

**Title VII  
Indian Education Program  
Hoquiam School District # 28  
Hoquiam, WA 98550**



**Newsletter**

**Summer 2013**

Dear Families,

Spring has come and gone and so has the semester. Summer is here. The swallows are back and relieving us of some of those pesky mosquitos. And so it is time to say goodbye to this year and let you know what the plan is for next year.

The 2012-13 school year saw a change in the HSD Indian Education Program. Rather than have one person, your coordinator, travel from school to school each week, each school had a designated paraprofessional who could meet with Native students on a daily basis if needed.

Your Indian Ed Para-professionals for the 2012-13 school year were:

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| a. Emerson | Judy Halvorson                    |
| b. Central | Kathy Brown                       |
| c. Lincoln | Val Foulds                        |
| d. HMS     | Lisa Munger                       |
| e. HHS     | Sandy McCulloch (Wednesdays only) |

A huge thanks to these ladies for making sure that each Native child in their schools had their academic and school needs met throughout the year.

We also had fewer family nights this year, one in October combined with HMS and one in April at Lincoln. The October family night was a craft night where parents and children could make a variety of crafts. The April meeting was a pot luck general meeting where the new grant proposal was shared and approved. There was a door prize drawing and a drawing for the drums we made two years ago at one of our family nights. Only one drum was given away that night, so the PAC decided right then and there to give the remaining drums to Caleb Black's family and to Marco Black for his drumming program.

Your Indian Ed staff and Parent Action Committee met and approved the grant application for the 2013-14 school year. This grant proposal was shared at our Family Night on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lincoln School and the members present voted to approve it. The grant model for next year put the monies into the Title I program.

The 2013-14 grant allocation is smaller than this year's and previous years'. This means some changes will have to take place. The PAC voted to move the monies into the HSD Title I program again for next year. The monies will be used to both support students in reading and math and for the management of the program: PAC meetings, Grant Writing and Communications with families.

There is another change for next year. I will no longer be your Indian Education Coordinator. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Indian Education Coordinator for the past three years. I have enjoyed working with your children and managing the program. However, it is time for me to be a little bit more retired. You may still see me around the district next year in the role of substitute teacher. Thank you for all your input, support and encouragement.

I do not know who your coordinator will be for next year, but know that you may contact your child's school principal about any concerns you have for their education. Be proactive in making sure your child's educational needs are met and how both you and the school can work together to make sure this happens.

Have a Better-Than-Wonderful Summer,

*Sandy McCulloch*