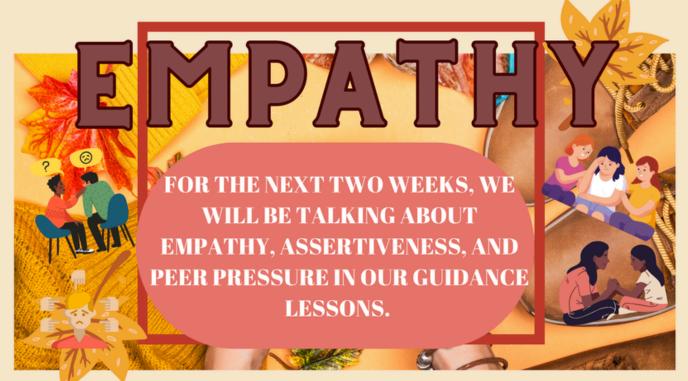


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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Have you heard about the "The Austin Powwow"? It's a unique Austin experience that happens each November that offers a look into the cultures and heritage of our region's Native American people. The celebration started in the early 1990s by Austin ISD families who wanted to bring their culture to Austin—as Nan Blassingame tells us. Blassingame is the Program Director of <u>Great Promise for American Indians</u>, the organization that hosts the Austin Powwow. "My first time dancing with Great Promise was in 2004," recalls Blassingame, since it was her first participation in the Austin Powwow. A Powwow is a social gathering and, according to <u>Indiana University Bloomington</u>, the Powwow has become a way that Native American people from all tribal backgrounds can join together to share experiences, reconnect with old friends, and also help educate future generations of dancers and singers.

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