



September Newsletter 2025

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!

Please complete this form on what days and
/times work best for you:

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

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

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

Thursday 9/25/25 at 6PM

AllCare Community Health Room A

1701 NE 7th ST Grants Pass OR 97526

Tuesday 9/30/2025 at 6PM

SOESD Medford 101 N Grape St Medford OR 97501

Our First Culture nights will include a back to school
give away of school supplies and a program orientation.

How to register for the program

Parents/guardians needs to fill out the [Title VII 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:

September 6th-7th Pottsville
Red Hawk Powwow

September 25th- Culture
Night Grants Pass

Saturday September 27th:
Greater Medford
Multicultural Fair SOESD
Indian Education
Performance at 10AM

September 30th- Culture
Night Medford – **National
Day of Remembrance for
US Indian Boarding Schools**

Special Summer Thanks:

Konaway Nika Tillicum



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NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ACADEMY

Multicultural Kids Camp



NEW INTAKE FORM!

Please take time to fill this out and someone will contact you. We are also working on a parent training on how to navigate your school in bully situations and bias incidents. This training will include:

1. Difference between bullying and a bias incident
2. Recognizing bias
3. What to do when you bring concerns to the school and nothing changes.
4. How to address administration and teachers.
5. The importance of keeping records, journaling and advocates.
6. The process of reporting an incident and what to expect. **Fill out the form here:**

<https://forms.gle/iDgitAUnRLbezRog8>

FEEDBACK SURVEY!

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE OUR FEEDBACK SURVEY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!

<https://forms.gle/FfN2A22uRKoxXCir8>

Consortium Parent Committee ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND POSTED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

First Meeting October 6th at 6PM

First Monday of each month

Zoom Meeting: <https://soesd.zoom.us/j/99502496528?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 995 0249 6528

For public comment inquiries please contact Jasi Swick,
Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us 3 DAYS PRIOR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SOESD Indian Education Student Performance at the Multicultural Fair. Please fill our form if you are interested in performing. We are performing at 10AM



For more information please visit Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/greatermedfordmulticultural/>

CPC: Consortium Parent Committee is recruiting for 2 student leader positions. One student for each county.

Please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/KZRuVy7mY7kRRGpG7> if your student is interested. The position is typically for high school aged students and is a wonderful opportunity to serve on a board and learn some professional development. It also looks great on scholarship applications!

NASU: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT UNIONS

Grants Pass High School

- Advisors: Watson & Perry
- rwatson@grantspass.k12.or.us
- fperry@grantspass.k12.or.us

Illinois Valley High School

- Advisor: Szijjarato
- jaime.szijjarto@threeivers.k12.or.us

Fruitdale Elementary School

- Advisor: Constance Palaia
- constance.palaia@threeivers.k12.or.us

North Medford High School

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

South Medford High School

- Advisors: Danae LaQua
- Danae.laqua@medford.k12.or.us

Ashland Middle School

- Advisor: Hardy
- Brittany.Hardy@ashland.k12.or.us

Ashland High School

- Advisor: Katie Barber
- Katie.Barber@ashland.k12.or.us

Walker Elementary

Advisor: Felicia Florendo

Hellman Elementary

Advisor: Tia McLean

Eagle Point High School

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

Crater High School

- Advisors: Marcella Six
- Marcella.six@district6.org

Bellview Elementary

Advisor: Natalie Jackson



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Meet your Indian Education Facilitator



Jasi (pronounced *JC*) Swick (she, her)

Southern Oregon Education Service District,
Student Focused Programs, Indian Education
Program, Indian Education Facilitator

Jasi Swick was born on the Standing Rock Reservation and is Lakota Oyate' of the Oceti Sakowin (Seven Council Fires): Hunkpapa (Camps at the Entrance) of the Standing Rock Reservation & Mnicoujou (Planters By the Water), Sihasapa (Black Foot), Oohenumpa (Two Kettle), Itazipco (Without Bows) Citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Jasi grew up in very rural Montana and moved to Oregon 8 years ago with her long-term partner, Andy and their two children: Alyssa and Alexander.

Jasi began working at Indian Education in 2020 as a full-time volunteer through AmeriCorps. After she completed her studies at Southern Oregon University focusing on Education and Native American Studies, she accepted a position at Indian Education as a facilitator in 2022. Prior to working for SOESD Jasi worked for the State of Montana as a long-term care specialist and for the Head Start Program as a home visitor, preschool teacher, and family advocate serving rural communities.

Jasi is a strong advocate for our Indigenous Youth, Red Pedagogy methods, and supporting low-income families. She also works for Options for Southern Oregon and finds the time to be active in her children's school activities. Jasi has presented parenting classes, training, Boarding School Healing and History circles, and hosts culture nights that teach Indigenous families indigenous crafts and teachings. She visits schools and assists with scholarship presentations and is often asked to contribute and speak at different universities as a first-generation college student and scholar. Jasi is also a Native Certified Recovery Mentor with 20 years of sobriety.

In her free time, she enjoys gardening and growing traditional medicines that she shares with her community. Jasi volunteers for countless organizations in Jackson and Josephine County and serves on boards throughout the State of Oregon and as a member of the Cobell Alumni Leader Circle. Jasi's office is located in Grants Pass and she always welcomes visitors!

POTTSVILLE RED HAWK
SEPT 6TH 7TH 2025

Memorial POW WOW

HOST DRUM ELK THUNDER

HONOR DRUM

MC JESSE JACKSON

ARENA DIRECTOR

ALL DRUMS WELCOME

TWO SPIRITS WELCOME

PUBLIC WELCOME FREE

FRYBREAD BOOTH

VENDOR BOOTHS

RAFFLE BOOTH

GRANT ENTRY SAT AT 6PM

SAT GATE OPEN AT 10 ENDING AT 10PM

SUNDAY 10AM TO 4PM

GRAND ENTRY AT 1PM

NO DIS PLAY OR SALE OF PROTECTED SPECIES OR PIPE STONE

PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON LEACH AND CLEAN UP
NO CROSSING DANCE ARE ,OR KIDS PLAYING IN AREA
FOR MORE INFORMATIONS PLEASE CONTACT JUDY AT
541 476 0126 NO CALL AFTER 5PM OR TEXT ONLY AT 541 218 2384

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUG OR FIREARMS OR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING
ALLOWED

IF A FIRE IN AREA OR HEAVY SMOKE IN AREA EVENT MAY BE
CANCELED PRIOR ALL VENDORS AND DRUMS WILL BE NOTIFIED

DONATIONS NEED for Raffle Booth on \$ \$





Indian Education

CULTURE NIGHT

THURSDAY SEPT. 25TH

TIME: 6PM-7:30PM

ALLCARE COMMUNITY ROOM A

1701 NE 7th ST Grants Pass

Free to attend– Dinner Provided



For students & families of SOESD Indian Ed

RSVP FORM: <https://forms.gle/j3tAWfFAOpfp1AaE6>

JASI SWICK: JASILYN_SWICK@SOESD.K12.OR.US

YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

CHECKOUT:

- [WEBSITE](#)
- [YOUTUBE](#)
- [FACEBOOK](#)

Back to School
Give Away
Program
Orientation

Making plans for
the school year

Get to know Jasi



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SOESD

Southern Oregon Education Service District

Indian Education

CULTURE NIGHT

TUESDAY SEPT. 30TH
TIME: 6PM-7:30PM
SOESD

101 N Grape St Medford 97501

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September 30

**National Day of Remembrance
for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools**

boardingschoolhealing.org

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In community we
will gather

We will talk about
the history and the
truth and
reconciliation
efforts



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US Indian Boarding School Remembrance:

September 30

**National Day of Remembrance
for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools**

boardingschoolhealing.org



“Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. While the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) originated in Canada, it was adopted in the U.S. as the National Day of Remembrance for those who attended Indian boarding schools.

The day honors the children who never returned home and Survivors of boarding schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation and healing process.

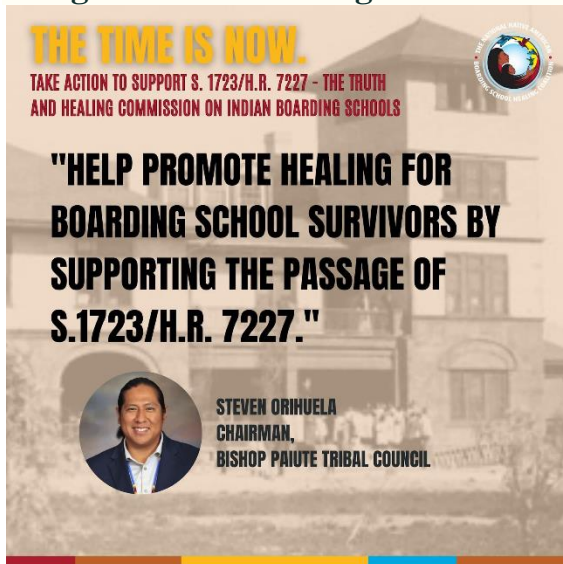
In Canada, this federal statutory holiday was created through [legislative amendments](#) made by Parliament.

The following resources can help people gain a better understanding of the National Day of Remembrance, along with curriculum and best practices for anyone doing an in-person event.

For people looking to learn more about the importance of this day:

1. [Truth and Reconciliation: A long journey to healing](#) (Indian Country Today)
2. [National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools](#) (Medium)
3. [Canada makes September 30 a national holiday](#) (CBC)
4. [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (Government of Canada)
5. [Learn about Orange Shirt Day](#)
6. [NABS Day of Remembrance 2021](#)

For governments or organizations looking for examples of support:



1. [Truth & Healing Commission Bill](#)
2. Proclamation for “Day for Truth and Reconciliation” ([Carlisle Borough](#))
3. [U.S. Senate Resolution](#) (117th Congress: S.Con.Res.28)
4. [U.S. House Resolution](#) (117th Congress: H.Con.Res.53)
5. [Support for Truth and Healing on Indian Boarding Schools: NCAI Resolution](#)
6. [BlueCross/Blue Shield Support](#): Honoring the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

For educators looking for curriculum:

1. [NABS Truth and Healing Curriculum](#)
2. [Oregon State, 8th Grade](#)
3. [NIEA Trauma Informed Research](#)
4. [Stewart Indian School Defines Historical Trauma](#)
5. [PBS Lesson Plan: Native American Boarding Schools and Human Rights](#)
6. [Ziibiwing Supplementary Curriculum Guide](#)
7. [Smithsonian Curriculum](#)” -<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>



**The National Native American
Boarding School Healing Coalition**

<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>



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Southern Oregon Education Service District

Indian Education

SOESD Indian Education and Southern Oregon University's Native American Programs Boarding School Healing Project is available on SOESD Indian Education YouTube. This captured the stories of local survivors and descendants.

<https://youtu.be/eJt5QYBhHFg?si=86icEQn7lee2pONX>

Oregon Tribal History/Shared History

Cultural Assimilation & Indian Boarding Schools

Lesson Plan

Additional Materials

- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Active Reading Worksheet: Chemawa](#)
- [Active Reading Worksheet: Reddick](#)
- [Chemawa Letter](#)
- [Chemawa Indian Boarding School](#)
- [OPB Chemawa Article](#)



The National Native American Boarding School

Healing Coalition (NABS) invites you to explore the latest research through this interactive map, which was created in partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. You can find information and locations for all 523 known Indian boarding schools in the United States, as well as known Indian residential schools in Canada.

MAP: <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/interactive-digital-map-of-indian-boarding-schools/>

More healing resources from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition:

[Resource List for Trauma Responses](#)

[Self-care in a Time of Truth and Healing: Healing Our Spirit, Creating Safety Within](#) - Webinar with Serene Thin Elk (Ihanktonwan Nakota) MH, LAC, QMHP,

[Phyllis's Story](#): The Original Story About Orange Shirt Day. Books: Phyllis's Orange Shirt by Phyllis Webstad and For Older students: The Orange Shirt Story by Phyllis Webstad

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

32nd
ANNUAL



September
20-21, 2025

Agness, Oregon
Big Bend Field

<< THIS IS A >>
DRUG & ALCHOL FREE EVENT

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- FREE Dry Camping
- Vendors
- Drumming & Dancing
- Games & Raffles

SAT 9/20: Breakfast + Salmon Dinner

SUN 9/21: Canoe Races

719-210-6632 626-201-2249



Agness-Illahee

Presented By:
Confederated Tribes of
the Lower Rogue

lowerrogue.org

Special thanks to:



Artist:
Sue Gallego
sunsuga.sol@
gmail.com

13TH ANNUAL NEERCHOKIKOO POWWOW



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

11 AM
Drum
Check-in

1 PM
Grand
Entry

5 PM
Community
Meal

6 PM
Honoring
Ceremony

7 PM
Second
Grand Entry

HEAD STAFF:

MC: Gilbert Brown, Klamath/Modoc and Paiute

AD: Anthony Quenelle, Grand Ronde/Klamath/Modoc

Head Woman: Lacey Bacon, Shoshone Bannock/Colville/Couer d'Alene/Spokane

Head Man: Gary Olney, Yakama

Two Spirit Head Dancer: Asa Wright, Klamath/Modoc

Color Guard: Local Native Veterans | **Host Drum:** Four Directions

Honorarium Provided for first four drum groups

For More Information visit: nayapdx.org

NAYA Family Center 5135 NE Columbia Blvd | Portland, OR 97218 | 503.288.8177



The National Native American
Boarding School Healing Coalition

TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS ARTS SERIES

HEALING THROUGH SONG

WITH MASTER NATIVE ARTIST TIANA SPOTTED THUNDER

This workshop will entail teachings of Lakota philosophies through singing and songs. Tiana will explain songs that are good for the spirit and different healing songs for personal and spiritual use. We will use participants' individual experiences to guide the kinds of songs that can be catered to the participant's individual healing.



SESSION 1:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER. 9 AT 1PM PT/2PM MT/3PM CT/4PM ET

SESSION 2:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER. 16 AT 1PM PT/2PM MT/3PM CT/4PM ET



VIA ZOOM - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

We're committed to accessibility — ASL interpreter provided by



REGISTER NOW

boardingschoolhealing.org



[FACEBOOK: Jackson Josephine Soesd IndianEd](#)

[YOUTUBE: SOESD STAFF TRAINING VIDEOS](#)

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

Cheyenne River & Standing Rock Lakota Oyate'

SOESD Indian Education Facilitator

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

SOESD – Ramsey

715 SW Ramsey Ave

Grants Pass OR 97526

Wellbriety Talking Circle

For all seeking the Red Road Healing Path of Recovery

Tuesday Evenings

6:30 - 8PM at Rogue Recovery Center

What is Wellbriety?

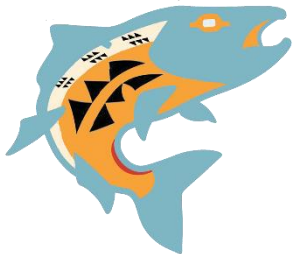
Wellbriety seeks to disseminate culturally based principles, values, and teachings to support healthy community development and servant leadership, and to support healing from alcohol, substance abuse, co-occurring disorders, and intergenerational trauma.

All Are Welcome

Hosted by:
ROGUE
— RECOVERY CENTER —
550 SW 6th St Suite F
Grants Pass, OR 97526



**SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM,
101 N. Grape St., Medford, OR 97504**



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