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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!

Traditional Dancing with Keeli Nehani Littleleaf Kotchik
(Warm Springs) & Jared Jackson (Klamath) &
Fire Ecology with Vesper Meadow

Josephine County: Grants Pass

Thursdays: February 13th, 20th 6PM-7:30PM

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: February 11th & 25th 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: Happy Black History Month!

February 8th- Indigenous
Wisdom Offers and
Needs market-Ashland

February 11th: Culture
Night Medford

February 13th: Culture
Night Grants Pass

February 20th-Culture
Night Grants Pass

February 22nd-Indignous
Wisdom Offers& Needs
Market-Grants pass

February 25th: Culture
Night Medford

February 27th: Culture
Night Grants Pass

**Special Thank you to GP
Remembrance for
inviting us to share our
Cultures at the MLK
Community Gathering
and Community Shelter
Assistance Corporation
for donating to our
program!**

-OFFICE SPACES-

INDIAN ED GOT A NEW LOOK

JASI IS NOW IN OFFICE

715 SW RAMSEY AVE GRANTS PASS

JASI: 541-776-8590 EXT. 3152

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY

**TERESA NOW HAS A PRIVATE SPACE
AT SOESD 101 N GRAPE ST MEDFORD**

**COME VISIT-SHARE A MEAL-
TUTORING-LOOK THROUGH OUR
BOOK LIBRARIES- MAKE A
NECKLACE-WHATEVER SUITS YOU!**

WE JUST CAN'T SMUDGE...INDOORS



**Vesper Meadow Online
Training workshop:**

Fire Ecology and the Human
Relationship Curriculum with
the Siletz Tribe of Indians for
Shared History Tribal History

Thursday February 6th

3:30PM-5:30PM

ZOOM

Sign Up:

<https://www.vespermeadow.org/new-events/2025/2/6/training-workshop-fire-ecology-and-the-human-relationship>

Cost- FREE

**SOESD Indian Education
Professional Development**

Please join us in learning more
about the Title VI Indian
Education Program and Shared
History Tribal History, including
ways that district staff can
engage in the complicated world
of tribal culture in our schools,
including culturally relevant
family engagement!

Indian Ed. 101

**Indian Ed. 101, Title VI – April
9, 2025**

All are welcome to the trainings.
Tribal History/Shared History:

**Tribal History/Shared History
– April 23, 2025**

CPC: CONSORTIUM PARENT COMMITTEE UPDATES:

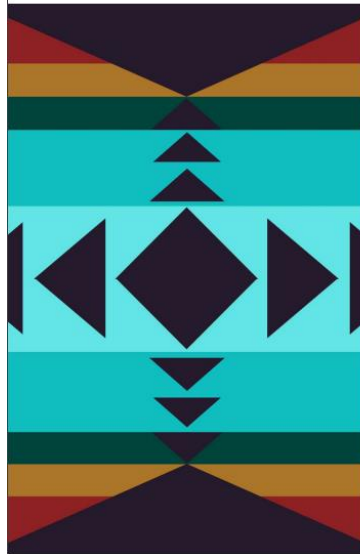
Our CPC is the SOESD Indian Education School parent board. They oversee our program providing guidance and oversight while approving our funding.

CPC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:

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



[January CPC Meeting Recording](#)



Indian Education

Thank you to our SOESD CPC: Consortium Parent Committee

Angélica Marbain, Echo Miller, Jacklyn Holzhauser,
Jamaya Obie, Stephanie Ledford, Randall McAllister,
Allison Mellelo Germano, Student Leaders: Giovanni
Jackson, & Cheyenne Martin

January is School Board Appreciation Month, and
we appreciate you all!



**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 February 3rd 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
- 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
- jaime.szijjarto@threerivers.k12.or.us

Fruitdale Elementary School

- Advisor: Constance Palaia
- constance.palaiamarr@threerivers.k12.or.us

North Medford High School

- Advisor: Rebekah Wolf
- rebekah.wolf@medford.k12.or.us

Eagle Point High School

- Advisor: Sunshine Damico-Ivy
● DamicoIvyS@eaglepnt.k12.or.us

Ashland Middle School

- Advisor: Brittany Hardy
Meets on Wednesdays
● Brittany.Hardy@ashland.k12.or.us

South Medford School

- Advisor: Denea LaQua

Central Point

- Advisor: Marcella Six

Bellview Elementary

- Advisor: Natalie Jackson

Walker Elementary

- Advisor: Felicia Florendo

Hellman Elementary

- Advisor: Tia McLean

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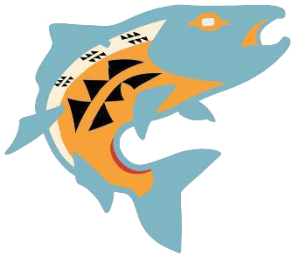
Apply: youth.sou.edu/konaway

Questions contact: youthprograms@sou.edu

“Konaway Nika Tillicum, which means “All My Relations” in Chinook Trade Jargon, is an eight-day academic program exploring a broad range of classes, lectures, cultural experiences, and recreational activities for Native American students.

Since 1996, Konaway Nika Tillicum provides students the opportunity to stay on the SOU campus, spend time with tribal elders and leaders, attend an Oregon Shakespeare Festival play, and meet other Native students from across the country. Designed for students in grades 7-12, Konaway students choose course offerings in the following areas: humanities, mathematics, science, social studies, fine and performing arts, and cultural studies.

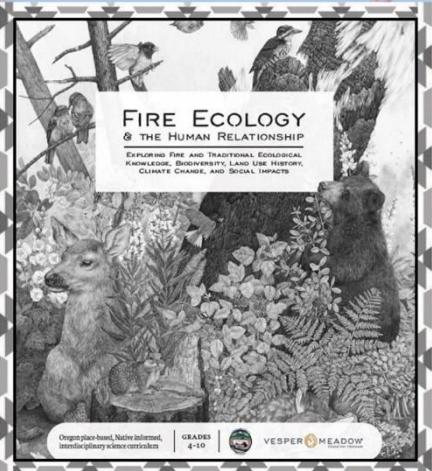
Students who are selected for the Konaway program have their costs covered, through the generous support of grants and outside financial supporters.” -SOU Youth Programs



Indian Education

CULTURE NIGHTS WITH SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians & Vesper Meadow Education Program Present:



An Oregon-based Curriculum for 4th–10th grade

Vesper Meadow will be sharing lessons from their Tribal History/ Shared History Curriculum at culture nights again this year. We are so excited to receive Jeanine and Stasie! We are starting promptly and on time!

Medford SOESD 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501
February 11th and 20th 5:30PM-8PM

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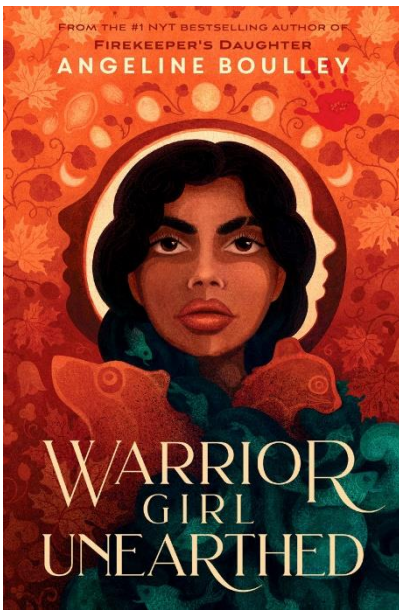
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Keeli and Jared are making their big New York Fashion Week debut as models for New Rew Ekar by designer Shoshoni Hostler in February! We can't wait to hear all about their big city adventures and celebrate our favorite Auntie and Unc's success! Keep Shining!

Keeli also dropped her own designs available for purchase through, [NativeQueensDesign](https://www.nativequeensdesign.com)



SOESD Indian Education Book Club

We have 13 openings and hard copies of *Warrior Girl Unearthed* by **Angeline Boulley**. The recommended reading ages are high school and post-secondary. We will take a month to complete the book and host open discussions during the month and at the completion of the book.

Meeting Dates: on zoom and in person if there is interest

Accommodation is available upon request

Lincoln's Pow-wow

February 7, 8, 9, 2025

Simnasho, Oregon

MC—Carlos Calica

Categories

- Tiny Tots Paid Daily
- Junior Boys/Girls 7-12 Yrs Old
- Teen Boys/Girls 13-17 Yrs Old
- Adult Men/Women 18-59 Yrs Old
- Golden Age Men/Women 60+ Yrs Old

Grand Entry

- Friday 7:00 PM;
- Saturday 1:00 PM
- (No Evening Grand Entry)
- Sunday 1:30 PM

Sweethearts Special Valentine's Day Themed Prizes

Carol Craig Kuthla Special

(Ages 60+ Years Old)

- 1st Place: \$800 & Pendleton Coat
- 2nd Place: \$500 & Pendleton Shawl
- 3rd Place: \$300 & Pendleton Bag

DRUM CONTEST

- 1st Place \$3,000
- 2nd Place \$2,000
- 3rd Place \$1,000

Other Specials To Be Announced—Watch Facebook for Updates

VENDING SPOTS ON A FIRST PAID, FIRST SERVE BASIS

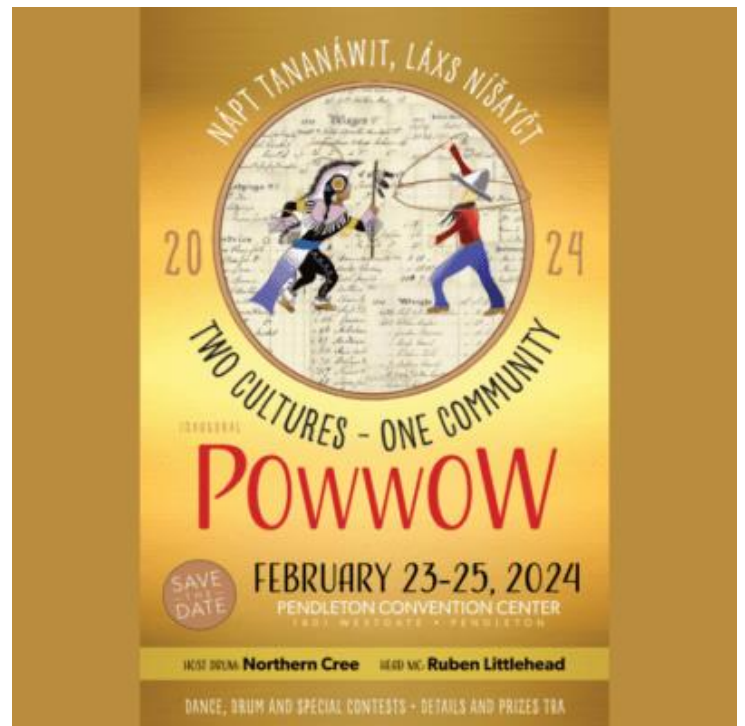
Vendor Contact Sandra Greene—sandra195977@gmail.com

No Walking Sales or Parking Lot Sales

Powwow Info: Austin Greene—(541)553-3243 (Message)

Margie Tuckta—margie.tuckta@gmail.com

Lincoln's Pow-wow is a drug and alcohol free event. Committee is not responsible for lost/stolen items



[RSVP: GOOGLE FORM](#)

Freedom Celebration

February 18th 6-9PM in Portland

Great Spirit Native American Church

We are accepting monetary donations!

Got news? Send it to Jasi

Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us

FREE EVENT

The Children's Museum
OF SOUTHERN OREGON

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM & BASE
ARE PARTNERING TO PRESENT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
12 PM - 5 PM

Get ready for a day filled with:

- Youth group dance performance
- Drumming demonstrations
- Engaging activities
- Food truck (for purchase)
- FREE ADMISSION & EVENT**

This event is sponsored in part by grants from

TRAVEL OREGON CULTURAL TRUST

BASE
Southern Oregon

BASE is a nonprofit community organization that provides events, community information-sharing, connection, support, and resources that work towards the well-being and advancement of Black residents living in Southern Oregon.

WWW.BASEOREGON.ORG

The Children's Museum

Learn more WWW.TCMSO.ORG

541-772-9922 413 W. MAIN ST. MEDFORD, OR

Black History Month: February

We just want to honor and recognize our African American, Black Indigenous, Black Native, and Afro-Indigenous relatives. 1-2% of the American Black population identify as both Black and Indigenous. The American History of our Black relatives is one of tragedy and triumphs. We look forward to learning more from you on how we can be a better ally and supporter.

In the powerful words of our CPC Leader Jamaya Obie-Brown, “As a Black Indigenous person I embody the intersections of multiple cultures each with its own history, struggles, and wisdom. When one suffers, we all suffer. When one thrives, we all can thrive. Being mixed is valid, you are children of two worlds, and we are all interconnected to navigate this world, you must stand strong in who you are. Especially when others try to define you by how you look. Whether you don’t appear Black, White, or Native enough. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Don’t allow anybody to make you feel that you are a nobody. Always know that you have worth and that your life has ultimate significance.” I invite you all to hold onto that truth and walk with pride.” -Jamaya Obie-Brown

Local Organizations to support:

[:Base for Southern Oregon](http://www.baseoregon.org)

[Oregon Remembrance Project](http://www.oregonremembranceproject.org)

[SOBAASS](http://www.sobaass.org)

BASE
Southern Oregon

YOU ARE INVITED TO

SAVE THE DATE

1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING Gala

- ALL WHITE FORMAL ATTIRE EVENT -

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 28, 2025 | AT 6 PM

ASHLAND HILLS HOTEL & SUITES AND CONVENTION CENTER
2525 ASHLAND STREET, ASHLAND, OR 97520

Formal Invitation Will Follow

www.BASEOregon.org

Native community is strongest together. 🌱

Join us for the 2nd annual Indigenous Wisdom & The Offers and Needs Market for Southern Oregon
Ashland: Saturday, February 8 from 3-6 PM at the Bellview Grange Hall followed by a potluck
Grants Pass: Saturday, February 22 from 1-4 PM at the Redwood Grange.

Co-facilitated by Teresa Cisneros & Jasi Swick, with guest speakers Kenwani'Cahee Kravitz, & Echo Miller.

In partnership with SOESD Indian Education, NativeWomanShare, and Red Earth Descendants

You'll have the chance to:

- 🌻 Offer your passions, knowledge, skills, resources, and opportunities.
- 🌺 Request support for your needs and projects.
- 🍀 Connect with like-minded individuals committed to mutual aid and community resilience.
- 🌲 Learn about the work of local Indigenous leaders & non-profits.

Register for free at: <https://offersandneeds.com/mutual-aid-oregon-2025/>

The Offers and Needs Market

Mutual aid
Wellbeing
Reciprocity
Solidarity
Community
Organizing

Indigenous Wisdom & The Offers and Needs Market

Ashland - Saturday, February 8th, 3-6 PM
Grants Pass - Saturday, February 22nd, 1-4 PM

Free Registration:

Learn about Indigenous mutual aid and community care practices and experience the Offers & Needs Market. We'll identify and exchange our passions, knowledge, skills, resources, opportunities, and needs. Attend one or both of these free sessions, featuring an Indigenous guest speaker. Snacks provided, with a dinner potluck after the Ashland event. Questions? Contact Crystal@postgrowth.org

offersandneeds.com/mutual-aid-oregon-2025/

SOESD Indian Education
Red Earth Descendants
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Post Growth INSTITUTE

**SEEKING PHENOMENAL
INDIGENOUS FUTURE K-12
TEACHERS & TEACHER MENTORS
March 17 - June 5, 2025**

The Sapsik'wałá Teacher Education Program invites YOU to APPLY to participate in our Native Future Teachers Program!
The Sapsik'wałá Grow Your Own (GYO) Program is a 12-week mentorship program for American Indian/Alaska Native high school and undergraduate students.



UP TO 30 AI/AN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN WEEKLY ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL SUPPORT THROUGH MENTORSHIP WITH CURRENT SAPSIK'WAŁÁ STUDENTS, SAPSIK'WAŁÁ ALUMNI EDUCATORS, AND ELDERS TO ATTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME A LICENSED K-12 TEACHER. AS THIS PROGRAM WILL BE A DISTANCE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (THROUGH ZOOM), PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT AS WELL AS GIFT CARDS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROJECT BENCHMARKS!

APPLICATION DEADLINE - for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS due FEBRUARY 14

APPLICATION DEADLINE - for COLLEGE STUDENTS due FEBRUARY 14

APPLICATION DEADLINE - for MENTORS due FEBRUARY 1



To find out more about student and mentor incentives check out our website or contact GYO Program Coordinator, Dr. Rena Dunbar at gyo@uoregon.edu.

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

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

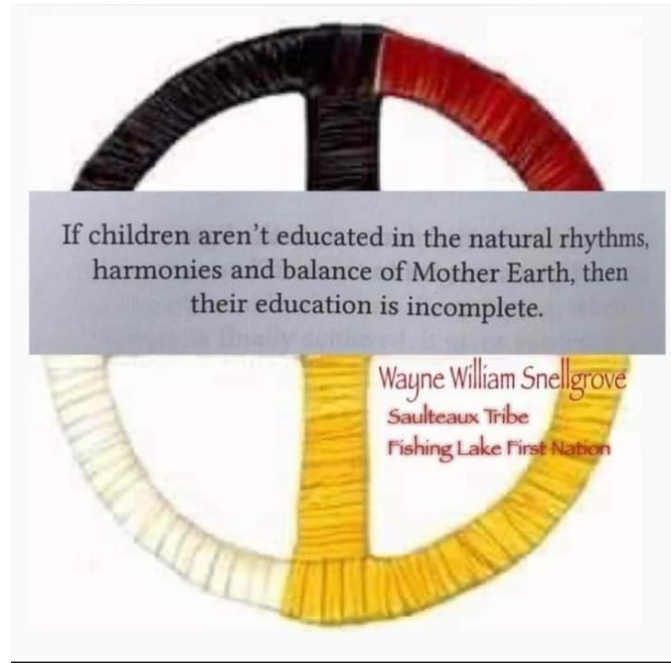
Cheyenne River & Standing Rock Lakota Oyate'

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This meditation is found in my new book called,
"Daily Medicine "



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