

Youth Services and Prevention Program

Open Gym

Open gym is now held every week, on Friday from 8:30 - 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 4 - 6 p.m. There are games, cards, coloring books, bead activities, other sports activities, and basketball. We encourage parents to attend. Water is provided, as the water in the gym is not too tasty. If you have suggestions or ideas for awesome games, please give us a call.

We've started a special part of the program. With support from the community and tribal programs, we have gift certificates to raffle off to youth who attend open gym. Here's how it works:

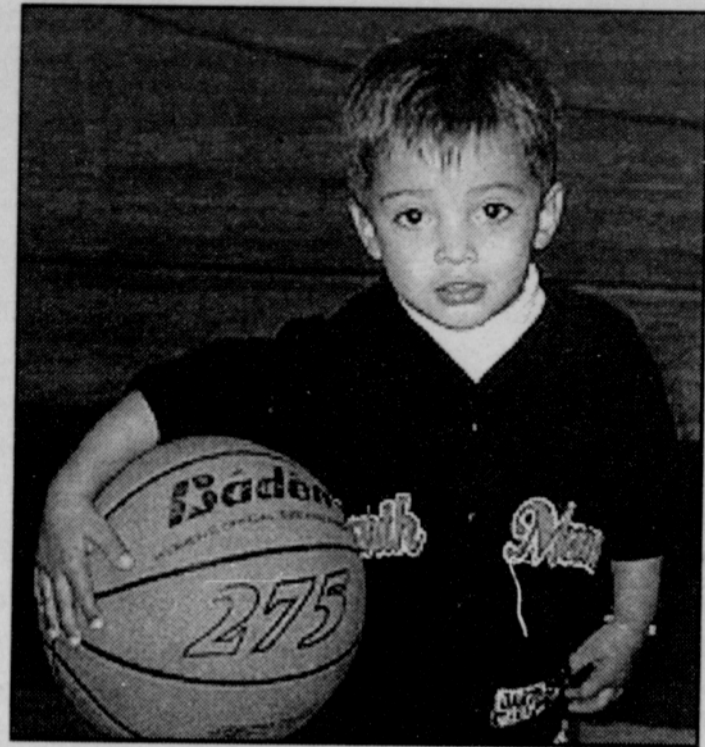
Open gym has an educational focus, which is a half-page sheet of info that youth read and 2-3 questions that they answer. Each time they read and complete the page, they get a ticket. Plus, if they bring a parent with them, they get an **extra** ticket. You can get an **extra extra** ticket if you perform service to your community. This means helping an elder (this has to be volunteer, not paid work), assisting with a community function, or just something that's a really cool idea. We hold a drawing for prizes once (one time) a week. You **must** be present to win and you **must** have your ticket to win. Don't fear, if we draw your ticket and you're not there, we just throw it back in.

We plan to add one more night per week, most likely in the middle of the week around 6-7 p.m. We hope to combine open gym with the regalia class at that time. In the meantime, please feel free to bring any projects you're working on and join the fun!

Please contact the prevention coordinator if you would like to start an open gym prevention activity in your area. Any other questions or suggestions? Call Lisa Brown, prevention coordinator, at 541-444-8333 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 333.

Thank You

A special thank you to the following local businesses - **B & B Mini Mart, Hair It Is, Little Chief Restaurant, Noel's Market, Original Bard Beads, and Sweet River Corner** - for their



generous donations. Noel's donated \$25 worth of items for door prizes for the New Year's Eve open gym. All the others donated the gift certificates that we use as incentive prizes for open gym. The generous support of local businesses makes our community strong and healthy. Thanks for showing your commitment to Prevention in the Siletz community.

Clockwise from top left: Natasha Kavanaugh and her sister, Shantell, play a game; Micah Case-Welch takes a breather; Kent Rilatos and his son, Mitchell, check out the refreshments; and Ray Blacketer and Josh Rilatos work on a bead project.

Apply Now for Financial Aid

Deadlines for higher education/AVT grant applications are as follows:

Fall term - June 30, 2000

Winter term - Oct. 31, 2000

Please take note of these deadlines and dates. The Education Department will adhere to these dates in considering new applications for scholarships.

Returning students take note that to be considered for fall funding, you need to complete a new application and financial aid award by June 30, 2000.

New students and returning students need to file their financial aid applications as soon as possible. This gives them the best chance of being eligible for grants and getting their financial aid reports processed way before the June 30 deadline.

A financial aid workshop is scheduled for Feb. 10, 2000, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to assist parents and students in filing for financial aid. Additional scholarship information will be available.

If you have any questions regarding these workshops or financial aid information, please contact Kelly Strickler at 541-444-8237 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 237.