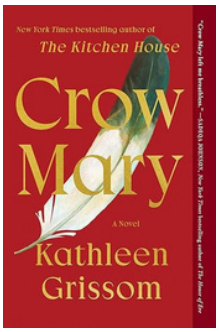
MCPS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

IEFA BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2025

UPCOMING PIR OPPORTUNITIES



Winter Book Club: *Crow Mary*, by Kathleen Grissom
Tuesdays, January 13 & 27 4:00-5:30 pm
Administration Building B, PLL
PD Portal Course # 17315

135 YEARS LATER: THE WOUNDED KNEE MASSACRE~DECEMBER 29, 1890

LINKS FOR LEARNING MORE

What happened?

Video: Sitting Bull and the Wounded Knee Massacre (6:21)

Read primary source accounts from the survivors here

1973: Native American Activists Sieze the town for 71 days



Lincoln, a student in Mr. Decker's 3rd grade class at Rattlesnake Elementary, holds his Iniskim (buffalo stone). The students created these projects from clay.



Three Sisters Mash-one of the traditinal recipies we made

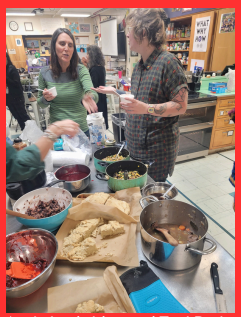
FUN IN THE LET'S COOK PIR CLASS



Nate Stone and Jackie Vosler



Tri Pham



Lorie Lochridge and Toni Braig



Morgan Legare and Kelly Engen



Kari Hederson, Nicte-Ha Corona-Aguirre and Rocio Muhs

DID YOU KNOW?

We have 2 Bison Trunks for EL-5 check out. These trunks contain information, books, animal parts and explanations of their uses.

We have multiple copies of certain titles that you're able to borrow:

Beaver Steals Fire,
Becoming Little Shell, Brothers on Three,
Fry Bread, This Book is Anti-Racist,
Powwow Day, The Last Powwow,
We are Water Protectors, and
Braiding Sweetgrass (original). Ask a coach!

NASS is starting its first-ever student-led leadership council. Each of the city's main high schools has selected their leaders. We are also starting the first student troupe of performers. Stay tuned for more info.

Missoula County Public Schools

Native American Student Services



WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS:

Join our team! Work with our Native Youth to keep culture alive through singing, drumming, and dancing. We are forming a troupe

Do you have the knowledge to teach?

DRUMMING/SINGING
DANCE STYLES
HOW TO MAKE REGALIA





Responsibilities:

- Teach songs to our musicians
- Help students make outfits and pieces
- Provide mentoring/support to students
- Teach powwow ettiquette
- Teach dance steps and styles

Qualifications:

- Experience participating in powwows
- Willing to work with students after school and/or weekends
- Reliable and punctual.
- Willingness to be part of a team.

Interested?

email Bilie Jo Juneau
bjuneau@mcpsmt.org

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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ALL NATIONS HEALTH CENTER

WINTER GATHERING POWWOW

December 5, 2025 | 5:30pm–11pm

Meadow Hill Gym - 4210 S Reserve, Missoula

MC: Raymond Kingfisher
AD: Jason Heavy Runner

Head Young Man Dancer:
Novi Lahr
Head Young Woman Dancer:
Arianny Lahr



Contests & Activities:

- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Ribbon Skirt Contest
- Owl Dance Contest
- Potato Dance
- Round Dance
- Door Prizes & Raffles
- Picture with Santa

Schedule of Events

- **5:30pm-6:30pm**: Annual Meeting of the Members
  - Community Dinner
  - ANHC Updates & Board Election
- **7pm-11pm:** Winter Gathering Powwow
  - ***Grand Entry at 7pm***
  - Men's & Women's Golden Age (60+) Paid
  - Combined Categories: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
    - Men's, Women's
    - Teen Boys, Teen Girls
    - Jr Boys, Jr Girls
  - All Tiny Tots Paid
  - First 6 Drums Paid (Must have 4+ singers)



Contact: Dana, dkingfisher@allnations.health, 406.829-9515 ext 109

MCPS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

Earring WORKSHOPS

JOIN ONE OR BOTH OF OUR HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS TO UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY. SUITABLE FORALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS.
AGES 12 AND UP ONLY



- ~~DECEMBER 8 2025~~ FULL
- **DECEMBER 15 2025**

ADMINISTRATION BLDG B **5:30-7:30 PM**

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PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH SESSION, LIMITED SUPPLIES
EMAIL BJUNEAU@MCPSMT.ORG TO SIGN UP

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

> > 2025-2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR < <

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Back to School BBQ	Monday, Aug. 25	5-6:30 pm	MCPS Admin B
American Indian Heritage Day Round Dance	Friday, Sept. 26	6 - 9 pm	C.S. Porter Middle School
SEPTEMBER 26: AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY (MONTANA)			
SEPTEMBER 30: ORANGE SHIRT DAY - NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (US/CANADA)			
OCTOBER 13 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (US)			
Halloween Carnival	Tuesday, Oct. 28	6 - 8 pm	Franklin Elementary School
NOVEMBER: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH			
Moccasin Making Workshop	Monday, Nov. 3 Monday, Nov. 10	5:30-8 pm	MCPS Admin B
Earring Making Workshop	Monday, Dec 8 Monday, Dec 15	5:30 -7:30 pm	MCPS Admin B
Bingo	Wednesday, Jan. 14	5:30-7:30 pm	MCPS Admin B
YaYa Dolls Workshop	Thursday, Feb.12	5:30 - 7:30 pm	MCPS Admin B
Pouch making Workshop	March 19	5:30 - 7:30 pm	MCPS Admin B
Native Youth Powwow	April 25	12 - 10 pm	Sentinel High School
MAY 5: NATIONAL MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS' AWARENESS DAY (US)			
Native Graduates Senior Dinner	Tuesday, May 19	6 - 8 pm	TBA
End of Year Celebration	Tuesday, June 2	5 - 6:30 pm	Sentinel High School

MCPS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL

PIR OPPORTUNITIES

2025-2026 IEFA CALENDAR

DATES	LEARNING OPPORTUNITY (Credits offered)
August 28-Sept 16	*Outrage: Missing Murdered Indigenous People in Montana*-- Artist Brian Maguire at The Missoula Art Museum self-paced online-asynchronous (3)
September 17 September 23 October 30 & November 4	Introduction To Indian Education for All (2) Unpacking the Essential Understandings (2) Indigenous Narratives Through Art: IEFA MAM AND MMAC Museum Tour (4)
October 8 & 22	Book Club-*Brothers on Three* by Abe Streep (6)
November 19	Let's Cook! Traditional Foods and Herbs (3)
January 13 & 27	Book Club-*Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom (6)
February 10-24	Identifying and Countering Indigenous Bias, asynchronous (4)
March/April Dates TBD	Understanding and Enjoying Powwows self-paced online + in-person at the MCPS Native Youth Powwow (4)
April 14 & 28	Book Club-*Fire Keeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley (6)

Sign up in the PD Portal. More PIR opportunities and info in the monthly IEFA Bulletin.

MCPS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES

IEFA Coaching Cycle PIR-Earn 2-12 Flex Credits

WHAT is a coaching cycle PIR?	DATES-YOU PICK!
An IEFA coaching cycle is a structured approach where a coach and teacher collaboratively work to improve instruction and student learning through a series of steps: goal setting, planning, implementation, monitoring, and reflection. We can work on a topic or lesson of your choice or the coach can help you find a lesson to integrate into what you normally do.	**These cycles can be anywhere from 2-12 PIR hours, at your convenience. The coach and teacher will work together to create a schedule.**

More information available in the PD Portal and monthly IEFA Bulletin.

ATTEND COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR PIR

Engage in cultural events or workshops to broaden your knowledge of Montana's tribal people and their customs. Take your knowledge back to your school or classroom by creating lessons from what you've learned. Talk to an IEFA coach to see how this can work for you.

POWWOWS AND CEREMONIES	**MUSEUMS AND CENTERS**	**HISTORICAL SITES AND LOCAL LANDMARKS**

NASS IEFA Instructional Coaches
EK-5: Keila Cross, kcross@mcpsmt.org, ext. 1049
6-12: Charlie Struna, cstruna@mcpsmt.org, ext. 1068

