



Indian Ed Newsletter

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Points of interest:

- Indian Ed Website interactive and updated coming in February.
- 124 Native American 7th graders attended Te Ata at Circle Cinema.
- 58 Native American Juniors and Seniors attended the TCC Native American College Achievement Summit.
- Schedule a Cultural Exchange Day for your school.

Our Purpose

The Tulsa Public Schools Indian Education program has served the unique educational needs of the largest urban school district in the state of Oklahoma since 1973.

The purpose is to provide a supplemental education program to identified and eligible Native American students of federally recognized tribes to attain increased academic success and retain American Indian culture, heritage and values.

Indian Education works in a collaborative effort to bridge the gap between the state, tribal nations and schools.

Services include academic and cultural resources provided by Resource Advisors, On-Site Tutors and After School Tutors. Each Indian Education staff member provides guidance and leadership for students by collaborating with School and District

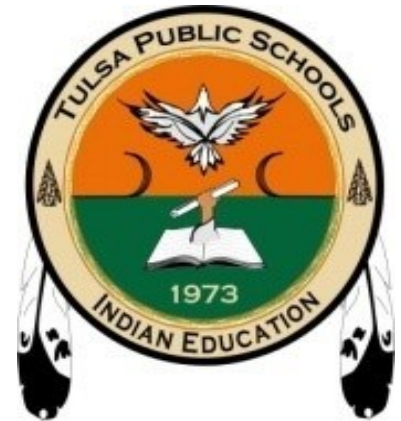
Services Provided

Academic services include: On-Site Tutoring and After School Tutoring (provided by Certified TPS teachers).

Cultural Services include: Elementary Cultural Exchange Days,

staff members .

Indian Education provides educators with continued access to culturally appropriate resources/ information, in-services and professional development that reflects teaching strategies and learning styles which ensure full inclusion of the Native American child in a positive learning environment and furthers the educational opportunities of the Native American students enrolled at Tulsa Public School.



Native American Assemblies, High and Middle School Native American Clubs, Student Inter-Tribal Dance Performances.

Resources include: School Supplies, Stu-

dent/School/Parent Contacts, Attendance, Behavior, Field Trips, College/Scholarship Information, Tribal Awards, Awards Ceremony, Workshops, and Referral Services for Family Needs.

Indian Education Website

The Indian Education program is very excited to be a part of updating and developing the new Indian Education website as a presence in the destination for excellence at Tulsa Public Schools.

Our very own Indian Ed Resource Advisor Trygve Jorgensen will be leading out in getting the website up and running.

The plans are to have the autonomy to put our Indian Education news, contact information and documents all in an easily accessible format. Anyone interested

will be able to click on the category with the information that's needed and go right to what they are looking for.

Hopefully this user friendly



Resource Advisor Trygve Jorgensen.

website will make filling out 506 forms, uploading tribal cards or CDIB cards and finding upcoming information easier.

Up to date information will still be posted and available at our Indian Education Facebook page. Follow and like us at "IndianEd Tulsa."

As always call or email the Indian Ed Resource Advisor for your child's school. Our Indian Ed Office main line is 918-833-8360.

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Women in Science

On October 17, 2017, 15 Native American female students grades 8-10 from Edison Middle and High School attended the 2017 Women in Science Conference at the ORU Mabee Center. The conference involved hands-on science activities, break out sessions, a panel discussion

and STEM related booths. The teachers/sponsors attended a hands-on STEM workshop with activities and materials that could be taken back to the classroom. The goal of the conference was to show female students that careers in the STEM field are exciting, attainable and rewarding.



Cherokee Days

In October students from Mitchell and McKinley Elementary attended the Ancient Cherokee Days.

In November students from Edison Middle School, and Peery Elementary attended the Cherokee Heritage Days.

Both field trips involved a tour of the Cherokee Village and access to the

Cherokee Heritage Center Museum.

The students enjoyed the outdoor hands-on tour of Cherokee cultural activities including; stickball, weaving, chunky, Cherokee marbles, storytelling, blow darts, bow shooting, pinch pot making, and viewing the Trail of Tears exhibit.



Te Ata

On November 30, 2017, 124 Native American 7th graders and 13 teachers traveled by bus to Circle Cinema to see the movie *Te Ata*. The schools that attended were Carver, Central JH, East Central JH, Edison, Hale, McLain, Memorial JH, Monroe, Rogers College, Thoreau, and Webster. The students were given a free drink and popcorn provided by Indian Education. The movie *Te Ata* is based on a true story about a Chickasaw woman who follows her dreams to be on Broadway and to share her traditional Native

American stories passed down to her. The students enjoyed the movie and clapped at the end.



Te Ata Movie Poster



Native American Heritage Month

The month of November is Native American Heritage Month. To celebrate several schools participated in Rock Your Mocs and had Native American Assemblies.

The Indian Ed Resource Advisors set up a Rock Your Mocs selfie wall at Street School, Rogers Col-

lege and Edison Middle School. The kids enjoyed taking pictures and wearing turquoise ribbons in support.

Rogers College and Edison Middle School both had Native American Assemblies with traditional dancers and many cultural demonstrations.



TU STEM Competition

On November 20, 2017, Edison Middle School, Thoreau, Memorial Jr High, and East Central Jr High attended the TU Native American STEM competition.

Before the Competition the students had to create team posters including the topic of Water and related to resources, issues, Water is Life, importance in society

and water in Native cultures. At the Competition the students were in teams of 5 and had to complete hands-on activities all over TU's campus to try and win each event. All activities were STEM related.

The teachers/sponsors attended a STEM workshop with activities to bring back to the classroom.



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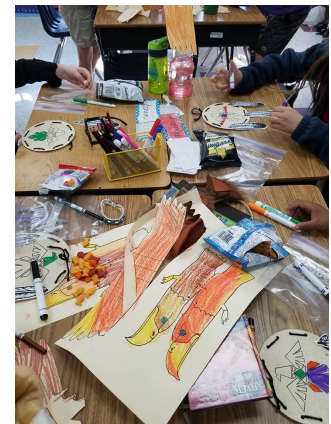


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www.tulsaschools.org/tps_depts/Indian_Ed

Cultural Exchange Days

Elementary Schools can sign up to have a Cultural Exchange Day at their school. The Indian Ed On-Site Tutors and Resource Advisors will teach the students culturally accurate lessons with crafts and activities provided. We are currently teaching our plains tribes curriculum. If you are interested please contact our Lead Teacher for Reading and Math Tutors, Jean Froman at 918-833-8364 or fromama1@tulsaschools.org.



TCC College Achievement Summit

On December 7, 2017 the first annual TCC Native American College Achievement Summit was held at TCC Northeast Campus. 58 Native American 11th and 12th graders attended from the following schools; Edison High, Street School, Memorial High, East Central High, Booker T. Washington, and Rogers College.

The Summit provided college information through inspirational speakers, booths and group sessions. The speakers talked about Tribal Assistance, filling out the FAFSA, joining Native American Clubs on college campuses and one speaker played the Native American flute.

The booths that were set up had college, scholarship, tribal and traditional information. They were also handing out goodies for the students to take.

One of the group sessions was led by two professors

at TCC. One was an English professor showing the students the differences between high school and college courses. The other was a Math professor showing the students what types of Math courses are offered depending on the major they decide to go in to.

Each student was provided a goody bag with TCC items in them. They were also provided Indian Tacos for lunch which everyone enjoyed.



Native American High School Juniors and Seniors at the TCC College Achievement Summit.