1028	mshammett@mcps.k12.mt.us	Hellgate High School
Ray Kingfisher	Native American Specialist	Ext. 1047	rdkingfisher@mcps.k12.mt.us	CS Porter, Meadow Hill, & Washington Middle Schools, Sentinel High School, & Seeley Swan High School
Stacy Thacker	Native American Specialist	Ext. 1068	sthacker@mcps.k12.mt.us	Chief Charlo, Franklin, Rattlesnake, and Russell Elementary Schools
Glenda Weasel	Title VI/Native American Specialist/ Data Support Staff	Ext. 1063	gfwasel@mcps.k12.mt.us	Willard Alternative High School

2015-2016 Title VI

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

New membership as of November 2016

Name	Title	Email
Dustin Monroe	President	dmonroe406@gmail.com
Suzette LaPlant	Vice President	suzette.laplant@umontana.edu
Matt Bell	Teacher Representative and Secretary	mattbell23@gmail.com
Kim McLean	Parent Representative and Treasurer	mrskimmclean@yahoo.com
Rebecca Bearcub Goddard	Parent Representative	rebecca_bearcub_goddard@yahoo.com
Mariah Maxwell-Hawley	Parent Representative	mmaxwell-hawley@mcps.k12.mt.us
Moses Yellow Robe III	Parent Representative	
Two Student Representatives		

TITLE VII PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2016-17 NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

What do you feel are the most important needs of the Indian students in Missoula County Public Schools? Please indicate your thoughts by placing a circle around the number.

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| 1. Increase school readiness | 7. School dropout rate |
| 2. Integration of Indian specific content into curriculum | 8. Graduation rate |
| 3. Academic achievement | 9. Career readiness skills |
| 4. Knowledge of cultural identity and awareness | 10. College enrollment |
| 5. Enhance problem solving and cognitive skill development | 11. Substance abuse prevention |
| 6. School attendance rate | 12. Increase parent participation |

Other suggestions: _____

Rank the three most important needs:

Please check the category(ies) that describe you (check all that apply):

Native American ___ Yes ___ No ___

___ Parent/Guardian

___ Community member

___ High School Student

___ Middle School Student

___ Elementary School Student

___ Missoula County Public Schools District Employee

What do you think is working well in the Missoula County Public Schools Indian Education Department?

Are there areas that you would like to see addressed by the school district or services that you would like to see offered by the Indian Education Department?

Please drop this by or mail to:

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Indian Ed. Department B2
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Missoula, MT 59801

OR email to: ccichosz@mcps.k12.mt.us or gfwasel@mcps.k12.mt.us Your voice is very important to us! Thank you!

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