

# HA?Ł ADSŁČIL

## SPS NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION

### Family Culture Night Holiday Celebration

Please join us **Tuesday, December 17th from 5-7pm** for our annual Family Culture Night Holiday Party at Meany Middle School, where we will come together in community to celebrate the holiday season!

- Delicious food by Chef Olivia from Liiv For Flavor
- Free books and goodies for the kids from The Seattle Public Library
- A gift give away sponsored by Toys for Tots
- Craft making activities
- Holiday selfie booth with Santa



**We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating in the holiday season!**

#### Is your student or family in need of support?

We have an amazing student and family support team available to help!

#### Contact:

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#### Helpful Online Resources:

#### [Emerald City Resource Guide online](#)

Comprehensive list of local resources. Service providers range from clothing, food, and financial assistance to employment services.

#### [Teen Link](#)

Teen Link is a program for Washington teens in crisis. Their online site offers information on the services they provide and a teen help line.

#### [Youth Care](#)

Local organization with a mission to end youth homelessness offering food, medical, housing, & mental health services for youths ages 12-24.

### December SPS Calendar

- Tuesday, Dec. 17th: Family Culture Night Holiday Party 5-7pm
- Friday, Dec. 20th- 1 hour early dismissal
- Monday, Dec. 23rd- Friday Jan. 3rd: NO SCHOOL Christmas Break



#### **Turkey, Coat, and Hygiene Kit Deliveries Completed!**

The Native Education district office staff were busy before the Thanksgiving holiday purchasing, packing up, and delivering turkeys, winter coats, and hygiene kits to our Native families in the community.

If you were put on the waiting list for a coat, we will be contacting you as soon as we are able to get more.

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### Native American Heritage Month Celebrated at JSCEE

On Friday, November 22nd, our Native Education team lead an informative lunchtime celebration in honor of Native American Heritage month. Shana Brown, our talented and dedicated Curriculum Specialist, created learning opportunities for the district office staff centered around indigenous land-based values. Culinary Services also provided delicious Indian tacos!

Some of the activities included a sorting game to identify quotes that reflect Settler/Colonial Land Based Values versus Indigenous Land Based Values. Another activity, facilitated by our wonderful Native American Education Resource librarian, Katie, highlighted how educators can identify whether popular literature poses a stereotype threat through the use of biased language and Indian stereotypes.

Thank you Shana for your hard work and passion in creating this fun and engaging celebration and everyone who contributed to making it a success!!

