

NOVEMBER 2022

Native American Heritage Month



Superintendent Kathy Hoffman at Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation's Early Childhood Center

Greetings, educators, school leaders, & community members!

I'm thrilled to kick off Native American Heritage Month with our Office of Indian Education! This month is an opportunity for us to celebrate the histories, cultures, contributions, and continued successes of Arizona's tribal communities. All month, ADE will share resources and activities that build understanding and strengthen our connection to 22 federally recognized Tribal Nations located within the boundaries of Arizona.

As a state with one of the largest Native American populations, Arizona's past, present, and future are unequivocally Indigenous – and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is honored to celebrate that this month. I'm grateful to our Office of Indian Education for their thoughtful work and commitment to serving our Native students, families, and educators. I hope you find inspiration and hope in the tools shared during this year's Native American Heritage Month.

Best,
Kathy Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Resource of the WEEK!

The Office of Indian Education would like to identify our office of 5 as your first resource! In collaboration with Local Education Entities, Tribal Nations and other partners, OIE strives to ensure the Arizona K-12 education system has a shared responsibility and accountability in creating educational experiences focused on positive outcomes that value the beliefs, traditions, languages and cultures of Indigenous students. Please visit our "contact us" page to learn how to connect with each of our staff members! Click the link to be directed to our page: <https://www.azed.gov/oie/contactus>



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22 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES IN ARIZONA

Colorado River Indian Tribes

Flag Description: Designed by Margie McCabe, the Tribal Flag was adopted in 1979 by the Tribal Council and serves as a symbol of pride, unity and progress among Tribal members. Brown represents the earth. Blue is for the water and the River which gives life to the earth. The orange rays are the eternal rising and setting of the sun upon the earth and water. And the four feathers represent each of the four Tribes that make up CRIT (Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo). Learn more at https://www.crit-nsn.gov/crit_contents/about/



Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Flag Description: The seal depicts the Arizona landscape in shades of blue and green, with the Rio Verde River shown in blue crossing the land. Rising out of the mountains in the background are five rays of the sun in yellow. The foreground is dominated by a Saguaro cactus on the right and four arrowheads at the base of the seal. These arrowheads, possibly evoking the sacred number four, appear in white, blue, gold, and red. The entire landscape is backdrop to a head of a bald eagle in natural colors, a bird sacred to many Native peoples. Learn more at <https://www.fmyn.org/>



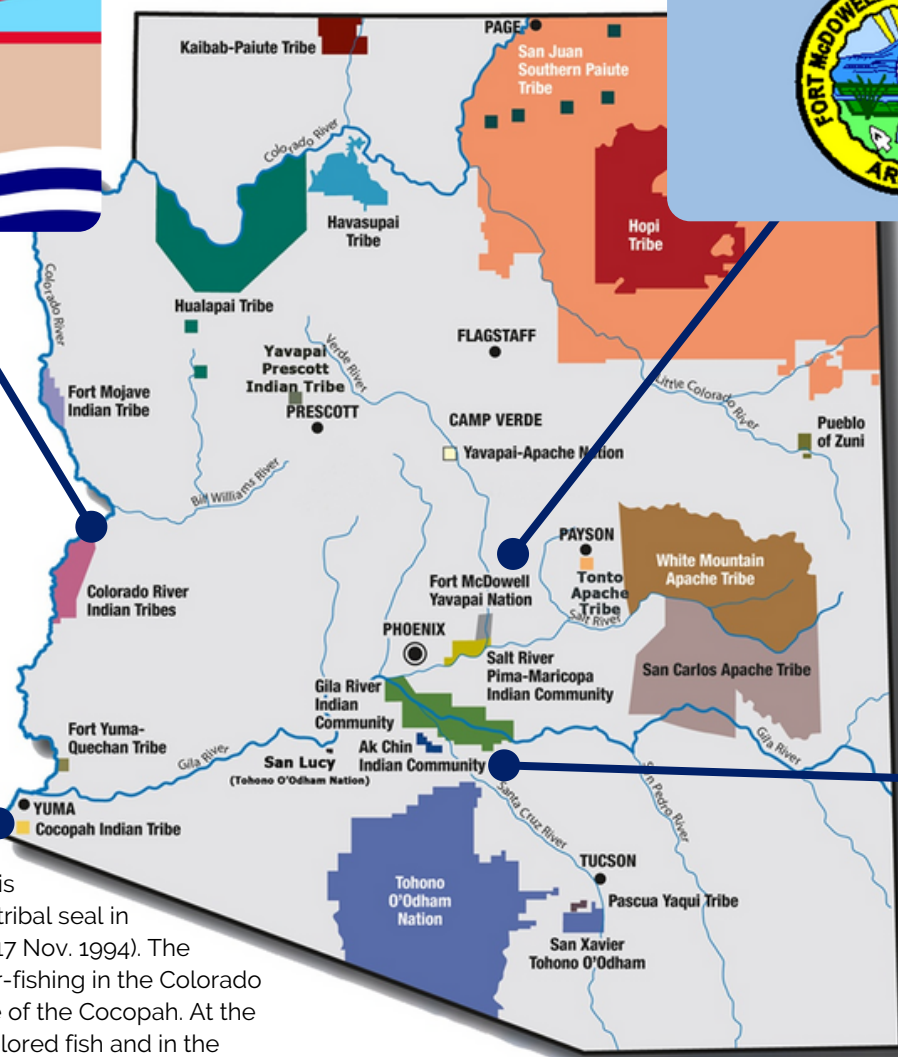
Cocopah Indian Tribe

Flag Description: The Cocopah flag is white with a full-color image of the tribal seal in the center (Letter, unsigned, dated 17 Nov. 1994). The seal shows a Cocopah warrior spear-fishing in the Colorado River, which was essential to the life of the Cocopah. At the warrior's feet are several salmon-colored fish and in the background is a stand of corn, both staples of the Cocopah diet. Also in the background are a wikiyup, the traditional house, and a ramada, a shelter from the hot desert sun, both in gray. Purple hills, a yellow sun, desert rocks in gray, and plants in green complete the picture. The overall design shows the traditions of this desert-dwelling Nation dependent on the Colorado River. Learn more at <https://www.cocopah.com/about-us.html>



Ak-Chin Indian Community

Flag Description: The seal's symbols speak of the ideals on which the Ak-Chin community is based. An arrow symbolizes the Ak-Chin people as a community of Native Americans. A pair of scales balanced on the arrow represents equality and justice. A red rising sun tells of the Ak-Chin's belief in a brighter tomorrow while crossed lightning bolts show the inspiration and energy of the Ak-Chin to uphold the ideals of their community. These elements appear on a white circle along with the tribal motto "EQUALITY FOR ALL" above the symbols and "FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW". Learn more at https://www.crit-nsn.gov/crit_contents/about/



EVENTS



November is Native American Heritage Month, and while this annual celebration brings a heightened awareness, across the state, the recognition does not end after the month is over. Please feel free to explore the links below to learn what is happening within the state and how you can celebrate and honor Indigenous peoples.

ASU Labriola Center

Native American Heritage Month Kickoff @ ASU

Details: November 1, 2022 @ 10am - 2pm

In-person event, [Learn More Here](#)

Jewelry Making with the Makerspace @ ASU

Details: November 2, 2022 @ 4pm - 6pm

In-person event, [Learn More Here](#)

Film Screening "Powerlands" @ ASU

Details: November 3, 2022 @ 6pm - 8pm

In-person event, [Learn More Here](#)



For more events at Arizona State University across their 3 campuses, please visit <https://news.asu.edu/20221026-labriola-center-celebrates-native-american-heritage-month-events-exhibit>

Maricopa Community Colleges

Restoring the Balance: Art Lecture @ GateWay Community College

Details: November 3, 2022 @ 6pm

In-person event, [RSVP here](#)



For more events at Maricopa Community Colleges, visit <https://events.maricopa.edu/native-american-heritage-month>

Basket Dancers @ Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Details: November 9, 2022 from 4pm - 5:45pm

In-person event, [RSVP here](#)

MMIW Exhibit @ Scottsdale Community College

Details: November 1-30, 2022

In-person exhibit inside SCC Library

Children's Museum of Phoenix

The Etsitty Group: Powwow Dance

Details: November 4, 2022 from 6pm - 7pm

In-person FREE night at the museum!



For more events at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, visit <https://childrensmuseumofphoenix.org/event/native-american-heritage-month/2022-11-30/>

Teaching Tips

Each week, OIE will share evidence-based instructional strategies for educators serving Indigenous students. Be sure to explore the additional resources to learn more!



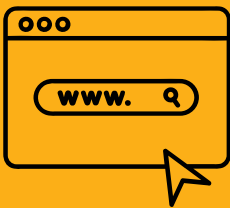
This week's teaching tips are

1. Connect academic content to the lives and cultural contexts of students and **2. collaborate** with cultural and subject-matter experts.

Cognitive science tells us meaningful learning happens when students can connect new content to prior knowledge and experiences. Teachers can contextualize their curriculum by integrating Indigenous perspectives (i.e. histories and current events). Across content areas, teachers can connect academic content to stories that reflect local community practices, events, or individuals. Tribal newspapers or libraries are two great places to begin learning about your students' communities. Educators can build authentic and meaningful relationships with existing organizations and community connections, such as tribal education departments and leaders, cultural experts, and parent committees associated with Title VI and Johnson-O'Malley Program funding. Additionally, working with families to identify local knowledge keepers such as elders is a great way to value and incorporate students' cultural strengths into instruction.

Want to learn more? Check out these resources!

- Find contact information for Tribal Education Departments of the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona on ADE-OIE's website: <https://www.azed.gov/oie/22-federally-recognized-tribes-arizona>
- Read this [Edutopia article "Doing Life in the Community Where You Teach"](#) for more ideas about learning more about your students and their communities
- Explore resources for integrating Indigenous perspectives into your social studies instruction: <https://bit.ly/OIESSResources>
- Get guidance on selecting Indigenous literature to use in your classroom from ASU Library's Labriola American Indian National Data Center: <https://bit.ly/ASULibGuide>



¹ Culturally Responsive Practices to Support American Indian English Learners' Success. Regional Educational Laboratory Southwest, published November 2021. <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/rel/regions/southwest/pdf/infographics/RELSW-Infog-AICRP-508.pdf>