



Lep^hnì Lìpin Winter News

Southern Oregon Indian Education

101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

<https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/migrant-ed-ell/>

Culture & Family Nights

FREE DINNER & SUPPLIES PROVIDED!

Bear Grass Braiding with Jamaya Obie-Brown (Yurok)
Traditional Dancing with Keeli Nehani Littleleaf Kotchik
(Warm Springs) & Jared Jackson (Klamath) & storytelling.

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AllCare Community Health Room A

1701 NE 7th ST Grants Pass OR 97526

RSVP: Jasi Swick, Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us

GOOGLE FORM: <https://forms.gle/j3tAWfFAQpfp1AaE6>

Jackson County: Medford

Tuesdays: December 3rd & 17th 5:30-8:00PM

SOESD 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

RSVP: Teresa Cisneros Teresa_cisneros@soesd.k12.or.us

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/CxhMu3KWk5n4YTYS8>

How to register for the program

Parents/guardians needs to fill out the [Title VI Student Eligibility Form \(Form 506\)](#) (PDF file) in order to register their American Indian/Alaska Native student. Please use a separate form for each student. Please return the completed form to: SOESD Indian Education, 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

Upcoming Events:

December 3rd: Culture Night in Medford

December 5th: Culture night in grants pass

December 11th: Holiday Gathering in Ashland

December 17th: Culture Night in Medford

December 19th: Culture Night in Grants Pass

Winter Break- Offices closed Dec. 20th-Jan. 2nd

December 21st: Winter Solstice



Thank you to Ashland Food CO-OP, Children's Museum of Medford, Kenwani'Cahee Kravitz

-WINTER TRADITIONS-

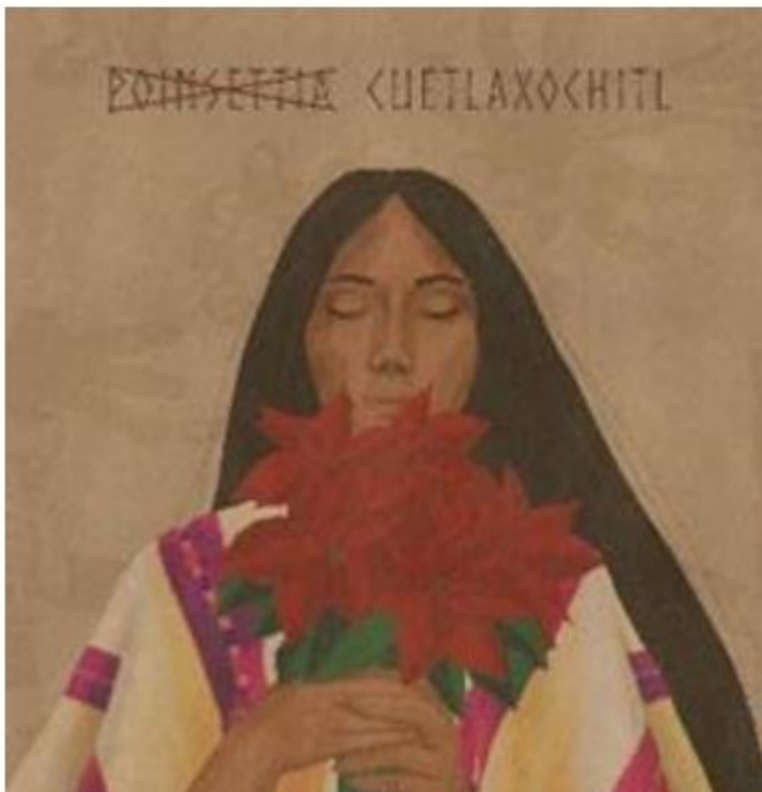
“The cuetlaxochitl flower is native to Mexico. This is a sacred flower that was colonized and written off in history as a "discovery" of Joel Poinsett's in the 1800's. Joel

Poinsett was a slave owner who promoted white supremacy and slavery in his travels and in his political career. He has also been responsible for the displacement of many indigenous peoples along the way by forcibly removing them from their native lands. The

Cuetlaxochime originally had nothing to do with Christianity or Christmas, they were a sacred plant used in ceremonies to celebrate the birth of Huitzilopochtli during our winter solstices. They were also used for medicinal and healing purposes to cure sicknesses, aid the flow of breast milk, as well as for dyeing fabrics. Reverse the harm by calling our xochime by its original name, Cuetlaxochitl, and correcting those around you.”

(Tonantzin Society)

Pronunciation: Kwe•tla•so•cheetl



Cree Elder and Storyteller, Wildfred Buck, shares the story of the Winter Solstice

Hit the play (triangle) in the photo to watch the video.



In our program we are honoring Winter traditions with offering storytelling, basketry, weaving, and regalia making this Winter season.

This is a slower time to prepare for the months ahead. Please bring a story to share at Culture Nights.

Please learn to say **THANK YOU** in your Indigenous Language for a thank you video at the holiday gathering.

CPC: CONSORTIUM PARENT COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Our CPC is the SOESD Indian Education School parent board. They oversee our program providing guidance and oversight while approving our funding. They will also have a much larger presence in our schools in the year ahead!

CPC COUNCIL:

Co-Chair Jackson	Angélica Marbain
Co-Chair Josephine	Echo Miller
Secretary	Jacklyn Holzhauser
Member	Jamaya Obie
Member	Stephanie Ledford
Member	Randall McAllister
Member	Vacant
Student Jackson	Giovanni Jackson
Student Josephine	Cheyenne Martin



The November CPC Meeting video is here for viewing <https://youtu.be/x0m9PFEx4JI>

We have a vacancy as a beloved member left us to travel the world, Japan, Hawaii, and Mexico were hard to compete with. We wish her well on her journey. Please nominate yourself or someone you feel will serve our parent council well! This vacancy was a community seat. It can be a parent, caregiver, or someone else in the community that wants to improve our program for our students and the families we serve. Please complete the form by December 20th.

NOMINATION FORM: <https://forms.gle/3jS53T2x9GpbMf7W9>

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND
MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND POSTED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://soesd.zoom.us/j/99052379985>
Meeting ID: 990 5237 9985

Regular Meetings: First Monday of each month January 6th 6:30-7:30 PM Zoom
For public comment inquiries please contact Jasi Swick, Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us
3 DAYS PRIOR PLEASE

NASU: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT UNIONS

Grants Pass High School

- Advisor: Perry & Watson
Jasi Swick attends meetings.
- fperry@grantspass.k12.or.us
- Meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 3:20PM
after school in room 206 Perry's classroom

Illinois Valley High School

- Advisor: Szijjarato
Jasi Swick attends meetings.
- jaime.szijjarto@threerivers.k12.or.us

Fruitdale Elementary School

- Advisor: Constance Palaia
Jasi Swick attends meetings.
- constance.palaiamarr@threerivers.k12.or.us

North Medford High School

- Advisor: Wolf
Teresa Cisneros attends meetings
- rebekah.wolf@medford.k12.or.us

Eagle Point High School

- Advisor: Sunshine Damico-Ivy
Teresa Cisneros attends meetings
- DamicoIvyS@eaglepnt.k12.or.us

Ashland Middle School

- Advisor: Brittany Hardy
Meets on Wednesdays
Teresa Cisneros attends meetings
- Brittany.Hardy@ashland.k12.or.us



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LEARNING AT HOME DURING THE WINTER BREAK

- ◆ [Every Student Succeeds Act](#)
- ◆ [Legislative Commission on Indian Services](#)
- ◆ [National Indian Education Association](#)
- ◆ [Project Red Talon | Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board](#)
- ◆ [Oregon Indian Education Association](#)

EDUCATION LINKS:

- ◆ [Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools](#)
- ◆ [American Indians of the Pacific Northwest](#)
- ◆ [Education Northwest](#)
- ◆ [Native American Records](#)
- ◆ [Native American Youth Association](#)
- ◆ [NIEA Resource Repository](#)
- ◆ [Office of Indian Education | U.S. Department of Education](#)
- ◆ [Southern Oregon Digital Archives \(SODA\)](#)
- ◆ [Wisdom of the Elders](#)

[Native Knowledge 360](#)



Indigenous Holiday Gift Guide



For that special gift during the Holidays, check out the Center for Indigenous Health’s first Holiday Gift Guide supporting Indigenous artists and authors throughout Indian country. Happy shopping and Happy Holidays to all!

Visit [the guide](#) where you'll find website information.

Some of SOESD Indian Education favorites are:

- [8th Generation](#) -Graduation Blankets are purchased.
- [Baker Bay Beads](#)- majority of beads purchased.
- [Centralia Fur and Hide](#)-Drum and Rattle Kits
- [Takelma Roasting CO](#)- Takelma Books
- [Q’osta:n Designs](#)- Dentalium and Abalone
- [Lakota Made](#)- Jasi’s favorite for gifts.
- [B. Yellowtail](#)- Angélica’s favorite to look at.
- [The Rez Life](#)- Angélica’s favorite to shop at
- [Shipwreck Beads](#)- Tina’s favorite for all things.
- [Best Coast Trade Co](#)- Tina’s favorite, favorite
- [Nar rew ekar by Shoshoni Hostler](#)-Jamaya’s pick
- [Bear Island Designs](#)- Jackie’s favorite pick
- [Umpqua Native Designs](#)- Local Cow Creek Artist
- Our Artist and Vendor families in our program - Teresa’s favorite to support (WINNING ANSWER)

Support Native Owned Businesses this Holiday Season with this list from Beyond Buckskin:

<https://www.beyondbuckskin.com/p/buy-native.html>

You can also find the list of vendors and businesses that are registered with the Indian Arts and Crafts Board. <https://doi.gov/iacb/artisans> This list is searchable by state, country, and even Tribal affiliations. You can also search directly for the product you are looking for.

CULTURE NIGHTS WITH SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION

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Red Earth Descendants

Presents

Winter Solstice Storytelling Social

**Bellview Grange
1050 Tolman Cr Rd
Ashland Or**

**December 21st
2024
5 to 9 pm**

Winter Storytelling Returns to Bellview Grange with a New Circle Style Storytelling

**Come tell your stories after we have a Talking Circle
and share a Potluck community meal.**

**Stories will be focused on traditional stories from
Turtle Island and from other cultures around the world
as we reindiginize for the benefit of our Elder Relatives
and Future Generations**

Bring your most savory dish

**Free Event
Open to the Public
Families Welcome**

**No drugs or Alcohol
We will have Sacred
Medicines Present**

541-941-5989



Winter Solstice: Pure Magic for your SPIRIT

“In the spirit of self-care, community care, accessing our ancestral memory and our most powerful selves, here are 14 different ways that you and your loved ones can spend the winter solstice in observance of a natural phenomenon that comes only once a year. Take what works for you from this list, and if possible, consult with elders and your own traditional teachings for guidance on the best ways to acknowledge this event and deepen your spiritual connection during this time.”

- Take the day to slow down and rest.
- Cook and share a meal.
- Reflect on the past year.
- Give thanks for all your blessings.
- Clean and honor your living space by decluttering.
- Show the people you care for that you appreciate them.
- Channel creative energy through arts.
- Drinking Natural and Medicinal Teas
- Practice self-care
- Go to ceremony.
- Pay attention to the movement of the sun.
- Light a fire.
- Make offerings.
- Set intentions for the longer days ahead.



[Acknowledging the Winter Solstice is a decolonial act for Indigenous People; NDN Collective; Sarah Sunshine Manning; December 14, 2019](#)



Indigenous Youth and Families
Holiday Gathering

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Southern Oregon University
Stevenson Union Arena and Diversion;

Check-In @ 11:30 AM - Lunch @ Noon - Activity Stations @ 1 PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Ornament Making
- Holiday Crafts
- Beaded Gifts
- Family Photo Booth
- Storytelling

PLEASE SIGN IN UPON ARRIVAL

Children under 12 must be accompanied
by an adult.

Please email jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us or Konaway@sou.edu with questions.
Many thanks to the Oregon Cultural Trust and Youth Development Oregon
for supporting the holiday gatherings.



FACEBOOK: Jackson Josephine Soesd IndianEd

YOUTUBE: SOESD STAFF TRAINING VIDEOS

<https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/migrant-ed-ell/>

Teresa Cisneros (She, Her, Hers)

Carrizo/Comecrudo Nation of Texas

SOESD Indian Education Facilitator

541-892-0016 - cell

Teresa_Cisneros@soesd.k12.or.us

JASI (JC) SWICK (She, Her, Hers)

Cheyenne River & Standing Rock Lakota Oyate'

SOESD Indian Education Facilitator

541-776-8590 ext. 3152

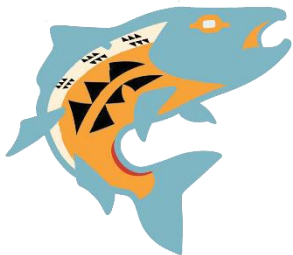
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That one time we attended the SOESD Holiday party!



**SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM,
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