



2019 Montana American Indian Heritage Day

Montana law establishes the last Friday of every September as American Indian Heritage Day. Montana's American Indian Nations are integral to our state's rich history and continue to be a proud aspect of Montana's heritage. The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) encourages schools to recognize American Indian Heritage Day next Friday, September 27th.

The OPI's Indian Education for All (IEFA) Unit has many teaching resources that educators can incorporate into the classroom not only next Friday but throughout the school year. You can learn more on the OPI's website:

<http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Indian-Education-for-All>.

Below are events that the OPI will be participating in:

- Monday, September 23rd the OPI's IEFA Director, Zach Hawkins, will be helping Fort Belknap community schools Harlem, Hays-Lodgepole, and Dodson kick off Heritage Day events.
- Tuesday, September 24th OPI IEFA staff will be teaching traditional native games to students at Bryant Elementary School in Helena from 12:30pm-3:00pm.
- Thursday, September 26th Mike Jetty will be teaching students at Four Georgians Elementary School in Helena about traditional native songs and pow wows from 8:30am-11:00am.
- Friday, September 27th Mike Jetty will be honoring the display of Montana's tribal nations' flags at Helena College with a traditional native flag song.
- Friday, September 27th through Sunday, September 29th OPI staff will be participating in the Last Chance Pow Wow. Details here: <http://lastchancepowwow.com/>.

Thank you for putting Montana students first!
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