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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: Native American Community Members and Students of the Early Childhood Development Center

WHAT: Native American Drum Circle

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 13, beginning at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Early Childhood Development Center Cafeteria

Native Americans Educate ECDC Students about Their Culture through Storytelling, Art and a Drum Circle

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Native American community members will share information about their cultural heritage with more than 170 students ages three through fifth grade during a Native American drum circle Thursday, Nov. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Early Childhood Development Center cafeteria.

The event, celebrating American Indian Heritage Month, also will include traditional art, music and storytelling. Larry “Running Turtle” Salazar and Ernest “Graywolf” Salazar, both from the Tsa La Gi tribe, a part of the Cherokee Nation, will speak about the importance of Native American history and keeping the culture alive. Vicki “Smiling Water” Harraghy, whose Choctaw name is Yukpachi Oka, will use traditional storytelling to teach children about Native American culture and heritage.

During the month of November, students have been researching Indian tribes native to Texas and the many diverse cultures that have existed.

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