MARCH POWWOW DISTRIBUTION
MARCH 11TH, 3-5PM | DENVER INDIAN CENTER GYM
The DPS Indian Education Program will hold its annual Denver March Powwow Pass Distribution on Wednesday, March 11th from 3-5PM. Free three-day passes will be available for all DPS students while supplies last. The distribution will be at the Denver Indian Center, Inc. (DICI) located at 4407 Morrison Rd.

This year’s distribution will feature informational booths from the DICI Youth Program, Native Workforce Program, American Indian College Fund, Denver Indian Health and Family Services, and others. Indian Education staff will be available to answer questions about enrollment in Indian Focus Schools.

To receive a Denver March Powwow Pass, students ages 7 and older must have a current 506 Form on file. Blank 506 forms will be available at the distribution. Students 6 and under receive free admission to the Powwow and do not need to pick up passes. Plan to show up early! Only a limited number of passes are available.

Questions? Contact Julia Anderson at 720.423.2455 or Julia_Anderson@dpsk12.org

SCHOOL CHOICE ROUND TWO
ROUND TWO OPENS MARCH 16TH
Planning to enroll your child in a different school next year? Round Two for School Choice opens March 16th and closes August 31st. Parents who wish to enroll their child in a different school should follow the steps below:

- **Complete the School Choice form.** Forms will become available on March 16th both online and in your child’s school office. Still need a copy? Feel free to give us a call at 720.423.2455 and we’ll be happy to mail you one!
- **Submit your completed School Choice form.** Round two School Choice forms MUST be turned into the requested school. If you are requesting multiple schools, separate forms must be completed for each school.
- **Students are assigned first come first serve.** Turn in your form early to ensure enrollment in your first choice.
- **Interested in enrolling in an Indian Focus School?** Complete a Focus School application and a 506 Form. Find these on our website or call us and we’ll mail you copies. Our website can be access at www.indianeducation.dpsk12.org
- **When you enroll your child in a new school, don’t forget to check American Indian ethnicity #1 on the enrollment form.**

Still have questions? The Office of Choice and Enrollment Services can be reached by phone at 720.423.3493 or by e-mail at schoolchoice@dpsk12.org.

Our office is also happy to help! Contact Julia Anderson at 720.423.2455 or at Julia_Anderson@dpsk12.org.
**JOI LYNCH WINS 3RD PLACE IN WERNATIVE CONTEST**

East High School Freshman Joi Lynch won 3rd place in WeRNative’s monthly “We R Native. Who R You?” contest. Joi, along with members of East’s Native American Club, submitted an original inspirational phrase.

Following close behind in 4th place was Saviano Perry with the slogan, “The sun may set, darkness may ensue, but the sun will always bring light (except in 7.59 billion years when the sun will swell into a Red Giant swallowing Earth and its inhabitants.”

Congratulations Joi and Saviano! Thanks for encouraging your peers to stay positive even when life gets rough!

**Life’s a slingshot, once you reach rock bottom you get swung into something better**
- Joi Lynch

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**SENIOR HONORING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH**

The Indian Education Program will host the annual senior graduate honoring on Tuesday, May 19th from 4-7 PM. This year’s ceremony will take place on the 14th floor of Denver Public School’s Emily Griffith Campus located, at 1860 Lincoln Street.

Graduating Seniors and their families will join Indian Education staff in honoring students who are one step closer to launching into their careers.

The evening will feature a dinner and Keynote Speaker Dr. “Tink” Tinker, Professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at the Iliff School of Theology. Students will be presented with star quilts and an Indian Education graduation stole.

Families of graduating seniors can expect a formal invitation in the mail.

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**PARENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**MARCH 12TH & APRIL 16TH | 5:30-7PM | EAST HS**

The Indian Education Programs holds monthly Parent Committee at East High School and welcomes all parents to participate. Joining our Parent Committee is a great way to get more involved in your child’s education!

At Parent Committee Meetings we discuss:
- Current opportunities through DPS and the Indian Education Program
- Tips on navigating the school system.
- Suggestions for program improvement.
- Open discussion including a question and answer session.

Meetings take place in East High School’s Social Room and include light refreshments. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Come meet other families and learn how you can get more involved in our program!

Questions? Contact Julia Anderson at 720.423.2455 or Julia_Anderson@dps12.org.
UPCOMING SUMMER STEM CAMP

SCIENCE, FUN AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS!
The Native American STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Institute is hosted by Colorado State University (CSU) and sponsored by the National Academy of Engineering. The program is also supported by Denver Public Schools Indian Education Program, the CSU Native American Cultural Center, and the CSU Women and Minorities in Engineering Program. The goals of this week-long summer institute are to implement hands-on activities in math and science, to expose young students to engineering concepts, and to provide teamwork and leadership opportunities. Students will gain college experience and will be exposed to STEM careers. Participants will learn about navigating a college campus, applying for admission and financial aid, and living in student residence halls.

Students who are interested in attending the STEM Camp should demonstrate strengths in math or sciences as shown by assessments, tests, and grades, have a 3.0 or higher and be interested in STEM.

If you feel you meet the criteria and are interested, contact Jay Grimm at Jay.Grimm@dpsk12.org

COOL SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

DENVER INDIAN CENTER SUMMER CAMP
Stay active and have fun with the Denver Indian Center’s Summer Day Camp! For more information contact April Tsosie, Youth Program Coordinator at 303.936.2688 or April@DenverIndianCenter.org.

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE TEEN SCIENCE SCHOLARS
The Teen Science Scholars (TSS) internship provides high school juniors and seniors opportunities to work in the Archives, Anthropology, Earth Sciences, Health Sciences, Museum Conservation, Space Sciences, and Zoology departments at the Museum. The deadline to apply is March 16th, 2015. For more information e-mail sciencescholars@dmns.org or call 303.370.8338.

NAIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY (NAFWS) SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM
NAFWS has successfully connected Native American high school students with its program held in the mountains of Colorado since 1991. Utilizing the natural setting of the outdoors, the students learn and take part in classes taught by Native American role models and professionals. For more information call 866.890.7258.

PATHKEEPERS FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP
July 18-July 26, 2015 Location: Culpeper, Virginia, which is 70 miles outside Washington, D.C. Campers must be 11-16 years old Applications are due by May 1, 2015. There is no fee to attend the Camp, except transportation to and from the Camp. There is a $10 Application fee per youth. For more information call 202.957.2696.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION RAISES FUNDS FOR POWWOW
The North High School Native American Student Association (NASA) meets every other Wednesday and is in the process of planning a North High School Powwow on April 11, 2015. The group recently held an Indian Taco sale to raise funds for the Powwow. The students are demonstrating leadership skills and enjoy spending time with fellow NASA club members.

Be sure to stop by North's Powwow on April 11th!
**STUDENT REFLECTION | "WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HONOR DR. KING'S DREAMS?"
CHEYLA RUNNING BEAR-PAUL | NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

I was asked to be on a student panel for a presentation to Denver Public Schools staff with a group of African American and Native American students. The student panel was to answer the question, "What are we doing to honor Dr. King's Dreams?" The presentation was a learning experience and a step to my future. It taught me how to speak in front of a large group and give my opinion. A teacher from my school came to support me and believes that I have strong options for my future. My teacher said that she believes students should get justice and enjoyed our presentation.

**STUDENT REFLECTION | TRANSITIONING INTO HIGH SCHOOL
SEVI HARDEN | THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL**

Coming from a small K-8 school that I attended for nine years, I was timid and unaware of what high school held. After many months of contemplation, I decided that Thomas Jefferson High School would be the best fit for me based on academics and size. Luckily, I had spent the previous two summers playing softball for the varsity coach, so I had a few upperclassmen and fellow freshman to lean on as I started my high school career. One of the most helpful experiences for me was the Freshman Academy that was held prior to the school year, which helped the incoming freshmen become more comfortable with the high school environment. This helped me meet friends and teachers that I could possibly have in my classes.

The first few days at high school were a big transition since I had been the top dog at my middle school, and now I was the youngest. However, thanks to my new friends and great teachers, I quickly began to feel at home. As I begin to reach the end of my freshman year, I look back and regret nothing because everything that I have done so far has brought me to where I am today. Whether I'm playing on the softball field or studying for a biology test, I'm grateful for the high school that I have chosen and can't wait for the next three years that lie ahead.

**LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

Hello from the capitol!
Students from East High School's Native American Club tour the Colorado State Capitol.

College bound!
Students from South and TJ High School enjoy a visit to the University of Denver.

**ADVICE FROM A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

"High school is way different from middle school. There are no free rides in high school. As long as you get your work done you won't have any problems. High school can be fun but hard. Still, high school brings out the best in everyone. Have fun and do your work."
- Faith Gibson
10th grader at GM

"Ninth grade is great. I would suggest getting involved in clubs and never skipping class. I would also apply for AP classes because it will help you with college credits. So yup. Ninth grade goes by really fast."
- Tyra Goodluck
9th grader at GM

"Ninth grade can be fun and easy. Be sure to do your work and don't skip class or it will be hard to make up. Be sure to not fall behind!"
- Marquise Gibson
9th grader at GM