



BVSD Title VII Indian Education Newsletter
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"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

Lao Tzu

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**American Indian Webpage**  
  
The Website is currently being updated, but will soon be found at:  
  
<http://www.bvsd.k12.co.us/equity/amerIndian.shtml>  
  
If you would like to make a posting online, please contact Will Seamans.

A Special Thanks goes out to:  
Theresa Halsey  
Indian Voices Program  
KGNU Community Radio

**The Beginning of a New Year**

**Each year continues to rush by faster and faster! It is hard to imagine that the Newsletter is now in its third year of printing! I am continually thankful that I am able to be a part of the Title VII American Indian Grant services, and hope to improve those services throughout this school year.**

**The Newsletter continues to be full of important information for the BVSD American Indian Community. However, my hopes are to continue to add new pieces to our bi-monthly letter. I am greatly appreciative of feedback on the Newsletter, and encourage you, the reader, to call, write, or email me with any comments regarding any piece of the Newsletter. My aim is to strengthen and enhance this service until it provides the reader with significant information about the world in which they live!**

**I wish everyone a warm welcome to a new and exciting school season, and look forward to the adventures that await us all!**

**kindest Regards,**  
  
**Will Seamans**  
  
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Title VII American Indian Tutoring Program

**Program Update and Retirement Notice**

Greetings and welcome back to a new school year in the Boulder Valley School District. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer break.

As we look forward to a successful year for our students the district is pleased to inform you that we have again received funds from the Federal Formula Grant for American Indian Students, Title VII. The focus of the grant is on supporting students with tutoring services if they have performed below the proficiency level on reading and/or math CSAP. As was the case last year these tutoring services are offered to qualifying students in grades four through twelve.

For your information, the number of American Indian students enrolled in the district continues to be approximately 185 students, preschool through high school. Forty-one percent of the students are in preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 24% are in middle school, and 35% are in high school. Seven percent of the total American Indian student enrollment attend a charter school.

Over the last few years it has been very rewarding to be the consultant to the American Indian Program for the Boulder Valley Schools. However, as of the end of September 2005 I will no longer continue in this position. The tutoring program is now in it's third year and fortunately for all of us Mimie Yang and Will Seamans are again the liaisons for the program. They have and continue to do an excellent job in coordinating the program.

If you have any questions about the program in general or how to obtain tutoring services for your child or children who qualify please do not hesitate to contact one of these liaisons through the Institutional Equity and Multicultural Education office at 303 447-296.

Wishing you and your children a very successful school year.

Janice Zelazo



BVSD American Indian Parent Committee

**Now Accepting Members**

The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee is now accepting members for the 2005-2006 school year. The Committee has been formed to help direct, implement, and continually improve the way the Title VII American Indian Grant funds are used. Every parent within the district is eligible to sit on the committee. However, you must meet the following time commitments:

- A quarterly Parent Committee Meeting held at night in a Boulder Valley School District building.
- Active participation in community-building events organized by the committee.
- Possible help in recruiting families for events, tutoring programs, and any other services that BVSD and the Parent Committee approves.

We highly encourage as many parents as possible to sit on the committee as it is vitally important to continually improve and evaluate the services that Boulder Valley School District offers its American Indian community.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, have any further questions, or need more information, please contact Will Seamans at:

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Kind Regards,

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Indian Voices Newsletter

### **Happenings in the American Indian World**

Look at [www.indiancountrynews.com](http://www.indiancountrynews.com) is News From Indian Country. If you click on the banner on their web site, you will be directed to a site where you can either subscribe or try a sample of their new E-edition, a tree less and environmentally safe way to read the happenings across Indian Country.

Look at [www.fortnet.org/PowWow/events.html](http://www.fortnet.org/PowWow/events.html) for local powwows and happenings in Colorado.

Look at [www.native-voice.com](http://www.native-voice.com) a bi-monthly Native newspaper from Rapid City, SD.

Look at [www.lakotajournal.com](http://www.lakotajournal.com) a weekly newspaper from Rapid City, SD. (This site is under construction)

Look at [www.nativepeoples.com](http://www.nativepeoples.com) a Native magazine published every two months

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**Indigenous Film and Arts Festival**, Thursday-Monday, October 6-10, 2005, at Starz Film Center, 900 Auraria Pkwy. downtown, Denver, CO. Admission at the door. Call (303) 733-0481 or look at <http://www.iiirm.org> for more information.

**NIEA 5K Walk/Run With Billy Mills**, Friday, October 7, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. All walkers and Runners are welcome to join the NIEA 5K 2005 Walk/Run with Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota Olympic winner. It will start on the Cherry Creek Path, in Denver, CO. This run is free! T-shirts will be given to the first 200 participants. Download the registration form at <http://www.dihfs.org> and fax completed registration form to Jennifer Wolf at DIHFS (303) 781-4333. This event is sponsored by the NIEA LPC, Colorado Indian Education Association, Colorado Indigenous Games Society, Denver Indian Health & Family Services, Denver Mayor's Agency for Education & Children/Human Rights and Community Relations, Denver Indian Center and the Denver Indian Family Resource Center. For more information, contact Jennifer Wolf at (303) 781-4050 ext. 117 or [jwolf@dihfs.org](mailto:jwolf@dihfs.org)

**NIEA 2005 36th National Indian Education Association's Annual Conference "Cultural Resiliency: Educating Minds and Moving Mountains"**, Thursday - Sunday, October 6-9, 2005, at the newly expanded Colorado Convention Center in downtown Denver, CO. The host hotel is the Adams Mark Hotel, 16th & Court Place, in Denver, CO. (303)893-3333. Mention NIEA when you are reserving your room. Hotel Rooms are \$138 single and \$148 double. The call to conference booklet is now on the [NIEA website](http://www.niea.org). The traditional Pow Wow will be held on **Friday, October 7, 2005**, at the Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, in Denver, CO with Gourd dancing from 5:00-7:15 p.m. Grand entry at 7:30 p.m. The community is invited to this event. The powwow is free and open to the public. Friday & Saturday Youth workshops will be at the Adams Mark Hotel. Call John Emhoolah at (720) 972-4025 or (303) 426-8350 for more Pow Wow information.. NIEA has a **new address**: 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E. Suite 104, Washington, DC 20002. Their fax number is (202) 544-7293. Contact Wanda Johnson, Event Coordinator at their **new phone number**, (202)544-7290 or [wjohnson@niea.org](mailto:wjohnson@niea.org) about reserving a booth at the Trade show. You can get an more information at <http://www.niea.org>

**The Colorado Indian Bar Association Presents the Red Rock Ramble**, Sunday, October 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in Lyons, CO. The 2nd Annual Red Rock Ramble is a 5 mile run/ 3 mile walk to benefit the Colorado Indian Bar Association, providing funding for scholarships to Native American Law students studying in Colorado. Contact David Selden at [dselden@narf.org](mailto:dselden@narf.org) or call him at (303) 447-8760 ext. 142 for more information. Register at <http://www.boulderrunning.com/redrockramble>



## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Indian Voices Newsletter**

**Native Speakers at the Auraria Campus**, Tuesday-Wednesday, November 1-2, 2005, at the Tivoli Student Center on the Auraria campus, in downtown Denver, CO. Calvin Standing Bear will be performing on November 1 and Marie Brave Heart will be speaking on November 2 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 440 of the Tivoli about Historical Trauma. Admission is free!

**Transform Columbus Day 2005 Activities**, Friday-Saturday, October 7-8, 2005, Friday, October 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. will be Panel discussions on the "Doctrine of Discovery" and "How to Teach our Children Some Truths About Columbus" at the Auraria campus, in Denver, CO. There will be an All Nations/Four Directions Celebration on Friday evening gathering at 5:00 p.m. and stepping off at 5:30 p.m. sharp. The gathering places will all be the same except that the East direction will come along with the South direction to converge with the North and South at Cuernavaca Park. If you have any questions or need further information. Please call Stephanie Rossi at (303) 421-0531, Jennifer Williams, (720) 936-1824, or Shannon Pangani at (303) 691-1620. Donations of water are being requested as well as volunteers to help with the march. Saturday, October 8, 2005, will be a Resistance to the Columbus Day Parade. The American Indian Movement of Colorado and Transform Columbus Day Alliance invite Indigenous peoples and all people of conscience to end another century of dishonor. For more details, check these websites: American Indian Movement of Colorado <http://www.coloradoaim.org> Transform Columbus Day Alliance <http://www.transformcolumbusday.org>

**27th Annual National AISES Conference and Career Fair**, Thursday-Saturday, November 3-5, 2005, in Charlotte, North Carolina. For more information, call (505) 765-1052 or visit <http://www.aises.org/events/2005>

If you know of an upcoming event that you would like to share with the BVSD American Indian Community, please contact Will Seamans at [william.seamans@bvsd.org](mailto:william.seamans@bvsd.org) or at 303.447.5296.



**Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce Colorado Indian Education Foundation Has An American Indian Scholars Program**, applications must be postmarked by October 3, 2005. This program is open to American Indian students who are residents of the State of Colorado and who will be or who are attending an accredited college, university or trade school in the state of Colorado. You can receive an application by calling Kim at (303) 629-0102 or sending her an email at [info@rmicc.org](mailto:info@rmicc.org) or looking on the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber's website at <http://www.rmicc.org>.

**Boulder Valley Schools Youth Leadership Institute** You can view their website at [www.bvssd.k12.co.us/equity/indianyouth](http://www.bvssd.k12.co.us/equity/indianyouth)

**Sallie Mae Offers Advice to College Bound High School Seniors: When It Comes to Getting Money to Pay for College, the Early Bird Gets the Worm**, FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - May be Submitted Beginning January 1, 2005. The form is available on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Sallie Mae's College Answer has tools and information to simplify the application process and help families navigate the process. Visit [www.CollegeAnswer.com/fafsa](http://www.CollegeAnswer.com/fafsa) for more information.

**The Native Workforce** at the Denver Indian Center, 4407 Morrison Road, in Denver, CO offers free classes for adults (18+) "Computer Essentials Class". Learn Microsoft Office 2000 Essentials. Four Weeks Paid Training. Class schedule is starting July 18, 2005. "Online Job Search Class". Two weeks paid training. Learn to Brush Up on Your Job Search Techniques. Class Schedule: June 28, 2005. Eligibility Requirements for all Classes and Native Workforce Programs. Must be American Indian with a tribal ID or letter of certification of degree of Indian blood. Must be unemployed and seeking permanent employment with proof of income for past six months. State ID and social security card. Application Hours: M - Th. from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at 4407 Morrison Road, in Denver, CO. Call them at (303)936-2688 ext. 13 for more information. Look at their website at [www.denverindiancenter.org](http://www.denverindiancenter.org) for more information.

"DIC Family and Community Resources," are Emergency Food Bank, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Emergency Referrals and Information, and Volunteer Opportunities are available. Call (303)936-2688.

**Denver Indian Family Resource Center**, 393 S. Harlan, Suite 100, (Villa East II Building), in Lakewood, CO. Call (303)871-8035 for support, referrals and Indian Child Welfare Advocacy for families that are involved with county departments of social services. Please call if you have questions on child welfare issues, youth prevention programs or need information on tribal enrollment process.



## **“Morning on the Lake”**

***Jan Bordeau Waboose***

### **Story Synopsis:**

An Ojibway boy and his grandfather set out in a birch bark canoe to visit grandfather’s special places in the northern wilderness. This tale is inspired by an awe of nature and the spiritualism inherent in finding an eagle feather. Respect for and imitation of his grandfather is emphasized as the story develops. Respect for and an appreciation of silence is shared in their contact with a loon family, an eagle, and a pack of wolves, and themselves.

## **“Sunflower’s Promise, A Zuni Legend”**

***Retold by Gloria Dominic***

### **Story Synopsis:**

The clever, beautiful maiden “Sunflower” promises to marry the man who can rid her fields of the wild animals that are eating the beans and corn. Zuni folklore, social life, customs are described. Sunflower has many suitors, however she chooses a humble, homely, hard working, wise man for her husband. The wildlife start damaging Sunflower’s garden and her future husband make s a clever plan to subdue the destroyers of the garden, except the laughing Coyote. He wins her hand proving that young maidens are wise to prefer a clever man to a handsome one. A brief history of the Zuni people is included.

***Note to students and parents:*** There is a lending library at the Education Center located at 6500 Arapahoe where you can find the books above along with many more focused on American Indian culture and awareness. Feel free to stop by at any time and check one out. The library has reading for both children and adults available at no cost!