

Happy October!

I hope this finds you well and you are enjoying the changing of the seasons. As we are coming up on Indigenous Peoples' Day and Halloween, I'd like to share some Wabanaki vetted resources, as well as some upcoming PD opportunities.

[Indigenous Peoples Day Resources](#)

Upcoming Indigenous Peoples' Day Events:

Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine:

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day with art, music, making, and opportunities to learn from and connect with Indigenous artists.

<https://www.kitetails.org/indigenous-peoples-day>



Abbe Museum "Water is Life" Celebration

Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor, ME

Wabanaki Alliance Celebration

10:00 AM, Capitol Park, Augusta, ME

Wabanaki Studies Professional Development

[2026/27 Wabanaki Studies Professional Development](#)

Wabanaki Studies Webinar Series:

Upcoming (each webinar starts at 530pm):

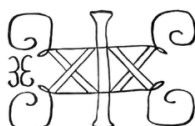
Oct 14 **Brianne Lolar**

Oct 21 **Esther Anne**

Oct 28 **Dr. Darren Ranco**

Nov 4 **Maulian Bryant**

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Nov 11 TBD

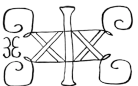
Nov 18 TBD

Dec 2 **Wabanaki Policy Youth Initiative**

Dec 9 **John Dennis**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/ex3zRoDqtR3aJzJX6>

Another great place to check is: <https://www.meeassociation.org/wabanaki-studies>

Just a reminder, this work is done in partnership with Wabanaki advisors. They have been involved in all steps along the way for the past four years and continue to be today. I could not and would not want to do this work without them. I am just one voice. I do not represent everyone in my Panawahpskek community and certainly not all in our Wabanaki confederacy. Instead, I do my best to listen to the voices of others. I bring in as many Wabanaki advisors as I can to share their knowledge with me and the other educators as we build resources for all to use. The Department of Education has contracted with Wabanaki citizens across our homelands to honor their experiences. I ask a lot of these advisors, and they work very hard because they believe in this work. We are all learning and growing together and these resources reflect that partnership of growth. **It is crucial that you be aware of the origins of Wabanaki studies resources when using it for your own learning or in your classrooms.** We use this double curve  on the materials we create to represent the partnership. This has not been easy and is a heavy lift. Artificial intelligence, or AI, will not give you the Wabanaki perspectives. It will not give you the hours of conversations that are had between Wabanaki knowledge shares and educators building relationships. This is timely for a number of reasons, and it seems appropriate to share the cultural appropriation vs appreciation resources [Cultural Appropriation Resources](#) . I hope we continue to elevate Wabanaki voices and honor their time and wisdom as we all learn more about ourselves and this land we all call home.

Woliwoni!

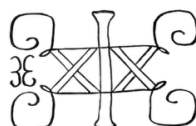
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