



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!

We are off and running in the new year of 2024. We hope everyone is recharged, rested, and ready to get back to work in the classroom and beyond.

We had a super busy month of December, with generous support from the Puyallup Tribal Council and Puyallup Tribe of Indians, as we distributed hams and groceries to many of our Native families.

We are starting to schedule out our remaining events and activities on the calendar for the rest of this school year. Please take a look at the dates and events included in this newsletter as well as on the Indian Education website.

Seniors and parents/guardians of seniors should be in close contact with their Guidance Counselors and Career & College Counselors, as well as their Indian Education Specialists to ensure everything is in order to graduate on time this spring.

We hope to see you at some events the coming months. Thank you for your support of your students and the Indian Education Program.

DAVID SYTH, DIRECTOR INDIAN EDUCATION / TITLE III



November Grocery Event



Families were treated to fry bread, made by parent Nikki WhiteEagle, and chili at January's Family Gathering

Our Indian Education Team



DAVID SYTH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
INDIAN EDUCATION/TITLE III

David has been with the TPS Indian Education Program for 16 years. He is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe and has Blackfeet roots as well. David is also working with Title III services for our Native students. He loves travel, golf, family, and making a difference for our Native students.



ROBIN BROOKS
INDIAN EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Robin has been with TPS for 31 years and TPS Indian Education for almost 6 years. She enjoys working with both the Middle School and High School students. Robin is a trained baker, photographer and mixed media artist. She loves to golf and enjoys playing as often as she can.



LIZ LEINES
INDIAN EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Liz has been with the TPS Indian Education Program for 8 years and enjoys assisting and supporting Native high school students. Liz, a professional artist & illustrator, loves creating a variety of forms of art, including basket weaving with natural materials she harvests herself, photography, and hiking and exploring in nature.