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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!

Josephine County: Grants Pass

Thursdays: April 16th & 30th 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

Thursday: April 23rd 6PM-8:00PM

SOESD 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

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

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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:

April 16: Culture night
Grants Pass 6-8pm

April 23: Culture Night
Medford 6-8pm

April 30: Culture Night
Grants Pass 6-8pm

May 4th: CPC Meeting

Special Thanks:

Post Growth Institute

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Cow Creek Band of
Umpqua Tribe of
Indians Language
and Education
Departments



COW CREEK BAND
OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS



Indian Education

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS:

https://youtu.be/ecyDKBhKcns?si=kEHef8Nmwd_Khbmng

https://youtu.be/H7fkAn0W_F4?si=6Z0zqT27ewyjjICV

SCHOLARSHIP LIST:

Presentation Materials:

SENIOR TODO: Complete blanket ceremony form and send Jasi your photo and Tribal Affiliations ASAP-Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS:

[001-2020-21 Tribal Regalia at Public School Ceremonies](#)

“Under Oregon law, public schools “may not prohibit a student from wearing Native American items of cultural significance at a public-school event.” Items of “cultural significance” are defined by the statute as “items or objects that are traditionally associated with a Native American or that have religious or cultural significance to a Native American.” The statute further defines a “public school event” to include “a graduation ceremony, an award ceremony, a public meeting or any other public event held or sponsored by a school district.”

[American Civil Liberties Union: Self Advocacy Oregon Tribal Regalia Letter Template](#)

Ask an Elder:

Spring Teachings with Elder Gerry Martin



https://youtu.be/z9ze_EpoWP8?si=Au-sat6vSi4St1TR

SENIOR BLANKET CEREMONY

Please complete this form on days and times that work best!



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 COUNCIL: Consortium Parent Committee Members (CPC) 2025-2026

Chairperson (Josephine County): **Echo Miller** (Klamath Tribe)

Chairperson Jackson County: **Allison Germano** (Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe)

Secretary/Treasurer: **Jacklyn Holzhauser** (Yurok Tribe)

Jackson County Member: **Randall McAllister** (Karuk Tribe)

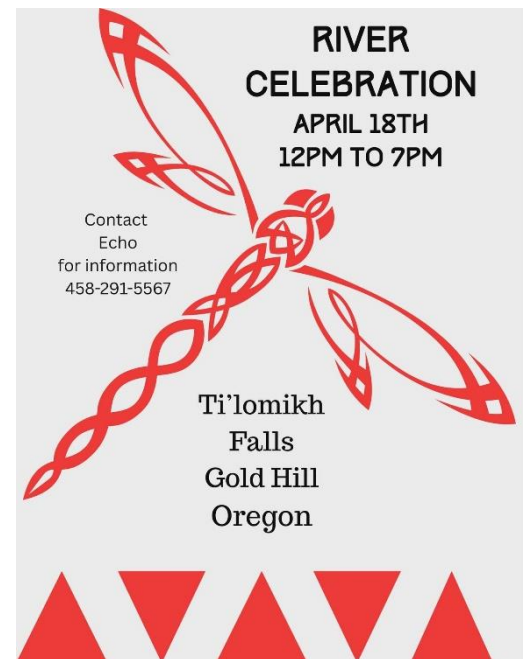
Jackson County Member: **Mariah Gonzalez** (Cherokee Nation)

Josephine County Member: **Stephanie Ledford** (Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe)

Josephine County Member: **Jamaya Obie Brown** (Yurok Tribe)

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Add student feedback on this [form](#) for our Title VI Indian Education Grant.



CPC Meeting: ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND POSTED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Topic: CPC Meeting

Time: May 4, 2026 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://soesd.zoom.us/j/92501725964?from=addon>

Join Meeting Link: 925 0172 5964

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

Crater High School

- Advisor: Marcella Six
- marcella.six@district6.org

Bellview Elementary

- Advisor: Natalie Jackson

Walker Elementary

- Advisor: Felicia Florendo

Hellman Elementary

- Advisor: Tia McLean

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Indian Education

Elder Teachings: We follow our elders in all things.

They set the pace, and we follow, Seats in front are reserved for elders, elders eat first, No touching without permission, Approach with respect for their energy and ask permission for their time, Approach with a gift (coming in a good way)

If an elder has passed on we do not call them back to our physical world by speaking their name. You respect them by making relations with their relations- and all relations. To honor someone that has passed you can do so by living well and checking in on their relatives. Reverence is given to our elders. SOESD Indian Education students provide elder care wherever we go- it is who we are!

Protocols: Be Respectful and Have a Wonderful Time!

NO TOUCHING: Don't touch an Indigenous person while they are wearing their regalia. Honestly, it is weird to come up and touch a stranger at any time but our regalia is for ceremony, prayer, and our own family, clan, and self-expression. Regalia has specific purposes for healing the person wearing it and through the ceremony or dance heal others. The regalia may have been prayed over or has already been smudged with prayers. Some cultures it is appropriate to offer a hand first, if both agree on the energy felt you then can go in for a hug.

Please don't ever touch or ask to braid our hair either. Each culture has their own teachings

-NO DRUGS or ALCOHOL ARE ALLOWED WITHIN CEREMONY SPACES-

Some cultures of Indigenous people have teachings that require 30 days of clean eating through their body prior to wearing their regalia. Other cultures require a full year. Some require 4 days of fasting. Alcohol and Consumer made tobacco are not traditional for our people and it is a great offense to bring drugs or alcohol around. Ask the person for photos prior to taking them. Some people are comfortable while others are not. Be respectful. If you are unsure, ask an Auntie! We are here to learn, heal, and celebrate! Catch you at Intertribals-where we all dance!

Unless it is a guide/service animal it should stay home. They guard a little too well and we want our ancestors present to celebrate with us.

Our Sincerest and Heartfelt Thanks to Our Relatives of The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Language & Education Departments, **tuuwuù'k^h**



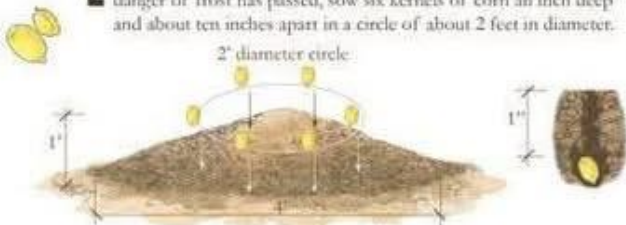
**We received a beautiful gift of names and artwork for
the conference rooms at the new and improved
District Office after the Alameda Fire.**



1 In spring, prepare the soil by adding fish scraps or wood ash to increase fertility.



2 Make a mound of soil a foot high and four feet wide. When the danger of frost has passed, sow six kernels of corn an inch deep and about ten inches apart in a circle of about 2 feet in diameter.



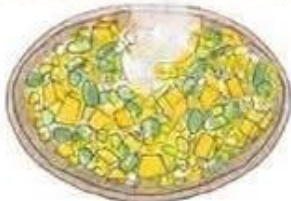
3 When the corn is about 5 inches tall, plant four bean seeds, evenly spaced, around each stalk.



4 About a week later, plant six squash seeds, evenly spaced, around the perimeter of the mound.



5 After harvest, make three sisters succotash.



CORN

provides structure for the beans.

BEANS

pull nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil and vines wind and twist towards the sunlight, they bind the three together and provide further structure.

SQUASH

The large leaves of the sprawling squash provide shade keeping the soil cool, moist and weed-free. create living mulch that shades moist and preventing weeds. The prickly squash leaves also keep away raccoons, which don't like to step on them.

TOGETHER

The three sisters provide both sustainable soil fertility as well as a healthy diet.

We will be planting Three Sister Gardens at all our schools that want one!

Multicultural Kids Day Camp 2026

JUNE 22ND - JUNE 26TH
VALLEY OF THE ROGUE STATE PARK

CULTURAL IMMERSION FOR YOUTH, AGES 10 - 13
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Rough & Ready Wildflower Hike



Saturday, April 25th 2026

10am

Meet at the parking area at Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside south of Cave Junction on Hwy 199 at mile marker 34

The walk through the Rough and Ready Wayside is geared for plant enthusiasts and novices alike. This is a great opportunity for folks to come out and enjoy the spring wildflowers no matter what your skill level on plant identification might be.

This is a short hike on rocky, but relatively level ground, with lots of beautiful wildflowers to see, many of them are rare or of limited range.

A portion of the hike will be along a wheel-chair accessible path so folks of limited mobility can come out and enjoy the wildflowers too.

Be Prepared Bring water, dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Bring lunch if you like, there's a picnic table overlooking Rough & Ready Creek.

For More Information Call Suzanne at 541-659-7407

Sponsored by: Cultural & Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) and the Native Plant Society



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CULTURE & FAMILY NIGHT!

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH
TIME: 6PM-7:30PM
SOESD MEDFORD

1701 NE 7TH ST GRANTS PASS

FREE TO ATTEND - DINNER IS PROVIDED

For students and families of SOESD Indian Ed



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For questions please contact Jasi (JC)

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26th ANNUAL ROGUE VALLEY VETERANS POWWOW

June 6th & 7th, 2026

**VA REHABILITATION CENTER AND CLINICS
8495 CRATER LAKE HWY, WHITE CITY**

Event Sponsored by Southern Oregon Indian Center

PUBLIC WELCOME & FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY JUNE 6th

GOURD DANCING 10:00 AM
GRAND ENTRY 1:00 & 7:00 PM
FEAST 5:00 – 7:00 PM

SUNDAY JUNE 7th

GOURD DANCING 10:00 AM
GRAND ENTRY 1:00 PM
CEREMONY CLOSES 4:00 PM

MC: David West

Arena Director: Stuart Whitehead

Host Drum: Midnight Traveler's

Honor Drum: Warrior Society

Gourd Drum: Jononaai-Chet Clark

Head Man: Luke Wolgamott

Head Woman: Amanda Lovik

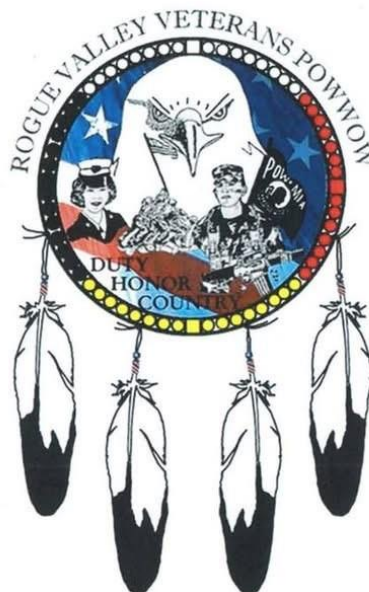
NO ANIMALS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR WEAPONS ALLOWED

For more information call: Nick Hall at 541-659-0309

Donations for Feast call: Terese at 541-295-5606

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Cell: 541-890-8861 -Call or Text



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

WE ARE SWITCHING FROM PARENT SQUARE TO CONSTANT CONTACT TO SEND YOU INFORMATION RELEVANT TO YOUR FAMILY AND STUDENT. WE NEED YOU TO COMPLETE THE FORM WITH YOUR NAME, NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND CHECK THE BOX TO CONSENT TO MESSAGING. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US STAY IN TOUCH!



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CLICK HERE TO CONFIRM SIGN UP FOR COMMUNICATIONS



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