

New routines begin as summer ends

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After a somewhat hectic summer, going back to school seems to create a different type of bedlam for school personnel, parents and kids as well.

Parents rushed Principal Mike Darcy and secretary Dorothy Souers (left) to apply for meal tickets under the National School Lunch Program. Students are also able to help in the cafeteria (below left) for a free lunch. Janet Fiala received help from Mary Calica sorting bundles of silverware before the next group of hungry students hit the lunch line.

Students who arrive at school early have a few minutes to use the playground equipment before they have to go to class (below). But when the first bell rings, there's a mad dash to see who gets to class first.



Vote of tribes will determine JOM funding distribution formula

The formula for distributing Johnson-O'Malley Act funding to schools serving Indian students will be determined by a run-off election to be conducted this fall, Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary Rick Lavis announced.

The 1978 Education Amendments Act (P.L. 95-561) requires that the distribution formula be chosen by a majority vote of the tribes and Alaska village groups.

The Johnson-O'Malley funds are used to provide supplemental programs for Indian students in public schools and other non-Federal education programs. In fiscal

year 1979 appropriation for this purpose, serving approximately 171,000 students, was \$31,675,000.

Following the publication of proposed formulas this spring, hearings were held at seven locations between March 28 and April 13.

The task force, appointed by Lavis to work on this project, received more than 300 comments on the proposed formulas, including recommendations for 28 additional formulas. After reviewing the hearings testimony, the comments and recommendations, the task force submitted eight formulas May 25 for

voting by the tribal groups. None of the eight formulas, however, received the required 51 percent of the votes cast.

The two formulas receiving the greatest number of votes will be submitted to a tribal vote in the run-off election this fall.

One of the two formulas has been used for the past four years. It provides straight per capita payments for all students, with increases allowed for states which spend above the national average for education.

The other formula is a straight per capita plan which makes no allowance for cost of education in the state.

Counselor available

Ron Pinkham is back to work at the Madras High School as the student counselor and is available and willing to give assistance in working out class schedules for the students. An invitation is open to the parents as well for them to get

acquainted with the student counselor.

Pinkham will be available anytime during the day until school starts. So if there is any advice or assistance needed call and make appointment. Call him at school 475-3888 or at home 475-6566.