

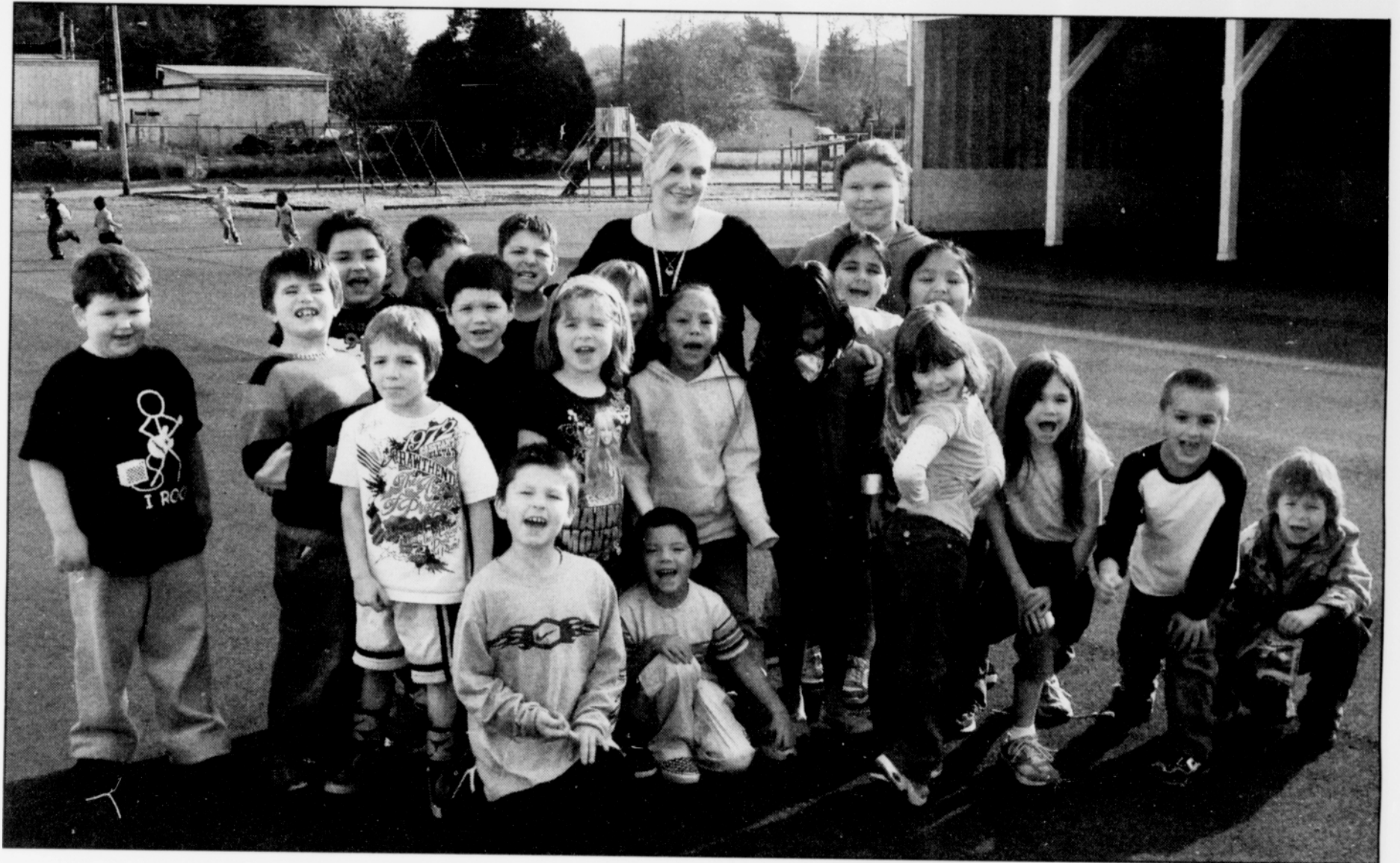
NOTICES

News from Siletz Valley School

The Senior Careers Class collected clothes of all sizes for weeks and gave them away to anyone who needed them in the community for free! Many people stopped by despite the horrible weather on Dec. 18 at Downey Hall in Siletz, Ore.

They took huge bags of clothing (and heavy jackets) home to their families. It was a great success! Clothing that was leftover was donated to the Baptist Church, which is in constant need of clothing to distribute as well.

Mrs. Beutler's second-grade class collected gifts to give to children at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. All grades participated and the second grade has decided to make this an annual event. It was a perfect lesson in generosity and empathy.



Mrs. Beutler's second-grade class at Siletz Valley School

Scholarship Opportunities

Verl and Dorothy Miller Native American Scholarship

Applications accepted Jan. 1 – March 1, 2009

Contact: Belle Cantor, 503-227-6846

Website: www.ocfl.org/scholarships/scholarships_for_students.html

American Indian residents of Oregon attending or planning to attend an accredited trade or vocational school in Oregon are eligible for \$1,500-\$3,000 a year. Students can apply and compete for the scholarship for up to four years. Preference given to students who have demonstrated commitment to and involvement in the American Indian community, academic promise and high participation in school or community activities.

Applications and instructions are available on the website and will be supplemented by essays and an interview with the selection committee.

Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship

Applications accepted Jan. 1 – March 1, 2009

Contact: Belle Cantor, 503-227-6846

Website: www.ocfl.org/scholarships/scholarships_for_students.html

American Indian residents of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties seeking post-secondary education or training in science, computer science, engineering or mathematics are eligible for \$3,000 a year for up to five years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study. Preference given to students who have demonstrated commitment to and involvement in the American Indian community, academic promise and high participation in school or community activities.

Applications and instructions are available on the website and will be supplemented by essays and an interview with the selection committee.

Middle School Students Art Search: Problem Gambling Awareness

Details about the contest, including suggested art themes, are available online at www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml#aware.

Oregon middle school students are invited to submit artwork for the 2009 Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) calendar designed to increase awareness of problem gambling. The sixth annual art search is conducted in partnership with local problem gambling prevention and outreach coordinators. Twelve artistic designs will be chosen for next year's calendar.

Entry deadline is March 20, 2009.

Approximately 75,000 adult Oregonians experience problems related to their gambling, which also impacts children and families.

"The calendar features young people's views on problem gambling, expressed through art, and helps us spread the word that gambling can be risky in more ways than people think," said Paul Potter, DHS problem gambling services manager.

Artwork should be entered on letter-size white paper with the name of the student artist, grade level, school and city on the back. DHS and its partners will judge the entries. Gift certificates ranging from \$25 to \$50 will be awarded to 12 students.

Submit entries to Greta Coe, Human Services Building, 500 Summer St. NE, E86, Salem, OR 97301.

Foundation Grants Support American Indian Non-profit Leadership Development

LONGMONT, Colo. – The next generation of American Indian non-profit sector leaders will receive a significant boost from a leadership training program organized by First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) and funded by a consortium of private foundations as well as contributions from individual supporters.

Grants of \$300,000 over three years from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, \$400,000 over two years from the Ford Foundation and \$25,000 from American Express will support the Leadership and Entrepreneurial Apprenticeship Development (LEAD) program for up-and-coming, non-profit executives serving American Indian communities in Oregon, Washington and Colorado.

In all, 60 American Indian non-profit professionals will be trained during the three-year grant period.

LEAD will develop a new pool of non-profit leaders to meet the needs of the growing American Indian non-profit sector. LEAD Fellows are employed by a non-profit organization or planning a career in the non-profit sector, are committed to a career working in Native communities and are affiliated with a Tribe.

In fall 2008, LEAD graduated 12 Fellows. For information about the 2007-2008 LEAD graduates and the 2008-2009 class of LEAD Fellows, visit www.firstnations.org.

In Oregon, Washington and Colorado, respectively, partner organizations – the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), the Potlatch Fund and NVision – will organize and host the training sessions for the Fellows with facilitation and support from First Nations.

"We are so pleased to expand this program that builds the capacity of Native non-profit organizations," said Michael E. Roberts, First Nations president. "By concentrating resources on our communities' most important asset – our people – we can build strong communities and Tribal institutions."

The one-year mentorship program will train participants in areas critical to successful non-profit leaders, including financial management, factors affecting Native or reservation-based non-profit organizations, fund-raising, program evaluation and service leadership.

About First Nations Development Institute – Through a three-pronged strategy of educating grassroots practitioners, advocating for systemic change and capitalizing Indian communities, First Nations is working to restore Native control and culturally compatible stewardship of the assets they own – be they land, human potential, cultural heritage or natural resources – and to establish new assets to ensure the long-term vitality of Native communities. First Nations Development Institute is a national, non-profit, American Indian-led organization.

For more information about this program, contact Sarah Vermillion, vice president of First Nations, at 303-774-7836 or svermillion@firstnations.org.