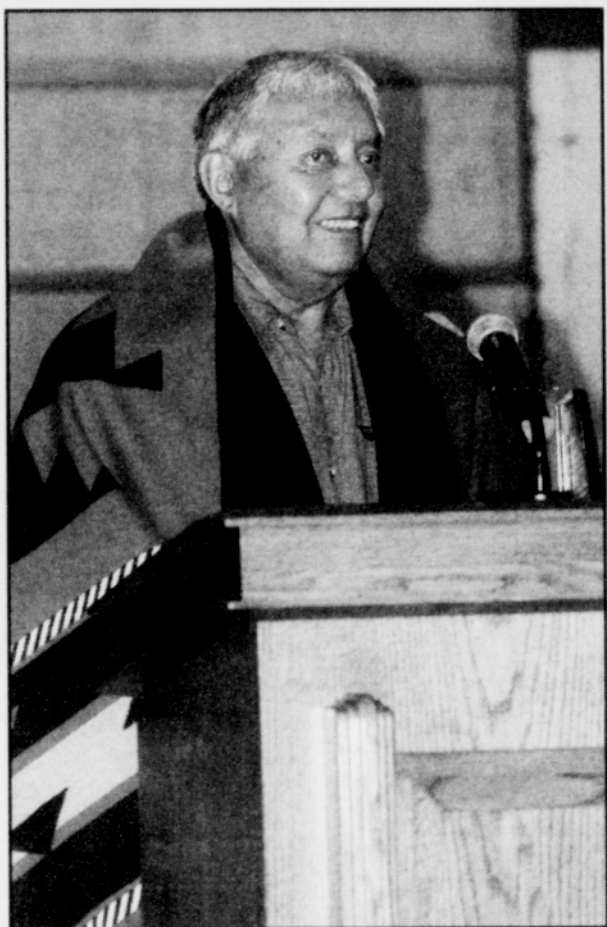


NOTICES



The Siletz Tribal Council honors Van Peters, founder of Siletz Valley School, with a Treaty blanket in recognition of the work he has done for the school.
(photos by Natasha Kavanaugh)



State Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo (center) recognizes the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Siletz Valley Schools for their community-school partnership in obtaining charter school status.

Community-School Partnership Award – Sept. 23, 2008

School Safety

For most of the year, children spend more time at school than anywhere else other than their own home. Overall, schools are one of the safest places children can be.

Some schools, however, have problems, such as bullying and theft, which make them less secure. These problems make students and educators feel less safe, which makes it harder for students to learn. There are specific ways that parents can make going to school a safer and more valuable learning experience for their children.

- Talk to your children about their day. Sometimes children won't tell you right away if they're having problems at school. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends or torn clothing.
- Teach children to resolve problems without fighting. Talk to them about other ways they can work out a problem, such as talking it out, walking away or telling a trusted adult.
- Keep an eye on your children's Internet use. Let them know they can talk to you if anything they see online makes them uncomfortable, whether it's an explicit website or a classmate bullying them or someone else through e-mail, chat rooms or websites.
- Ask about the safety and emergency plans for your children's school. How are the local police involved? What emergencies have been considered and planned for?
- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections, vacant lots, construction areas and parks.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school, they should tell an adult.
- Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and ZIP code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.
- Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled time.
- Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or grass while waiting for the bus.
- Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.
- Be aware that often bullying takes place on the school bus. Ask children about the bus – who they sit with, who they talk to and what the other kids do. Let them know that if they see someone being bullied or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver or another trusted adult.

For more information, please visit the National Crime Prevention Council's website at www.npc.org/ or contact the AMERIND Safety Services Team at 800-352-3496 or visit www.amerindrisk.org.

Tribe, Casino, Kiwanis and Chamber to Host Candidate's Fair

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln City and the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce will co-host a Candidate's Fair in the casino's convention center on Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.

All candidates who will appear on the ballot for Lincoln City voters have been invited to participate in this event, including those running for city, county, state and federal offices.

Roger Robertson will moderate the candidate's fair and monitor the live remote that will be broadcast over radio stations KBCH in Lincoln City and KNPT

in Newport, reaching a listening audience in central and north Lincoln County as well as south Tillamook County.

The format allows each candidate three minutes of presentation and five minutes to answer questions from the audience. More time may be allowed depending on the number of candidates who choose to participate. The audience will be asked to submit questions in writing and they will be read by the moderator.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event. Refreshments will be provided and tables will be available for candidate's information and information on the ballot measures.

Opportunities for Schools

Vernier and NSTA Partner to Offer Technology Award: Every year, Vernier Software & Technology and the National Science Teacher's Association (NSTA) present the most resourceful science teachers in the country with the Vernier Software & Technology/NSTA Technology Award. The awards, valued at \$3,000 each, will be given to seven educators judged to have created the best inquiry-based, hands-on learning activities using data collection technology interfaced with computers, graphing calculators and other handheld devices.

Up to one elementary teacher, two middle school teachers, three high school teachers and one college-level educator will receive the technology awards. Each award consists of \$1,000 in cash, \$1,000 in Vernier equipment and \$1,000 toward travel and expenses for attending NSTA's 2009 National Convention.

Entries are due by Oct. 15, 2008, and will be judged by a panel of experts appointed by NSTA. Downloadable applications and guidelines are available on the Vernier website at www.vernier.com/grants. Educators can be nominated or self-nominated for the awards.