Spokane Public Schools
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Native American Heritage Month Celebration
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Land Acknowledgement

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial.

Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference, so we begin this meeting acknowledging that we are on the ancestral lands of the **Spokane Tribe of Indians** and other tribes who are connected through shared history of trade, celebration, and resources.

We make this acknowledgement to pay respects to their elders past and present whose knowledge remains on the land. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in continuing learning about such truths and actions we can take towards restorative justice.
Dr. Melodi Wynne
Spokane Tribe

Opening Blessing
# The Seven Grandparent Teachings or the Seven Gifts

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Jazmyne Charles

- Coeur d’Alene
- Wisdom and Honesty
- Shaw Middle School
- 7th Grade
Eralin Crutchfield

• San Pasqual of Mission Indians
• Truth
• Salk Middle School
• 8th Grade
Uriah De La O

- Spokane Tribe
- Respect
- Shaw Middle School
- 8th Grade
Jorden Demarais

- Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Gros Ventre
- Love, Wisdom, Respect
- Stevens Elementary
- 6th Grade
Cheyenne Ellenwood

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
- Love, Courage, Wisdom, Respect,
- Logan Elementary
- 4th Grade
Neomi Ellenwood

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
- Love, Wisdom, Respect,
- Stevens Elementary
- 4th Grade
Deborah Eagle
Speaker

• Northern Arapaho, Blackfeet, Cree
• Love, Wisdom, Respect, Courage
• Grant Elementary
• 5th Grade
Kiley Mitchell-Gregg

- Coeur d’Alene Tribe
- Truth
- Chase Middle School
- 7th Grade
Cesar Mota

- Spokane Tribe
- Wisdom
- Salk Middle School
- 8th Grade
Victoria Perez

- Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi
- Humility, Love, Respect, Wisdom
- Logan Elementary
- 6th Grade
Ivy Pete

• Paiute
• Truth
• North Central High School
• 12th Grade
Wyatt Schmidt

- Colville Confederated Tribes
- Wisdom
- Bemiss Elementary
- 5th Grade
Isabella Shove

- Spokane Tribe
- Love, Respect, Courage
- Regal Elementary
- 6th Grade
Cleveland Tomeo

- Colville Confederated Tribes
- Truth
- Ferris High School
- 12th Grade
Jaidyn Tonasket

- Colville Confederated Tribes
- Respect
- Salk Middle School
- 7th Grade
Kareece Tonasket

• Colville Confederated Tribes
• Love, Respect, Courage, Wisdom
• Grant Elementary
• 3rd Grade
Tayauna Tonasket

- Colville Confederated Tribes
- Humility
- Salk Middle School
- 7th Grade
Taeya Wallette

- Little Shell Chippewa
- Wisdom and Truth
- Rogers High School
- 10th Grade
De’Veione Walter

- Colville Confederated Tribes
- Wisdom
- Ferris High School
- 12th Grade
Nakia Wapato

- Colville Confederated Tribes
- Honesty
- Rogers High School
- 10th Grade
Nehemiah Wells-Bercier

- Turtle Mountain Chippewa
- Love, Respect, Courage
- Regal Elementary
- 3rd Grade
Julian Wright

- Klamath Tribes
- Humility
- Bemiss Elementary
- 5th Grade
Tavian Wright

- Klamath Tribes
- Wisdom
- Bemiss Elementary
- 5th Grade
“To cherish knowledge is to know wisdom.
To know love is to know peace.
To honor all of creation is to have respect.
Bravery is to face the foe with integrity.
Honesty in facing the situation is to be brave.
Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of creation.
Truth is to know all of these things.”
~Edward Benton Banai
The Mishomis Book: The Voice of Ojibway