# NYCP NEWSLETTER



#### CLUB CORNER



SPANISH SPRINGS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CLUB

The Spanish Springs Indigenous Peoples Club has been working hard to create a space of belonging for each other as well as bringing awareness to the school.

That visibility is so important and we are excited that the club now has an official logo! We look forward to seeing it around campus and beyond!









## Celebrating Dur Students





#### **Tristian**





Tristian is a 7th grader at Depoali Middle School. This year Tristian earned his way to the state wrestling tournament. After competing, he came in an impressive 5th place. This is quite an accomplishment in a large field of atheletes. Tristian, we look foward to seeing you continue to thrive and compete!







#### Did You Know.



## Thoughts on the movie *Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting*by Heather Egtvedt

The United States is a nation with many types of organized sports ranging from youth programs all the way up to the professional level. Each one of these types of teams all have one thing in common; they all have mascots. If you are a loyal sports fan like me, you might have a particular team or franchise you favor by cheering on the players and even wearing their merchandise. My family and I are diehard Seahawk fans. If you asked my oldest son Kyle about it he would say we bleed blue and green. But have you ever thought about the origin of sport mascots? Or the purpose behind their fierce and strong images that represent the team? Mascots are used to strike fear into their opponents and often represented as animals like the Chicago Bears, the Seattle Kraken, or the Arizona Diamondbacks. They can even be extreme forces of nature like the Los Angeles Chargers (lightening) or the Miami Hurricanes.

But what happens when that symbol is a misappropriation of Native culture and only serves to fuel racial injustice? Before watching the film,I was neither for nor again the movement to remove Native American and other Indigenous Peoples as sports mascots. I believe Indigenous images can be powerful representations of resilience and strength. However, after watching this film, I am no longer undecided. I fully support the effort remove Native American mascots. These images, words, symbols, and gestures portray inaccurate and stereotypical ideas about Indians and Native Americans. I now recognize my own misconceptions about the origins and meanings surrounding how teams were named and their justification to use Indians as symbols in their sports programs. Through the Native voices in this film, I was able to see the damage and blatant racism entangled in every Indian mascot.

This film was eye-opening for me and allowed me to see the historical meanings behind mascoting. It carries an important message presented by activists, historians, athletes, and entirely from the lens of Native American culture and people. It is appropriate for ages ranging from middle school students to adults. For more information and to watch the trailer, please visit: <a href="Imagining the Indian">Imagining the Indian</a> In Fight Against Native American Mascoting (imaginingtheindianfilm.org).

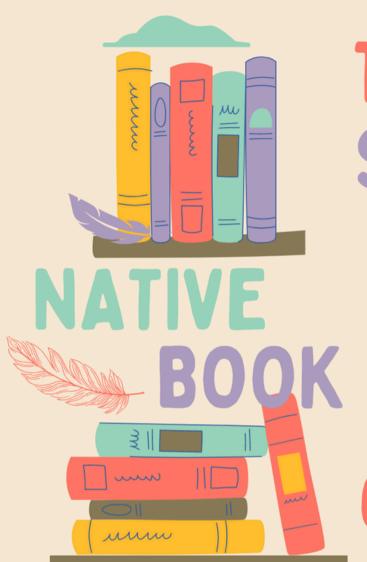
"Racial slurs shouldn't be a regular part of everyday conversations, let alone cherished and institutionalized. It's time for sports fans to open their eyes."













JOIN US TO SELECT BOOKS BY NATIVE AUTHORS FOR SPRING READING

MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024

#### NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND ED OFFICE

5450 RIGGINS CT, SUITE 3 RENO NV 89502

8:00AM-4:00PM

BOOKS AVAILABLE TO ALL WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS WITH A 506 FORM ON FILE



# Spring Ribbon Shirts

For any 6th-12th male Washoe County School District student in the NYCP Program

When: Monday April 1st 10am-3pm

When: 5450 Riggins Court Reno, NV 89502

Why: Share in cultural practice and tradition

- Transportation is available
- Lunch will be provided
- You can register using the QR code
- Please contact your Tribal Youth Advocacy
   Specialist or call 775-789-4680 with any questions or to register

We only have 10 spots available for students, we will take the first 10 registered. Priority to those who have not made a ribbon skirt yet with NYCP



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