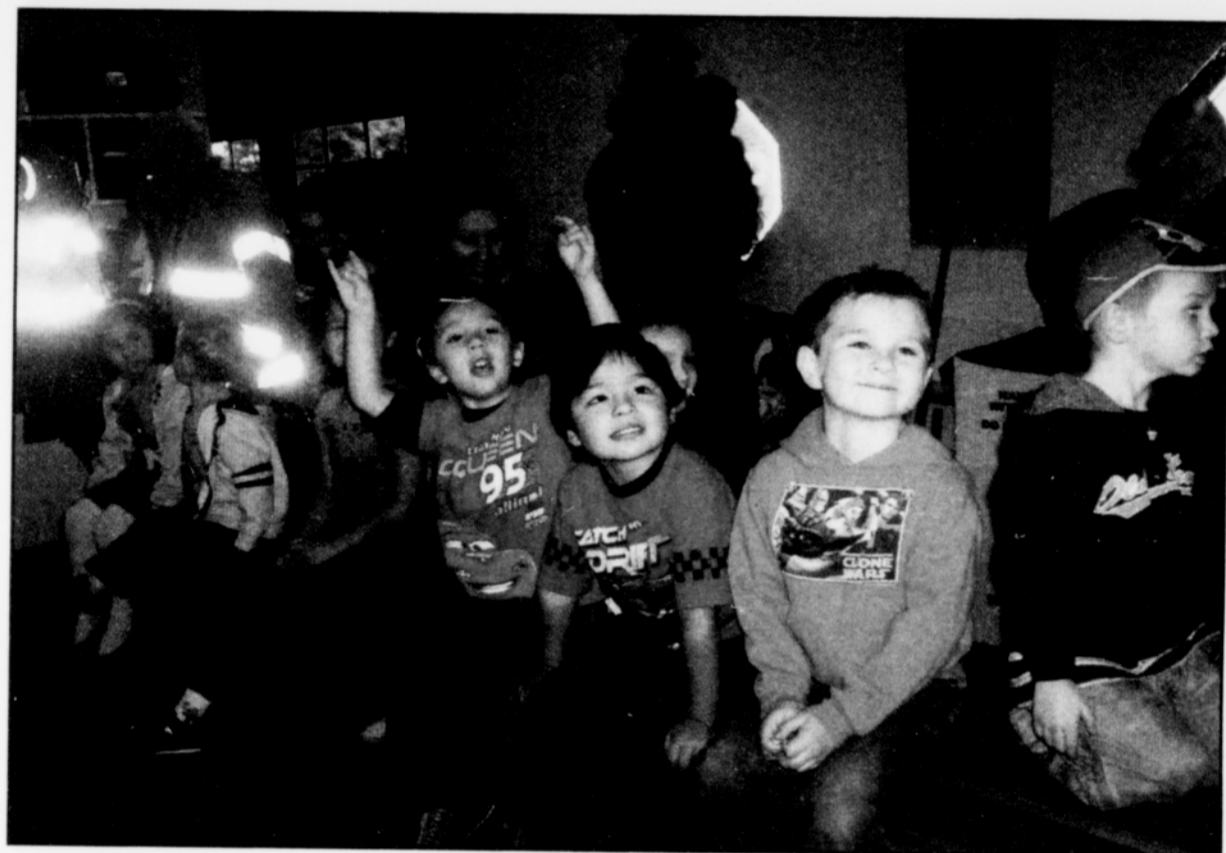
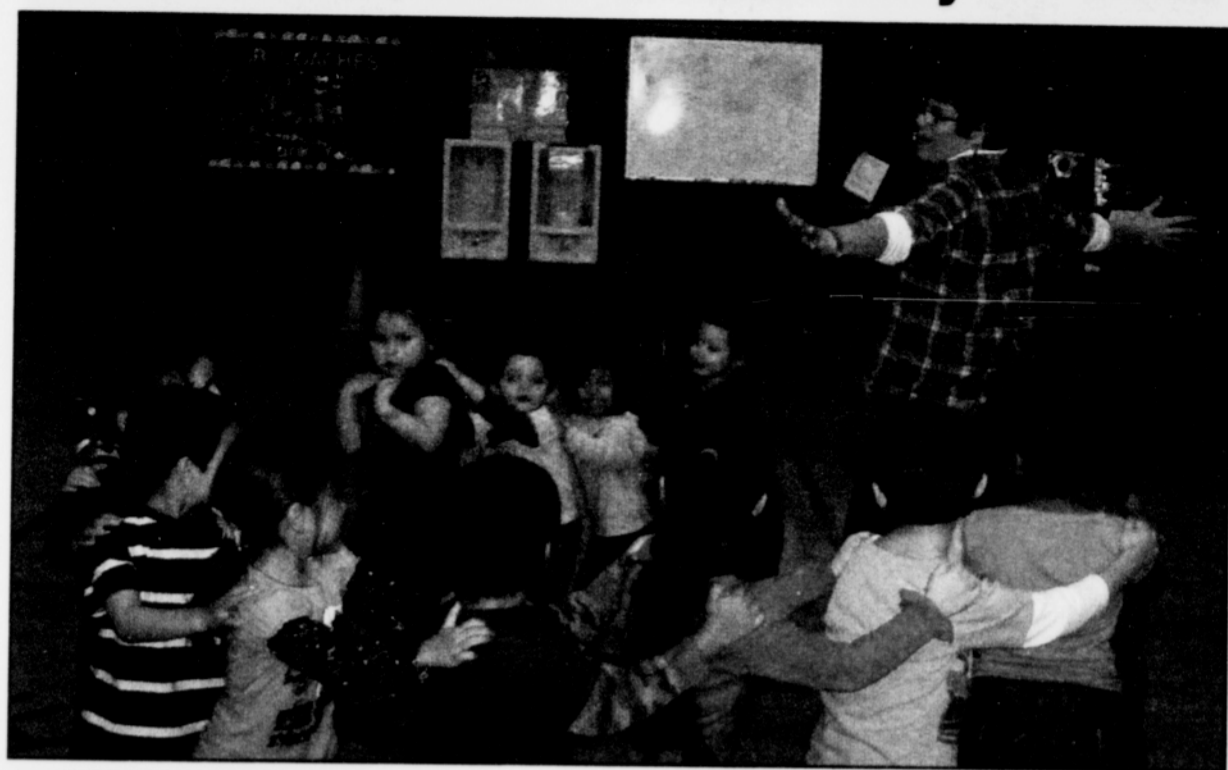


Make a donation to and buy tickets for the third annual Head Start raffle



By Lori Jay-Linstrom, Parent Involvement Coordinator

It's March already and Head Start has been busy with the third annual raffle. Parents are selling tickets this month and in April; the drawing will be held in May.

If you would like to donate any items for the raffle, we will accept them until the drawing. Siletz Tribal Head Start is a non-profit program and all donations are tax-deductible.

Anyone interested in purchasing any tickets should contact the area classrooms. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

The Head Start raffle supplements our federal funding and helps cover costs that cannot be covered through the grant. This includes school pictures, entrance fees for adults and siblings to attend program field trips, transition celebrations, swimming lessons and books for children to take home.

Spring break will be the week of March 26-30 with classes resuming April 2.

Parent Committee, Policy Council

This year the parents have seen some changes to their parent meetings.

Courtesy photos from Siletz Tribal Head Start staff

Top left: Head Start students in Portland form a centipede.

Left: Head Start students in Lincoln City visit a local fire station.

Our Lincoln City families went to the local library and a swimming party is planned for this month's meeting. Siletz families will enjoy a gross motor activity at the Siletz Valley School gym.

Salem families went to the local library, learned about the services offered and then went into the Discovery Room. Portland families will visit the Mt. Scott Community Center for an evening of family activities.

Policy Council members put their training to use during February meetings. They will work on the program's annual self-assessment review.

Siletz Tribal Head Start met with the Health Services Committee. We are so fortunate to have the community representatives we have on our committee. They give invaluable input for our Head Start program in the areas of health, safety, nutrition, oral health and mental health services.

Childcare Assistance: If you are employed, attending school, live within the 11-county service area and your children are enrolled Tribal members, you may qualify for the Tribe's Childcare Assistance Program.

For an application or more information, please call 800-922-1399, ext. 1363, or 541-444-8363.

Elk tag opportunity available this fall for Tribal members

The Tribal Natural Resources Department once again will offer a limited number of Landowner Preference (LOP) elk tags to Tribal members for this fall's hunting season.

As a landowner, the Tribe is eligible to participate in the State's LOP program. Based on the number of acres the Tribe owns, we can get six additional antlerless elk tags from the state. These LOP tags are not related to the Tribe's Consent Decree tags we receive each year. They are based solely on the Tribe being a landowner.

There are a number of important differences between the LOP tags and the Tribe's regular tags. These are summarized in the table below.

	Tribal Tags	LOP Tags
State license required?	No	Yes
Area to be hunted	Anywhere within the specific tag's hunt boundaries	Only on Tribal land within the unit selected during that unit's antlerless elk season. Units available include Thompson Creek, SW Alesia, SW Alesia Private Lands and West Siuslaw.
Eligible for other state elk tags?	Yes	No*
Give tag to another Tribal member to hunt for you?	Yes	No
Application and selection process	Apply to Tribe for Tribal drawing	Apply to Tribe for LOP drawing; if selected apply to state for tag (list LOP as first choice on state application)
Obtain tag from	Tribe	State

* Note: If you are drawn for an LOP tag, you are still eligible to apply for and be drawn for a Tribal tag.

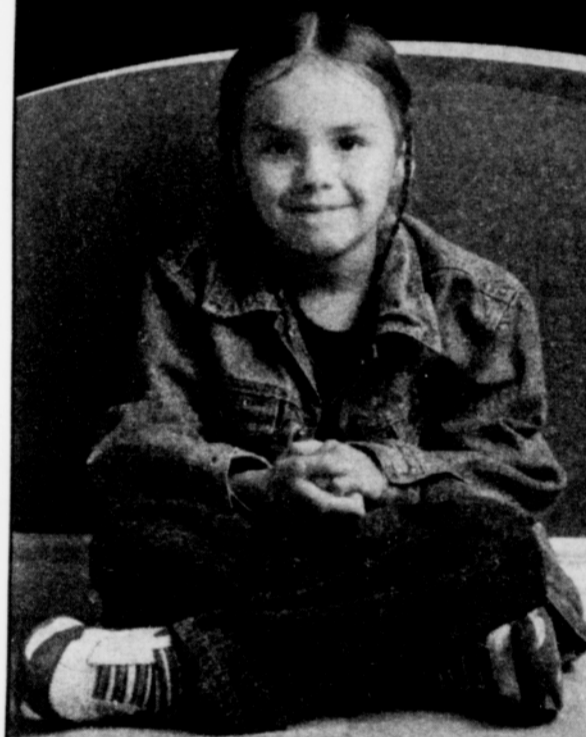
Please note that a major difference between the LOP tags and the Tribe's regular tags is that **only** the person drawn for the tag can hunt that tag. **The tag cannot be given to someone else to hunt for you.** Therefore, only those folks serious about hunting this hunt themselves are eligible to apply.

The drawing for the six LOP elk tags will be held at the Natural Resources Committee meeting on April 2 at 4:45 p.m. in the Natural Resources Department map room.

Applications are available on the Tribal website and at the Tribal Natural Resources office in Siletz. Completed applications are due in the Natural Resources office by **4:30 p.m. on March 23.**

For more information regarding these tags and the differences between the Tribe's regular tags and the LOP tags, contact Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

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