



TULALIP EDUCATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2025

A Message from Jessica Bustad, Executive Director



**?i tič̓ syəyəhub (good day)
to our Tulalip community!**

We've polished your Fall 2025 newsletter to celebrate the vital programs that empower our youth, support our families, and strengthen our rich culture. Explore the upcoming opportunities for learning, growth, and community engagement.

Youth and Family Enrichment Department: Nurturing Our Future

This department is dedicated to serving our families with compassion and respect, creating safe spaces that honor individual identities, uplift diverse voices, and strengthen connections. With a deep commitment to empowering the next generation, we strive to foster resilience and build brighter futures for our community.



Homework Support & Tutorial Program

Our after-school tutoring is back in full swing, open to students in Kindergarten through grade 3. Services began September 8 and are held Monday through Thursday after school at the Homework Support Portable F (7707 36th Ave NW, Tulalip, WA).

In-school services are also provided at Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary, 10th Street, and Heritage.

Grade Level

K- 2 grades
3-5 grades
6- 12 grades

Staff Support

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Upcoming Highlights

By the Fire With Staff -

S'mores & Hotdogs: Every Friday at 4:30-5:30PM for 6th-12th graders

Yoga w/ Chelsea Miller: Every Monday at 5:30 PM for community

Community Open House:

Thursday, October 30, 2025, starting at 5:00 PM. Check out the facility, meet staff, paint pumpkins, and trick-or-treat in the building

Native American Heritage Month

Culture Nights: Details for these special events in November are TBA

Thanksgiving Basketball

Tournament: November 28-30, 2025, for the Adults in the Community



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Lushootseed Department: Keeping Our Language Strong

We are thrilled to be back in the classroom, teaching our ancestral language, which is vital to our sovereignty and identity! Download the **Tulalip Lushootseed App** if you haven't already. Let's help bring Lushootseed into every home and gathering by speaking it to those around you! It's quick, easy, and free to download on the App Store and Google Play.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LSHT 101 College Level Courses: Offered Monday–Thursday from 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM during lunch. You can attend in person or watch on the Tulalip Lushootseed YouTube page. Contact instructor Miss Tosha for details.

In-School Instruction: Classes are being taught at MPHS (team teaching with Miss Tosha and Miss Michelle), and at Heritage High School during Workshop (team teaching with Miss Michelle and Mr. Thomas). Instruction is also taking place at Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy (BJTELA).

Language Warriors: We welcome our newest Teaching Assistants—Montaniel Medina, Jasmine Marchesi, and Princess Jones—who are shadowing instruction at BJTELA.

Lushootseed Family Nights: Keep an eye out for announcements! We will be scheduling Fall classes for community members interested in learning Lushootseed on a casual conversation level.



Higher Education Department: Supporting Lifelong Learners

haʔɬ dadatu! As a season of change, Fall is a perfect time to focus on education. The Higher Education Department is here to support a successful student journey for young and not-so-young students alike.

IMPORTANT NEWS & DATES

We Have Moved! Higher Education staff are now located in Portable F (7707 36th Ave NW, Tulalip, WA).

Student Lounge: The former office space (Portable D) is being converted into a Student Lounge and will soon be available for students to utilize for learning and studying.

Date (2025)	Event
November 11	Veterans Day: Office Closed
November 27-28	Tulalip Peoples Days: Office Closed
December 1	Deadline to submit for 2025 funding by 4PM

Contact:

360-716-4888 or HigherEducation@TulalipTribes-nsn.gov

MEET YOUR SPECIALISTS

Jenna adzalous Bowman - *Manager:* adzalous is her traditional name. She is a Lifelong Learner who holds dual Master's degrees and is completing her PhD on racism, bias, and Indigenous inequities in the Special Education System. She is the proud mother of 9 and kiah (grandmother) of 13 and counting.

Sarah sala Miller - *Specialist:* sala is her traditional name. She's a descendant of Snohomish/Skykomish from Tulalip. She works to help tribal members get funding for education, guiding and informing them through the enrollment and funding process.

Mary Moses - *Specialist:* She is also a descendant of Snohomish/Skykomish from Tulalip. Her role is to help students navigate the hardships of college and fund their degrees, building trusting relationships based on respect and communication. She is pursuing further education in Public and Tribal Business Administration.

Education Division Administration: The Power of Engagement

We want to share: you are strong, resilient, and brilliant! Our division is committed to ensuring that you have the support and resources needed to make this year a success. Our top priority is to deliver intentional, meaningful, and quality services to our Native students and families.

To make this our best school year, we ask all families and community members to focus on two foundational areas:



The Power of Literacy: Reading with your children and ensuring they have regular access to reading materials is crucial. Make reading fun, and lead by example.



The Power of Engagement: Parent, family, and community involvement is the foundation for student achievement. Adult presence is our greatest leverage within public systems that were not designed for our children. Committing just one hour per week consistently can have a significant impact.

Let's stand together and make this an incredible year! **ʔig'icid** (Thank you).



Family Resource & Positive Youth Development

FAMILY RESOURCES:

DEADLINE REMINDER

2025 Deadlines: Checks and Purchase Orders (Shoe Vouchers) must be submitted by **Monday, November 24 at 4:00 PM.**

Send requests to:

youthfinance@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

Positive Youth Development (PYD)

We send out positive thoughts and best wishes for a fresh start to the 2025-26 school year! We are here to provide academic, social-emotional, and cultural support.

Welcome our new Advocates:
Adiya Jones-Smith and Deandra Grant!

Upcoming events: Literacy Event, Native Heritage Month assemblies, and the annual Christmas Powwow.

For information on the Advocate serving your school, reach out to:

ddiaz@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Prevention: Creating Healthy Systems

Our intention is to create a safe space for our community to provide feedback, ask questions, and be part of the process along the way. We are setting goals based on community needs to create stronger systems that help nurture healthy and healing families.

We recently hosted the North Star quarterly gathering with Planet Youth and other tribes to plan our next steps and discuss data collection amongst our youth.

To learn more or get involved, contact:

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