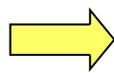


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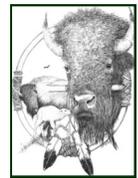
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MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



March 11, 2016

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Editor's Corner

-Cathie Cichosz

Welcome to our Spring issue! The Indian Education for All Department has been busy working to meet the needs of all Native students enrolled in MCPS. To date, our MCPS has collaborated on the following events:

- Gathering of Generations for Good Medicine at City Life, a collaborative event made possible by a grant Dana Kingfisher procured for the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center (MUIHC). Come join us for some fun, games, and learning. The remaining dates for this event are: March 24, and March 31.
- Restoring Our Spirit (ROS) with Starlite Nightgun and Cherith Smith, promoting individual, family and community wellness for the mind, body, and spirit. ROS is scheduled from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the University of Montana Payne Native American Center. The remaining dates for this event are: March 15, March 29, April 12, April 26, and May 10.

I serve Jefferson Pre-School, Hawthorne Elementary, and Cold Springs Elementary. If you would like to speak to me about what I do or if you have suggestions for me or concerns about your children, please call 406-728-2400, ext. 1064 or email me at ccichosz@mcps.k12.mt.us.

At Jefferson, I meet with the kids during free play time. I normally read a book to them: however, if they are doing something they want to continue during class time, I will join them (such as art work or free play time).

At Hawthorne Elementary and Cold Springs Elementary, I have Native American Lunch Club. We have been reading the Eagle Book Series by Georgia Perez. The next week, I bring coloring pages of the book and show a video of the book as they color. This series is in 4-parts and is about Native Americans and health. Each child receives the book to take home after we read it, thanks to the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center!

I read Buffalo Dance, A Blackfeet Legend and brought the Bison Box to the schools recently. The box had many items made from the bison that Native Americans used and still use. The kids enjoyed learning about the bison and how the different parts of the bison were used such as a bison tail, a bone tool used to scrape the bison hide, or a bison horn that was used to drink water or used as a soup bowl.

For questions regarding the newsletter, to submit a news item, or be placed on our mailing list, please email me, ccichosz@mcps.k12.mt.us.

Kyiyo Powwow

Amber Shaffer, Kyiyo President, recently notified our department that they will again be giving free one-session tickets to all MCPS Native American students. The Indian Education Department will distribute the tickets when they become available to us.

Thank you, Amber, and Kyiyo!

Date of Kyiyo Powwow: April 22-23, 2016

See poster on page 12.

TITLE VII 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
Wednesday, April 13, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Administration Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Business Building, Conference Room / Public Hearing for Title VII Grant, Part 1
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	6:30-8:30 PM	Business Building, Conference Room / Public Hearing for Title VII Grant, Part 2
Wednesday, May 04, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Administration Building, B2 / Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 01, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Administration Building, B2 / Regular Meeting



TSA NII TA PII WA (What's happening)

-Ray Kingfisher

Oki niiksokowaaks (Hello, my relatives),

I hope you are all moving forward and accomplishing your daily goals. One thing I stress to our young people is to set a goal, even if it is small one like brushing your teeth in the morning. Then, you have accomplished what you have said you would do. When you achieve something you set out to do, it feels good. The students at Sentinel, Meadow Hill, Washington and CS Porter have their grades and attendance monitored each week. If you receive an email, it is only an update with a suggestion. I am doing my job and trying to help your student succeed.

I have been running into some bullying within the schools lately. It is tough for me to see these young people run into these types of obstacles. There are different types of bullying: verbal, mental, and physical. I encourage students to be kind, to watch out for one another, and to ask others how they are doing. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Native youth in the 15-24 year old age group, 2.5 times the national rate, (U.S. Department of Health and Services). Depression is an early sign that something is wrong.

Remember: everyone in the classroom has a story that leads to misbehavior or defiance. 9 times out of 10, the story behind the misbehavior won't make you angry. It will break your heart.

- Annette Breaux

TheCornerstoneForTeachers.com

Signs and symptoms of depression in teens are:

- Sadness or hopelessness
- Irritability, anger, or hostility
- Tearfulness or frequent crying
- Withdrawal from friends and family
- Loss of interest in activities
- Changes in eating and sleeping habits

A Parent's Guide to Teen Depression: www.helpguide.org/articles/depression/teen-depression-signs-help.htm

I will continue to educate myself in order to assist students. The instances I have encountered have all been taken care off, thanks in part to the great people that lead the schools. If your student(s) is dealing with bullying, please tell them to let somebody know.

Good news; I am coaching a group of young ladies in the Kiwanis basketball league. The team is made up of girls from all three middle schools. The team has shown vast improvement from game to game. Watching them do what is asked and taught on the court is very cool. I hope to give them the confidence to do anything they want, if they work for it. The team has shown great sportsmanship and has been praised for it in front of a large crowd following one of the games. I am proud of all of them!

I also continue to bring cultural activities into the schools. I hope to have a drum group for the upcoming Native Youth Powwow in March. Stickgame is big with the students. As spring approaches I will begin to bring out the "Double Ball" and "Shinny" equipment, always a fun time on those days. Remind your students to check in with the local "Native American Specialist;" one of us can help in one way or another. The Native American (Indin) community is getting larger and stronger here in Missoula. Some of us thought we would only be here for a few years. I like Missoula and I think I will be here for a few more. While I am here, I want to pass on what I know to the younger people. I encourage you parents to do the same. Have a good day!

MELISSA'S SMOKE SIGNALS

-Melissa Hammett

My name is Melissa Hammett and I am the newest member to the Indian Education for All Department as one of the Native American Specialists. I am an enrolled member of the Blackfoot Nation from Browning Montana and assigned to four schools: Hellgate High School, Willard Alternative High School, Rattlesnake Elementary, and Chief Charlo Elementary.

Halfway through the school year and still going strong!

At Hellgate High School, there are *Native American Honoring Society* club meetings every Thursday during lunch in Room 240 (Mrs. Larum's room). We have had a good turnout during our lunch club meetings and continue to welcome more students to participate. So far, we have had many guest speakers from the community and collaborating agencies. Inviting guest speakers introduces Hellgate students to many Native professionals and programs in the Missoula community. These introductions benefit the students-allowing them to make connections and utilize role models. There is a Facebook page for Hellgate Students called Hellgate High School Native Students. If you are a parent or a student of Hellgate, please join this page as it is a great way to share information or news.

At Willard Alternative High School, I meet with students and/or check in with them on Mondays. I am usually at Willard a couple times per week, depending upon other activities happening elsewhere. We now have a focus group at Willard every second Monday of the month, where students brainstorm or just catch up as a group. There have been a few guest speakers in the focus group which allows the students to make connections in the Missoula Community. If I happen to miss any of them or our schedule doesn't match up, then I make other attempts during the week to meet with the students. You can usually find me on the third floor lounge, in Matt Bell's Classroom, or just wandering the building.

We had ACT (test) sign-ups and study sessions for Native Seniors who wanted to take advantage of that opportunity. The next ACT sign-up has already passed (due March 4, 2016), with the test date April 9, 2016. Contact me with any questions or if your senior /junior is interested in studying for the ACT.

At Chief Charlo (Wednesdays) and Rattlesnake (Tuesdays), I have established great relationships and connections with both the Native students and staff. I usually go into the students' classrooms, visit with them, assist them, or participate with them in the activity happening at that time. I work one-on-one with some, giving them that extra help needed. Other activities: lunch with the students, go outside with them during recess, and meet with them individually or in groups. In addition, we have started hosting story time during the last recess of the day. Students enjoy this time and usually learn something from the story, whether it be a lesson or even a Native word. I have done a few activities with the kids, such as making Teepee ornaments for the Christmas tree, stick game, and Blackfoot words to and more.

Each Native American Specialist brings something different and special to our program, but our ultimate goal is basically the same: we want our Native students in the Missoula County Public Schools to be successful academically and incorporate native culture into their lives.

Tepee Fever @ Salish Kootenai College, Room

March 18, 2016 5:00-11:00 pm

Various organizations are sponsoring a Community Forum Rounddance!

- MC: Howie Thompson
- Stickman: Jordan Stasso
- Invited singers: Fawn & Dallas Wood, Donovan Archambolt, Nakoah Heavy Runner, Young Gray Horse, Monty Wolf Child
- All singers welcome!
- Feed at 9pm — Door prizes — Youth activity corner for kids 0-5 years old — Hot spot dance, Apple Dance
- For more information contact:

Luanne Kicking Woman, TSSD Teen Parent Assist Fund Program — (406) 675-2700 Ext 6104





Missoula County Public Schools
Indian Education Department



NATIVE YOUTH POW WOW

MARCH 19, 2016

C.S. PORTER MIDDLE SCHOOL, MISSOULA, MT

TINY TOTS, JR'S, AND TEEN CATEGORIES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD WILL BE PAID ***17 AND UNDER***

BOYS—TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY, AND CHICKEN

GIRLS—TRADITIONAL, FANCY, JINGLE

ADULT CATEGORIES—JACKPOT STYLE

MC — HOWIE THOMSON

AD — DEVIN KICKNOSWAY

HOST DRUM — TBD

*FIRST 5 DRUMS PAID *Specials TBA

*VENDORS WELCOME 50\$ PER TABLE

*CONTACTS RAY KINGFISHER @ 7282400 EXT. 1047 rdkingfisher@mcps.k12.mt.us

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HOST MOTEL: SLEEP INN OF MISSOULA 3420 DORE LANE MISSOULA, MT 59801

GRAND ENTRY 1PM AND 7PM

COMMUNITY FEED DURING SUPPER BREAK 5pm

Disclaimer: Not responsible for lost or stolen items, injuries, expenses, divorces, break-ups, or hook-ups. Please be responsible for your students and children. Be kind and respectful. Help the elders that may attend.



FREE EVENT, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!



Sacred Roots Language Society

Sacred Roots Language Society is a group at the University of Montana in Missoula dedicated to spreading awareness about Native American languages in Montana and in the United States.

Website: <http://www.sacredrootssociety.com>

The Sacred Roots Language Society would like to invite you to join our weekly meetings on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the UM Payne Native American Center, Room 211 (Kiyiyo Room).

We are currently planning our 2nd Annual 5K Save Our Languages Fun Run, a 5K run and a kids one-mile run: The Run is scheduled to take place on Saturday April 23 at 9:00 am on the Kim Williams trail in conjunction with the Kiyiyo Powwow. Pre-registration can be found on our website (noted above). There is a \$20 fee, which includes a t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for top runners.

Collaborations our group has been involved with are Kiyiyo, American Indian Business Leaders, American Indian Student Advisory Council, as well as Missoula Urban Indian Health Center.



REGAINING THE WARRIOR

WHEN
April 8, 9, & 10, 2016
9am - 5pm

WHERE
The Payne Family
Native American Center
 32 Campus Dr. Missoula, MT

To sign up or for more information please contact
Abdel Russell at (406) 829-9515, **Jesse DesRosier** at
 (406) 465-9045 or pikuniboy007@yahoo.com, or **Vernon**
Grant at 406-531-9310 or bickft_boxer@yahoo.com



ALL MEN
WELCOME

FREE
BREAKFAST &
LUNCH



The objective of this workshop is to help men reclaim their role and identity in their family and communities, as well as reconnecting with their traditional way of life.

WWW.MUIHC.ORG

GATHERING OF GENERATIONS FOR GOOD MEDICINE

WHEN
Thursday's from 3pm-6pm
February 4-Orientation & paperwork (Parents must attend)
February 18
March 3, 10, 17, & 31

WHERE
City Life Community Center
 1515 Fairview Avenue

ACTIVITIES: Prevention Education & Team Building • Access to computers • Gaming Consoles • Football • Billiards "Pool" • Tutoring • Open Gym

*MUST BE ABLE TO BECOME A MUIHC CLIENT THROUGH ENROLLMENT OR DESCENDENCY.
 *ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO GATHER DOCUMENTATION

***FOR ALL INDIAN FAMILIES**

INFORMATION

- Youth 8 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult
- Release Forms required
- Youth Alliance creating a prevention message
- Contact Dana Kingfisher for more information at 829-9515 x109
- Quarterly Family Activity-Native Youth Pow-



Forward Thinking. High Achieving.



From Ahka's Corner

-Kate Beals

Unexpected events have caused my last year as Cultural Liaison to be most difficult. Even so, the 2016 schedule has been sent to most teachers for the Read Aloud program. I appreciate the patience of teachers in arranging this schedule. I also appreciate the Indian Education Department staff for their assistance.

A kindergarten teacher and I are developing a curriculum of this year's Iditarod Dogsled Race in Alaska scheduled to for March 5. We are both excited to get the research completed and to acquire information from a former racer.

Here are some books read with K-2 children for 2015-16:

- ⇒ *Why Frogs Swim*
- ⇒ *How Spider Caught Flies*
- ⇒ *Coyote and the Sky: How the Sun, Moon and Stars Began*

- ⇒ *When I am Old With You*
- ⇒ *The Range Eternal*
- ⇒ *Who Came Down That Road*
- ⇒ *Mama's Little One*
- ⇒ *Under the Moon*
- ⇒ *Falling Star*
- ⇒ *Coyote Sings to the Moon*
- ⇒ *A Coyote Columbus Story*
- ⇒ *Beardream*
- ⇒ *The Mud Pony*
- ⇒ *There Still are Buffalo*



Needs Assessment Survey

The Title VII Parent Advisory Committee invites you to submit your input into the Title VII Grant objectives! For the 2016-17 Academic Year, the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee will hold two public hearings to decide on objectives for next year. The meeting dates are:

Wednesday, April 20, 2016	6:00-8:00 PM	Business Building, Conference Room / Public Hearing for Title VII Grant, Part 1
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	6:30-8:30 PM	Business Building, Conference Room / Public Hearing for Title VII Grant, Part 2

If you can't attend, please fill out the survey below and return to us!

**MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM
2016-2017 NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

What do you feel are the most important needs of the Indian students in your public school system? Please indicate by placing a circle around the number.

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

Other suggestions:

Rank the three most important needs:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please check all that best describes 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 Indian Education Department?

What are some 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:

**Missoula County Public Schools Indian Ed. Department B2
215 S. 6th Street West, Admin. Bldg.
Missoula, MT 59801**

OR email to: ccichosz@mcps.k12.mt.us

OR bring it to the Public Hearing, Part 1

Your input is very important! Thank you!

Jake's Place

-Jake Arrowtop

Oki! My name is Jake Arrowtop and I am a member of the Blackfeet nation. I am a Native American Specialist for Missoula County Public Schools. I am assigned to four schools within the district: Paxson Elementary, Lewis and Clark Elementary, Lowell Elementary, and Big Sky High School.

At the elementary level, I have given multiple cultural presentations. I have been providing background information on the various tribes in Montana as well as telling related cultural stories at Lowell Elementary School. I'll be providing information on the Blackfeet tribe as well as sharing Blackfoot animal vocabulary to supplement their Montana history lessons at Paxson Elementary School. At Lewis and Clark Elementary School the students were able to visit with a musician from Bali who was interested in powwows. The students spoke at length about how they learned to dance and/or drum. Furthermore, I'll be teaching an EAST class at Lewis and Clark Elementary School focused on Native American games beginning the last week of February.

In addition, I have been consistently bringing the drum into schools and singing songs with the students as well. I also meet one-on-one with multiple students across the district to check in and see how things are going.

I regularly meet with students at Big Sky High School. They recognize me as an additional resource and I try to assist with a wide variety of issues. I maintain a space at lunch for the Big Sky Native students to stop by and visit. The Missoula Indian Urban Health Center has done a presentation on healthy lifestyle as well as tobacco/alcohol prevention. Currently, the lunch group is participating in a video contest centered on why graduation matters in Indian country that the Office of Public Instruction is sponsoring.

I very much enjoy my time in all of my schools and I'm grateful that I get to work so closely with the Indian population of Missoula. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any concerns or questions.

Jake Arrowtop

Native American Specialist

(406) 728-2400 ext. 1049

jarrowtop@mcps.k12.mt.us

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2016

March 7 - April 15, 2016 at your neighborhood school

Children must be age 5 on or before September 10, 2016. You are encouraged to visit your neighborhood school to enroll. Paperwork you need: a current immunization record, copy of the child's birth certificate and two forms of address verification such as a phone bill, utility bill, lease agreement, etc. at the time of registration.

For more information on Kindergarten registration, call your school or [click here](#) to register online.





Declaration of Intent Available for Board of Trustee seats up for election Due March 24, 2016 Election on May 3, 2016

The Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy form is now available for five seats that will be up for election on the Missoula County Public Schools Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Forms may be obtained from Pat McHugh, Director of Business Services, at the District's Business Building, 915 South Avenue West. Forms may also be obtained from the Montana Office of Public Instruction website.

Forms must be filed with the Missoula County Elections Office in the Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. The forms may also be returned to the District for filing, but must be received in the District's Business Building no later than 4 p.m. on March 24.

The following seats are up for election:

- Three seats that represent the Elementary (K-8) District on the Board. These K-12 seats are three-year terms. Anyone interested in these positions must live within the MCPS Elementary District boundary. These positions are currently held by Michael Beers, Diane Lorenzen, and Julie Tompkins.
- One Seat that represents the Bonner, Target Range Elementary Districts on the Secondary (high school) Board. This seat will be a two-year term. Candidates must reside in Election District "B", which includes the attendance areas for Bonner and Target Range schools. This seat is currently held by Korbin Bragstad.
- One seat that represents the Lolo, Woodman, DeSmet Districts on the Secondary (High School) Board. This seat is a three-year term. Candidates must reside in Election District "A," which includes the attendance areas for Lolo, Woodman and DeSmet schools. This seat is currently held by Ann Wake.

MCPS trustees are volunteer, non-paid positions. Trustees are requested to attend 3-4 monthly meetings (on average) that focus on curricula, policy, budget, administrative issues and other topics. In addition the trustee schedule includes special meetings, board work sessions, budget study sessions, building visits, graduation ceremonies and special events. Meetings are held during the day and evening.

There are 11 trustees on the school board. Seven seats represent both Elementary and Secondary Districts; four seats represent outlying communities and vote only on Secondary District issues.

For forms or additional information about any of these available positions, please contact Lenora Jacobs at 728-2400, ext. 3021.



University of Montana - American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL)

Meeting times: Every Thursday, 4:00 pm

Location: Payne Native American Center - Room 211 (Kiyi Room)

The UM American Indian Business Leaders group are selling t-shirts that are exclusively for the UM AIBL Chapter, \$20/shirt. We also are selling AIBL Program Ad Space for businesses that would like to advertise at the National AIBL Conference. If you know of any businesses interested in advertising to a national audience, please contact Crystal Whiteshield at crystal.whiteshield@umontana.edu or Marley at marley.tanner@umontana.edu.

The National AIBL conference will be held on April 7-9, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ at the Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa. While at the conference, UM AIBL will be competing in the National Business Plan competition and for Chapter of the Year. Please help us in our fundraising efforts and support the UM AIBL student group.



Missoula Urban Indian Health Center Health Events

Call MUIHC for more information on the following events: 406-829-9515

Website: <http://muihc.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/missoulaurbanindianhealthcenter>

From Trilanda No Runner, Missoula Urban Indian Health Center, Fitness Tech:

Hello to the Missoula Community. I'm a member of the Blackfeet tribe and moved to Missoula in 2005. I'm proud to say Missoula is my go-to-place and a place to call home. I started to work for Missoula Urban Indian Health Center in 2011. I was blessed to have this job! I started out as On-Call, then became a full-time employee. Now I am a full-time Fitness Tech. I love what I do, especially helping out the MUIHC clients!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

◇ **Spring 2016 Restoring Our Spirit,**

5:00 pm-7:30pm

Series of classes on Tuesdays every other week. The remaining events for the rest of the academic year are:

March 1, 2016

April 12, 2016

March 15, 2016

April 26, 2016

March 29, 2016

May 10, 2016

Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. MUIHC provides the main dish and one dish is prepared in class. Families bring a side dish (potluck) to share.

Location: Payne Family Native American Center, University of Montana (check-in at rotunda)

◇ **Spring 2016 One Stitch At A Time For Healthy Lifestyles Wellness Series**

Instructors: Starlite Night Gun, Trilanda No Runner, Alyson Holweger

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Series of classes on Tuesdays every other week. The remaining events for the rest of the academic year are:

March 8, 2016

May 3, 2016

March 22, 2016

May 17, 2016

April 5, 2016

May 31, 2016

April 19, 2016—catered event

Dinner served at 5:30 pm. MUIHC provides the main dish and families bring a side dish (potluck) to share, **except** on April 19 when will be catered by the Walking Well With Historical Trauma program, Lydia Silva.

Location: Payne Family Native American Center, University of Montana (check-in at rotunda)

This a health promotion event to discuss various health topics by different professionals from the community to promote health screening, healthy lifestyles, cancer prevention, obesity prevention, diabetes prevention for the Missoula area American Indian/Alaska Native community and their families. One Stitch is a culture night for all youth and families, with different craft making to include: sewing, beading, quilt making, shawl making, pillow making, bag making, crocheting, ceremony and powwow regalia construction.

◇ **2016 Spring Wellness Fair**—April 16, 2016 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm @ the University of Montana Skaggs Building

For more information, contact Starlite Night Gun at 406-829-9515.



Missoula County Public Schools
Title VII Parent
Advisory Committee
and
Indian Education Department



FAMILIES OF GRADUATING SENIORS ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR
SPECIAL EVENT



HONORING OUR
NATIVE AMERICAN
SENIORS!

Thursday, May 26, 2016
6:00-8:00 PM
DOUBLETREE INN

100 MADISON STREET, MISSOULA, MT 59802

RSVP: 406-728-2400, EXT. 1028
Melissa Hammett

GLENDA, THE GOOD DATA GURU

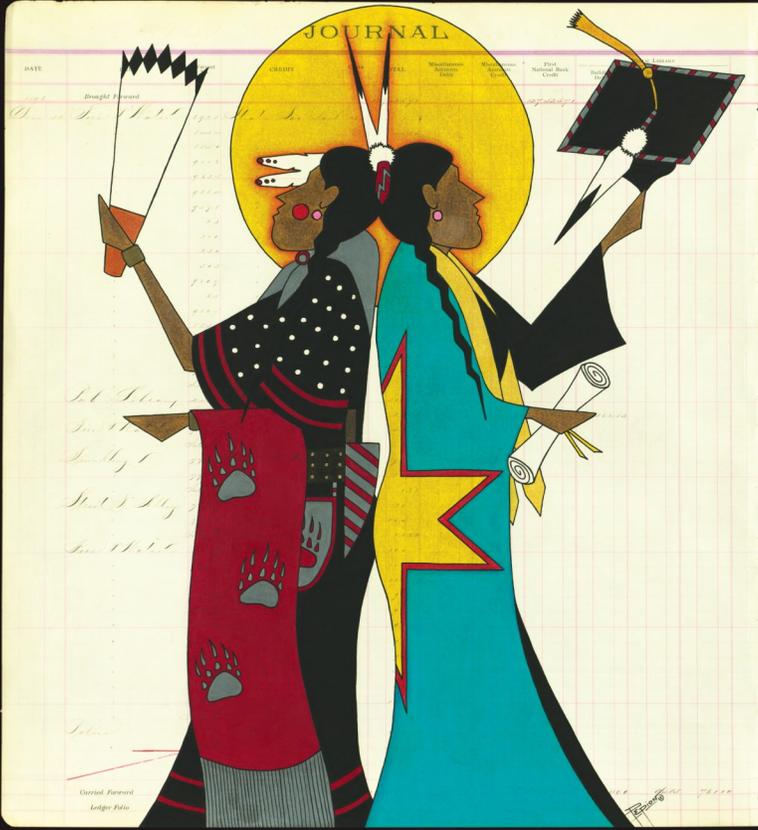
-Glenda Weasel

Hello to everyone. My days are filled with compiling and researching enrollment/attendance data and all other data required for the Title VII grant. The Indian Education for All Department just finished up Title VII Part I of the grant and have sent the student count data in to grant officials.

I have been doing home visits and continue to focus on trying to obtain the signed and completed Student Eligibility Certification forms for the grant.

In addition, I will be working on our Native Youth Powwow which is scheduled on, Saturday, March 19. Check out the poster in the newsletter for complete details.

48TH ANNUAL KYIYO POW WOW UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA



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Honorary Master of Ceremonies-
Earl Old Person, Browning, Montana
Arena Director-
Randall Paskemin, Salt Lake City, Utah
Arena Director-
Clifton Goodwill, Reserve, Kansas
Head Man Dancer-
Davey Madera, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Head Woman Dancer-
Keya Clairmont, Denver, Colorado
Host Drum- **Iron Creek**

2015-2016 KYIYO ROYALTY
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Karaya Pease - Crow
Jr. Miss Kyiyo-
Hailey Hammett - Blackfeet/Gros Ventre
Little Miss Kyiyo-
Tamyah Eashappie - Gros Ventre/Nakoda/Lakota

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SPECIALS
Jr. Miss Kyiyo special: **Teen Girls Fancy vs. Jingle**
Little Miss Kyiyo special: **Junior Girls Fancy**
\$2000 Men's Traditional Special in honor of **Nathaniel Mount** and **Dustin Monroe**, sponsored by the families of Nate and Dustin
Eugene "Jesse" Rose Memorial Men's Traditional Special sponsored by his family
***More specials to be announced on our web site and Facebook page**

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Sat April 23 on Kim Williams trail
For registration go to www.sacredrootsociety.com and additional info on the run please contact us at sacredrootsociety@gmail.com or by phone (406)465-9045

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APRIL 22-23, 2016

GRAND ENTRY TIMES
Friday, April 22nd - 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23rd - Noon and 7 p.m.

CONTEST CATEGORIES
Men's and Women's Golden (age 55+)
Adult Men's and Women's (ages 18-54)
Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Jingle
Teen Boys and Girls (ages 13-17)
Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Jingle
Junior Boys and Girls (ages 7-12)
Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Jingle
Tiny Tots (ages 6 & under)
Singing Contest (1st-3rd)

ADMISSION PRICES
Children 6 and Under & Seniors 65+ FREE
Drum Registration (10 Passes)- \$50
Dancer Registration- \$5
General Admission- \$5 a session or \$12 weekend pass

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