

Partnership leads to potato field trip

By Cova St.Onge, Language Project Coordinator

On Feb. 2, the Siletz Tribal Language Project partnered with the Healthy Traditions Project to bring a potato-digging excursion to the students in kindergarten and first and second grades at Siletz Valley School.

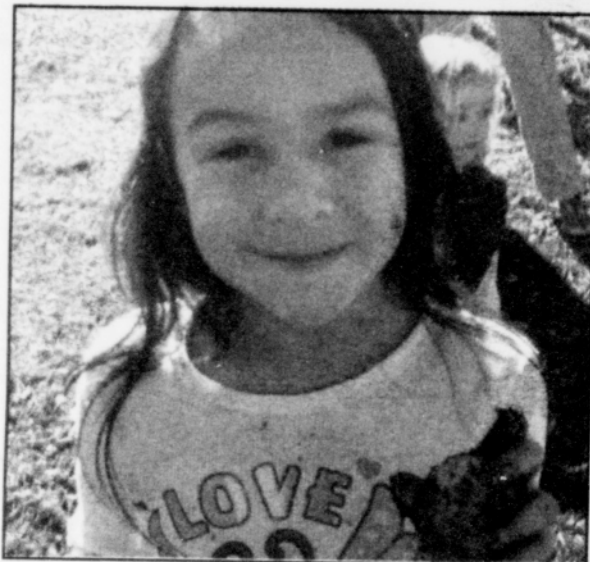
The three grades began with learning the Siletz Dee-Ni foods vocabulary in the classrooms and emerging gathering concepts. The two programs worked together to bring all of the students to the Healthy Traditions garden to learn about healthy eating and growing natural foods in a garden.

The sun was kind to shine on 55 students and 23 accompanying adults for a very fun and pleasant afternoon at the garden. The field trip produced 15 pounds of potatoes that were donated to the school, where Cheryl Schriver prepared them for the students to have with their lunch.

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(For our children, their children and their children)

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Courtesy photos

Above and right: Siletz Valley School students dig for potatoes at the Healthy Traditions garden in Siletz.

Left: Shee-Ne DePoe-Aspria loves her potato.

Above left: Cheryl Schriver prepares to cook the potatoes at Siletz Valley School.



STBC offers entrepreneur class

Any Tribal member interested in taking a course on how to start a business should contact Stephen Larrabee at the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 and by e-mail at slarrabee@stbcpr.net.

Elders Council Meeting

March 24 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more details, contact Felicia Carmona at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or feliciac@ctsi.nsn.us

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Attention Siletz Tribal Artists

The 2012 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Committee is once again having a logo contest for the upcoming pow-wow on Aug. 10-12, 2012.

All Siletz Tribal artists are encouraged to submit a pow-wow-themed logo. The winning logo artist will receive a cash prize of \$250 and a professional banner with your logo. The winning artist also will have his or her logo highlighted on Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your artwork to the cultural education director's office at the Tribal Community Center or mail them to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

All entries must be received no later than March 16, 2012.

Royalty Crown Proposals

The 2012 Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for 2012-2013 royalty crowns. Proposals are being accepted for Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Proposals for a crown must include art design, size of the crown and a bid for the crown or crowns of your interest. Proposals can be submitted for individual crowns, two crowns or all three crowns. Crown proposals must be turned in to the committee no later than March 16, 2012.

Proposals can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. If you have any questions, contact Nick Sixkiller at 800-922-1399, ext. 1757, or 541-484-4234.

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Significant Tribal accomplishments since 1977 include opening the original Siletz Community Health Clinic in 1991 and the new, much-larger clinic in May 2010; building more than 100 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including new apartments in Siletz and Lincoln City; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in Siletz in 2003; and opening the Tillicum Fitness Center, a new gymnasium and a new USDA food distribution warehouse, all in Siletz, in 2008.

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) was formed to develop business ventures on behalf of the Tribe. Through STBC, the Tribe opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2003, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006. The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business in Lincoln City in 2008. It also opened O'Downey's Irish Pub and Family Dining in Depoe Bay in 2010.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo

Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City. The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has allowed the Siletz Tribe to become the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$9.4 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated nearly \$2.3 million in cash and fundraising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fundraisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

Tribal offices in Eugene, Salem and Portland now are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, with Salem moving in 2006 and Portland in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.