

Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



Parent Involvement, Indian teachers help students get better education

The following remarks were made by Doyle Whipple, Title IV Part A Counselor for the Junior High, at the Honor Students Banquet held at Kah-Nee-Ta February 12)

"Indian children, like all of the children of this country, need to be proficient in reading, writing, mathematics, and the

other communications skills. As a special group of Americans, Indian students are fortunate enough to have the richest culture and heritage of all our people and it is entirely appropriate and desirable that this not only be taught, but practiced.

"There are problems that have to be worked out before our children can get the best edu-

cation possible. I think that the biggest problems are: parent involvement, attendance, behavior in the classroom, and a lack of Indian teachers.

"Parents are supposed to care about what their children are doing in school, but when the time comes for Parent-Teacher Conferences many parents don't show up. A lot of the children don't even want to take their papers or books home because they say nobody looks at them or nobody cares about what they do at school. Many of the children missed so much of school that they can't keep up with their work and they miss out on learning experiences that they need very much.

"I think that many of the behavior problems in a classroom happen because these children want attention and by misbehaving they get attention but it is not the kind they really want or need. Behavior problems cause the whole class to lose out on something they could be learning because the teacher has to stop the lesson and tend to the child or children who are causing problems.

"I feel that with more parent involvement in the school, with the teachers, and in what their children are doing in school, it would be a big step in better education for the children. Giving a child a little more attention and a few words of praise for his or her accomplishments, a child might have a better self-concept, he or she might be proud of himself and the work he does and enjoy going to school to learn new things. I think more parent involvement would be a big help in attendance and behavior problems also.

"I feel that Indian teachers have a better relationship with the children and can understand them better than non-Indian teachers because of the same cultural background. Indian teachers can serve as a model or example that proves to the children that an Indian can make something of themselves by getting a good education."

Reminder

WSFPI

General

Council

Agency Longhouse

Dinner: 6 p.m.

Meeting: 7 p.m.

Kah-Nee-Ta Employees Association elects officers

Kah-Nee-Ta's two-year old employees association should make the resort's workers more visible around Warm Springs, according to newly elected president Andy Lucas.

The recreation-oriented group intends to coordinate with community center activities and even form its own league for several sports. This increased visibility will be engineered by Lucas and his new officers —

vice president Ray Anderson, secretary Donna Saenz and treasurer Dana Harner.

Employees meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to socialize and plan activities. While those meetings also offer a time to air work-related grips, Lucas stresses that the association is not like a union. The group is geared toward employees who live in isolation at the hamlet but is open to all employees.

Letters To The Editor:

Thanks from the Wewas

Mr. Sidney Miller
Editor
Spilyay Tymoo

Sid,
There aren't enough words to express our appreciation to all our friends and relatives who

attended my daughter's funeral. We were so touched to know so many cared. We thank everyone who sympathized, helped and donated things in our time of need.

Thank you all,
Jazzy Wewa and Children

Congrats to student

To the Editor:

The family of Toni M. Smith would like to recognize and share her honor as she attends college in Eugene, Oregon. Toni has recently been installed in Phi Theta Kappa, a national organization in which membership is extended by invitation only. It honors students who have met certain requirements (a 'b' average, must be enrolled in a two-year college, have accumulated the number of credit hours used by the college to designate full-time status, have established academic excellence as judged by the faculty, and be of good moral character and possess recognized qualities of citizenship)

Toni is attending Lane Com-

munity College and also works at the Eugene Indian CETA Program. We were just informed that Toni has been asked to apply for a position in the administrative offices at LCC because of her quality office management skills and knowledge.

We are very proud of Toni for doing such a good job and encourage her to keep up the good work! Toni is also studying in Court Reporting which involves alot of 'overtime' in the areas of practice and skill building. We know she is devoted to completing her education as she hardly ever has a chance to return home for a visit. Congratulations Toni!

(submitted by Marcia for the family)

Miami Pen Pal

Dear Sirs:

I am an Indian, and am named Mu-Sok-Wai-Lay. It means "Woodsmen" in the language of the Miami Indian. I am only part Indian, but I really feel like I am a full Indian.

I was hoping you might know an Indian boy that would like to write back and forth, to exchange our heritage.

I am 14 years old and love the forest and brooks more than anything else. I am very proud of my heritage.

If you do this, I will try to pay you back someday. I hope to come out to Oregon and come to your resort. Thank You Very Much. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Stuart Clayton

or
Mu-Sok-Wai-Lah
909 Oakwood Court
New Albany, IN 47150

P.S. May the song of the birds and the strength of the trees always be in your heart.

Thanks

Hello from Kiko

(This letter was forwarded to Spilyay by Andy Lucas, Social Director at Kah-Nee-Ta)

Dear Mr. Andy Lucas,

Hello, how's your bones? Mine are fine. I guess you know who this is. I really hope you had the Merriest Christmas and I hope you had a Happy New Year. So how's Kah-Nee-Ta lodge doing? Are you still singing? I hope to see you very soon. The lodge was fun when I stayed there.

I'm sorry I didn't write to you on your last letter but I was busy with school activity, plus I'm going to do a television series in a couple of months, so that'll keep me busy. I really hope you like the picture I'm sending, its the latest. Well I better go now, I'll be seeing you later, bye!

All my Love,
Kiko RedWing

ps The series is going to be called "A New Voice." Also say hello to ever Indian kid in the cafeteria for me. Thank You!

Governor Atiyeh names March 3 "Simnasho Grade School Day in Oregon"

Richard Little
Simnasho Grade School
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Dear Mr. Little:

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the first annual National Benefit Run for the Simnasho Grade School Kids. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be at a conference on the Oregon coast at the same time as your special event.

However, I am enclosing a proclamation declaring the day of the run, March 3, 1979, as "Simnasho Grade School Day in

Oregon." I hope you will be able to make the school's students, run participants and sponsors aware of this honor.

I am a strong believer in children learning the basics. Those working for the Simnasho Grade School can be proud of what they are doing to educate these students.

My best wishes for the success of your first annual benefit run.

Sincerely,
Victor Atiyeh
Governor



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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

It is during the lower grades that children learn the basics which set the foundation for the rest of their education.

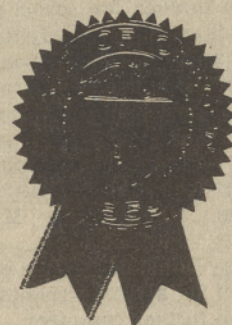
Such basics are included in the curriculum for the students in grades 1 through 4 in the Simnasho Grade School on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

The first annual National Benefit Run for the Simnasho Grade School Kids on March 3, 1979 is, according to its organizers, the first event of its kind and is expected to draw well over 2,000 participants from across the United States.

Funds raised through holding this run will be used to provide the school's 16 students additional educational experience.

Also, holding this run brings special and well deserved recognition to the Simnasho Grade School students and their families and relatives, as well as to the school's staff and to groups and organizations sponsoring the run.

Therefore, as Governor of Oregon, I proclaim Saturday, March 3, 1979, as "Simnasho Grade School Day in Oregon" in recognition of the efforts of the school and those associated with it to enrich the education of the school's students.



Victor Atiyeh
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Governor of Oregon