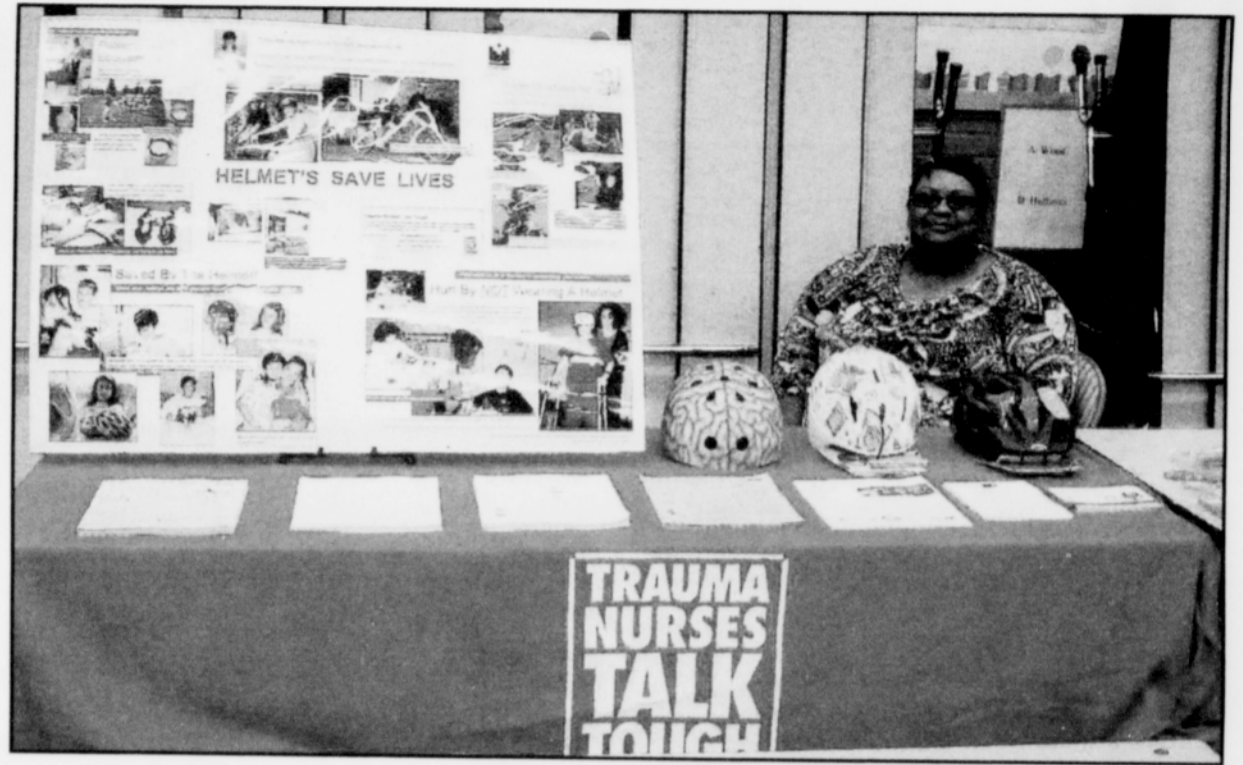




Students at the Siletz Tribal Head Start in Portland visit a local fire station for a firsthand look at the equipment firefighters use to fight fires and save lives.



Courtesy photos by Siletz Tribal Head Start staff

Simone Carter, coordinator of Trauma Prevention and Community Education at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, shares a display about helmet safety at the Head Start Resource Fair in Portland, Ore., in November.

## Head Start Policy Council ready to go, planning begins for annual raffle

By Lori Jay-Linstrom, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Happy New Year!

On Jan 3, all of our Head Start Centers will resume classes from the Christmas break. It is almost like starting a new school year after the summer break. Everyone is well-rested and ready to get back down to school business.

We had our Policy Council training at the Salem center on Dec. 3. The parents who are representing their Head Start centers include George Blacketer, Jesse Cordova and Angela Muschamp for Lincoln City; Stephanie Chamberlin

and Alison Noble (her second term) for Siletz/Tenas; Peche Barteaux, Annamarie Nuss and Jamie Bokuro for Portland; and Beth Van Paten (her second term), Jalaine Whitehorse and Rosa Hernandez-Chavez for Salem.

During our meeting, the Policy Council voted in Jason Werth and Nicole Barney as community representatives. Our next Policy Council meeting is Jan. 11 at the Salem center.

This month, we will have our Parent Committee meetings as follows: Portland will be on Jan. 12, Salem will be on Jan. 19

and Lincoln City and Siletz/Tenas will be on Jan. 26.

One topic of discussion will be our annual Head Start raffle. If anyone is interested in donating items to the raffle, please contact classroom staff/parents or call me at 800-922-1399, ext. 1376, or 541-444-8376. We will post more information in the upcoming months.

All centers will be closed for the Martin Luther King Holiday on Jan. 16.

Head Start would like to thank everyone who comes into our program to provide services in many different ways,

including Mary Ellen Volansky with Siletz Dental; Beth Finnson with Chemawa Dental; and Cecilia Tolentino, Sharon Mason, Verdene McGuire and Adrienne Crookes, the community health advocates from the area offices who helped with our health screening requirements.

Child Care Assistance Program: If you are a working family with enrolled Siletz Tribal children and live within the 11-county service area, you might be eligible for childcare assistance. Please call 800-922-1399, ext 1363, or 541-444-8363 for more information or an application.

### Pay attention to winter safety issues

By Dave Lapof, Chief of the Siletz Valley Fire District

It's that time of year again when the roads are slick and the woodstoves are getting fired up. Everyone needs to pay extra attention to winter safety issues.

Please take your time driving. The defrosters haven't warmed up the windows and your visibility is limited. Lots of roads are in the shadows of trees and never get warmed up. Lots of slick sections are out there and with school in progress, many of our children are walking to school on these same roads. Please be careful.

With woodstoves doing what they do best, chasing out the winter cold, flue fires are an ever-present threat. Pay extra attention to your chimneys and burn dry seasoned wood.

We also ask you to make sure you have a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector. Check your batteries and keep these lifesaving devices working properly.

### Siletz veterans office open daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. Call Tony at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.

### Note from our veterans coordinator

By Tony Molina

All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation. Thank you!

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