



# TULALIP EDUCATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026

## A Message from Jessica Bustad, Executive Director



*Spring is a season of renewal, and here at the Education Division, we are feeling that energy! Our teams have been working tirelessly to strengthen our services and create meaningful opportunities for our youth and families to gather, learn, and grow together.*

*Whether it's through cultural immersion, academic support, or community healing, we are committed to centering our families in everything we do.*

## Youth & Family Enrichment

We are dedicated to supporting community healing by creating welcoming spaces where our young people can connect and thrive. From our NFC Championship Watch Party to Valentine's card-making and Family Bingo, we've loved seeing our community come together.

**MONTHLY FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:** Join us the last week of each month to strengthen family bonds and have some fun!

**SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES (6TH-12TH GRADE):** Mark your calendars for **April 6th-10th**. We're kicking things off with a **Color Run on April 6th!**

**NOTE:** Permission slips are due by **April 3rd**. Pick them up at the Youth Center front desk or email [YouthRegister@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:YouthRegister@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov).

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Tulalip Prom (9th-12th grade) on **May 4th, 2026**.

**DAILY FUN:** Don't forget about Yoga, open gym, Spring League (16+), and daily arts & crafts. Check our Facebook page (Tulalip Education Division) for the latest updates.



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## Upcoming Highlights

**March 27:** All Education departments are closed for Staff Development.

**April 4:** Community Easter Event (11:00 am at Youth Center).

**April 22:** Earth Day with Natural Resources.

**April 30:** Indian Education Parent Committee (IEPC) Meeting (5:00 pm at the Dining Hall). We have four vacant positions—come join us!

**Ruby's Room:** High school students in need of formal attire for prom can contact Santana Shopbell-Proehl at (360) 716-4288.

**Note on Volunteering:** Our youth need consistent mentors. Just one hour a week can change a life. If you're interested in volunteering, please email [YouthRegister@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:YouthRegister@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov).

## Lushootseed Language & Culture

Our team has been busy in the classrooms at TELA, MPHS, Heritage, and NWIC. If you're looking to learn at your own pace, our college-level courses are live-streamed during the lunch hour!

**STORYTELLING:** Join us at the Hibulb Cultural Center on the **last Saturday of each month.**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS:** Visit Hibulb from **5:00 pm – 7:00 pm** on **March 26th, April 30th, and May 28th.**

**LEARN ON THE GO:** Our team is always out providing opening prayers and translations. Don't be shy—if you hear us speaking Lushootseed, jump in! Learning opportunities are everywhere.

## Homework & Academic Support

**Need a hand with studies?** We've got you covered.

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM:** Runs Monday–Thursday until 5:30 pm. Applications are available in the lobby of Building “F” (Education/Boys and Girls Club campus).

**IN-SCHOOL SUPPORT:** Our tutorial program is active at Tulalip/Quil, Legacy, 10th Street, and Heritage.

**SUMMER SNEAK PEEK:** Keep an eye out for our one-week **Robotics Camp** this summer (dates TBA).

## Positive Youth Development

**Welcome back, students!** We hope your break was restful. As we look toward the end of the school year, we have two major priorities:

**ANNUAL TULALIP ART FESTIVAL:** Join us **April 16th!** Reach out to our Advocate team for info on submissions and categories. Deadline for submissions is **April 9th.**

**SENIOR GRADUATION:** It's time to submit funding requests for graduation items! Please do this ASAP to allow for processing and shipping.

- **Deadline:** Student scholarships, posters, and photos are due May 14th, 2026.

- **Contact:** [K12Graduation@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:K12Graduation@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov)

We are building a coalition to support our youth through harm reduction and healing. By participating in “Youth Support & Action” meetings, we are having the intentional, sometimes difficult conversations necessary to build a healthier future.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 2 at 5:00 pm at the Dining Hall. We invite all parents, community members, and partners to attend.

**CONTACT:** Zenitha Jimicum at [zjimicum@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:zjimicum@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov) or 425-232-0116.

We are excited to welcome **Oceana Alday** to our team as the new Family Resource File Clerk!

**PRIVATE SCHOOL & GRADUATION:** We are now accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year and graduation supply needs. Send requests to [youthfinance@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:youthfinance@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov).

**STUDENT HUB:** Portable D is open for students Monday–Wednesday until 6:00 pm.

**LEADERSHIP COURSES:** In partnership with Edmonds CC, we are offering **Coaching & Mentoring** and Leadership classes starting April 6th. Email [jayne.joyner@edmonds.edu](mailto:jayne.joyner@edmonds.edu) to register.

**GRADUATION:** Higher Education Graduation planning is underway – if you are graduating with the class of 2026, please email: [highereducation@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:highereducation@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov)

The Youth Council is rebuilding and looking for leaders! If you are between 6th grade and age 24, you can help make a difference.

**MEETINGS:** Thursdays at 5:00 pm at the Don Hatch Youth Center.

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**Prevention & Community Wellness**

**Family Resource**

**Higher Education**

**Youth Council**

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