TULALIP EDUCATION DIVISION

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026

A Message from Jessica Bustad, Executive Director



ʔi tič syəyəhub *(good day)* to our Tulalip community!

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and the beautiful colors that come with the colder seasons. I want to take a moment to thank all of you who continue to visit the Youth Center, participate in our activities, attend events, and support one another. The Youth Center is a special place because of all of you who make it feel like home.



Tulalip Positive Youth Development

Greetings to Tulalip & Marysville families, and hopes for a smooth transition from summer into the new school year. To help families understand how the team supports students, the school year's staff assignments have been outlined. Each advocate is assigned a main "home" school where they maintain primary office hours, with other schools assigned for small groups scheduled throughout the week:

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Families in need of support are encouraged to reach out to advocates at the listed email addresses. The team looks forward to supporting students within the schools and fostering a positive educational experience focused on learning and growth.

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Higher Education

Lorna Juvinel is serving as the interim Higher Education Manager. The Higher Education team is dedicated to empowering tribal members on their lifelong education journeys. Guided by cultural values, the team provides financial resources and assistance to Tribal students seeking their GEDs, as well as to those attending colleges, universities, and vocational programs. The department operates under the belief that investing in education strengthens the sovereignty, leadership, and future of the Tulalip Tribes.

Our staff members:
Lorna Juvinel
Anita Matta
Sarah Miller
Mary Moses

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Prevention

The Prevention Department's Youth Support & Action meeting featured a conversation with Dr. Emily Myers from Seattle Children's Hospital regarding the complex impact of in utero substance use on babies. Attendees provided feedback on system gaps and challenges faced by parents and caregivers advocating for children in the public school system. An ongoing partnership with Dr. Myers is being established to help identify solutions for the community.

The Prevention team is preparing a youth survey to collect data that will guide future efforts, support long-term goals, strengthen community protective factors, and reduce risk factors. A primary focus of this work is building community capacity and establishing long-term commitments. Tulalip community members are invited to attend upcoming meetings, ask questions, and provide feedback.

To join the coalition or receive updates and materials, contact **Zenitha Jimicum** at 425-232-0116 or by email at

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Lushootseed

The Lushootseed Department is focusing this year on elevating the proficiency of current teachers while developing a 3-Level Immersion Conversational Curriculum for all ages. This curriculum will enable the team to teach cohorts of speakers. Michelle and Natosha will handle teaching obligations at MPHS with 1st-period students and lead the NWIC lunchtime college-level class. The team will also work with Heritage students on Air Days and is currently scheduling monthly language immersion nights.

Self-paced learning resources remain available through the Tulalip Lushootseed App, YouTube page, website, 100-Card Keyring Flashcards, and additional on-site materials.

Youth & Family Enrichment

Summer offered numerous opportunities for youth to try new things and spend time together. Activities ranged from local outings, such as trips to Snow Goose for ice cream, to larger community events, including cheering on the Seattle Storm and attending the annual Native American Night at the Mariners—the summer schedule blended recreation, community experiences, and youth connection.

As programming transitions into fall, the team is preparing to welcome youth and families back for another season. Upcoming plans include the return of Family Bingo Nights and new cultural crafting opportunities. The department continues to strengthen partnerships with cultural teachers and community partners, focusing on creating intentional experiences where youth can participate, learn, and build meaningful connections.

The department is also exploring ways to make programming more inclusive and accessible for youth with varying needs and abilities by reviewing activities, resources, and partnerships. Additionally, staff recently completed a building-wide reset at the Youth Center—decluttering, reorganizing program areas, and clearing out unused materials to create more functional spaces.

SAVE THE DATES:

Tulalip Men's & Women's Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament: November 27–29

Family Resource

"Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."

A new Youth Data Tracking System, developed in collaboration with TDS, will soon launch on IAM TULALIP. This system will allow parents and guardians to track the progress of their students' financial application requests, with a mobile app planned as a subsequent step.

Appreciation is extended to Rachay Imholt for serving as interim Manager during an 11-week medical leave, Aliyah Hernandez for her diligent work supporting the community and students, and Kayla Joseph for stepping in to assist families and students as needed.

We are happy to welcome back Beatrice Fastwater as our full-time specialist and Tahera as a contracted specialist!



Education Division Finance Deadlines 2026
Family Resource & Higher Education

Stay on track with funding requests by submitting all required documentation before the deadlines below.

Purchase Orders & Shoe Vouchers
Deadline: Monday, November 30
Please include:
- **Activity Application**
- **Supporting documentation**

Vendor Payments & Reimbursements
Deadline: Monday, December 7
Please include:
- **Application**
- **Invoice and/or receipt**
- **Supporting documentation**

Important Reminder
Any remaining 2026 and 2027 requests received after these deadlines will be processed on Monday, January 4, 2027.

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Tulalip Tribes **Education Division**



Tutoring & Homework Support PROGRAM

Does your student need help with school?

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Tulalip Tribes Education Division

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