

Head Start says thanks, gets ready for January studies, events

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The Siletz Tribal Head Start program would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Pigsley and the following Chemawa Student Council members: Selena Caddo, president, Jose Cromwell, Jenny Jones, Dasjon Jones, Razz Fawcett and Zanetta Lester. Included in this group are the Chemawa Skate Club and the Pow-Wow Club.

These caring young people presented 10 Thanksgiving dinners to Siletz Tribal Head Start families for the fifth year in a row. Our program is fortunate to have Sarah and the students' support during the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you!

Now that the holidays are over, Head Start will be busy once again with classroom and parent activities. Our first-of-the-year parent meeting schedule is as follows: Siletz/Tenas, Jan. 13; Lincoln City, Jan. 20; and Salem on Jan. 27. Our focus will be literacy. We will start with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

On Jan. 14, teacher Robin will meet with the education staff in Corvallis for a curriculum meeting where they will review classroom planning.

The first Policy Council meeting for the new group that was elected in September is



Courtesy photo from Siletz Tribal Head Start staff

Chemawa Student Council members continue to support Tribal Head Start families by delivering 10 Thanksgiving dinners.

on Jan. 15. This council consists of parents from each site. Some of their duties include becoming familiar with program policy/procedures, budgets and assessments.

In January, all of our Head Start centers will focus on the Far North Region, winter and animals. They also will review safety education, Second Step and will begin the

Safe Touch curriculum. The Dee-ni words for the month are animals – ant, bear, chipmunk, frog, turtle, snake and squirrel; and winter – cold, fire, ice and snow.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or activities you would like to share, please contact the classroom teachers.

Remember that we always accept

applications. If you know of any child who is 4 years old or who turned 3 before Sept. 1 and lives in Lincoln, Marion or Multnomah counties, please have them apply by calling 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532 and asking for Head Start.

We have Head Start centers in Lincoln City, Siletz, Portland and Salem.

Community meetings, department fair coming this month to area offices

In January, the Tribal Planning Department will host community meetings in all area offices to discuss Tribal services, plans and goals for 2011.

Many Tribal departments will give presentations on program services and goals. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on how the programs can better serve the needs of the community.

Participating Departments and Programs

Planning Department
 Transportation Program
 Siletz Tribal Energy Program – Weatherization and Energy Conservation
 Emergency Management Program
 Housing Department
 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 Healthy Traditions Project – Traditional Foods
 Language Program
 Education Program
 Indian Child Welfare – Foster Parent Recruitment
 Elders' Program
 477 Self-Sufficiency Program
 Enrollment Department – Tribal ID machine will be at each meeting

Schedule

Siletz Tribal Community Center	Jan. 6
Eugene Area Office	Jan. 13
Salem Area Office	Jan. 20
Portland Area Office	Jan. 25

All Tribal members are invited. Doors open at 5 p.m. Enjoy a light meal starting at 5:15 p.m., then presentations during the meal from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with the program fair following until 7:30 p.m.

All those attending will be entered in a raffle for a gift. You must be present to win. Ticket will be drawn at 7 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, please e-mail your ideas to paml@ctsi.nsn.us or daved@ctsi.nsn.us.

Emergency Housing program reopens this month for assistance Housing office accepting applications Jan. 3

Emergency Housing Assistance applications can be found on the Tribal website and in your local offices. The Siletz Tribal Housing Department will take requests to mail the applications out starting Jan. 3, 2011.

The purpose of the program is to prevent Tribal members from becoming homeless and to assist those who currently are homeless. Funding for the emergency housing program is biennial (every two years) and is based on first-come, first-served. No active waiting list is maintained for this program.

Emergency Assistance can be used for one of the following:

- Delinquent rent with or without late fee, not to exceed \$1,000
- Deposit plus first and last month's rent, not to exceed \$1,000
- Mortgage assistance, rent for Tribal members moving into a nursing home, group home, transitional living center or a room as long as it's an established business, not to exceed \$1,000
- Trailer/mobile home park mortgage/rent and space rent will be considered as one payment, not to exceed \$1,000

*See requirements form attached to the application for further details.

Eligibility for this program is as follows:

1. Tribal member households determined to be homeless, hidden homeless or facing eviction.
2. Household gross income must be at or below 80 percent of median income limit based on family size.
3. Tribal member households that have received assistance must wait 24 months from the date the application is complete before they are eligible for the Emergency Housing program. After the initial request for assistance, staff will refer them for assistance in budgeting.
4. Emergency Housing services cannot be provided to units already receiving assistance through the Housing Department's Low-Rent, Mutual Help and Rental Assistance programs.

*See requirements form attached to the application for further details.

Renting from an immediate family member (i.e., father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, sibling or any other person living in the household) is prohibited.

All applications are subject to approval and available funding.

For more information, contact Tracy Woodruff at 541-444-8311 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1311.