



Kindergarten students experience their first day at school.

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509-J District update

The 1983-84 school year begins on Wednesday, September 7 when almost 2300 students return to the classrooms of District 509-J. The students will notice changes in their schools, new teachers, administrators, and some new requirements. I would like to share some of the new aspects of schooling with you through this newsletter.

New policies and requirements

The Board revised the policy for student conduct and discipline last Spring to be applied beginning this September. The policy reinforces District philosophy by stating that "student conduct shall promote and reflect the principles of good citizenship which include consideration for others, respect for authority, high standards for decency, morality, clean language honesty and respect for real and personal property."

Another policy change upgrades graduation requirements. The number of credits required for graduation will increase from 21 to 24 over the next four years. Also, high school students will have a greater opportunity by taking seven subjects rather than six each semester. The seven subjects will be rotated over a six-period day and may be somewhat confusing at first.

New teachers and administrators

The faculty will include several educators to the District. At Madras Elementary, Karen Sites will teach a fourth grade. Russell Kaiser and Laura Fuentes will teach first grade and kindergarten at Warm Springs Elementary school. Madras Junior High will be guided by a new principal, Richard June, and Amy Barr has been hired as vice-principal. Mr. Junge comes from Centennial School District in Gresham and Mrs. Barr is from Monmouth, Oregon. New high school teachers include Jeena Flory to teach Spanish and Ruth Ann Hopps to teach home economics (half-time). Paula Thompson joins the District to plan and teach special activities for academically advanced elementary students.

New Curriculum

Two significant curriculum changes hold promise for

advancing the District's constant desire for quality. A program to provide challenging and interesting activities for academically-advanced students will be initiated in the elementary schools. The initial efforts of the half-time teacher will focus on students in grades 4-6. If funding becomes available, this program may be expanded to other grades in future years.

Secondly, new equipment will allow us to expand what has already begun. With the new budget, purchase of 15 microcomputers becomes possible which will allow the computer education curriculum to serve many more students. District 509-J will compare favorably with most schools in the ability to offer computer education.

Pre-School Activities

The school offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 for registration of new students beginning on Monday, August 29, 1983. Principals will be available by phone or in their offices beginning Thursday, August 25, 1983. Teachers will return for in-service and planning activities on Thursday, September 1, 1983. Bus transportation and cafeteria service begins with the first day of school on Wednesday, September 7, 1983.

Conclusion

The 1983-84 school year promises to be a productive learning year with some new programs and equipment made possible by the community support expressed through the levy approval in June. As the year begins, the Board is considering long-range goals to guide planning for the next five years. We are looking forward to years of growing, strengthening and improving educational opportunity for all District 509-J students.

Please help us make this year a notable year by attending school events, visiting our schools, and attending our meetings. You are always welcome.

Darrell Wright
Superintendent



School year begins with excitement

Beginning refreshed after summer vacation, 354 students met the first day of school with anticipation. The excitement of new teachers, new friends and new classrooms made the halls of Warm Springs elementary vibrate. There's so much to look forward to.

Parents are invited to share in the enthusiasm by participating in activities throughout the school year. "We only represent part of the education program," mentioned Warm Springs elementary principal John Trujillo during the first day assembly. Parents are an important part of education.

Attendance at school was particularly encouraged during the first day assembly. Tribal Council sent a letter to that respect. It read:

"Please accept our congratulations for what we

consider a very successful 1982-83 school year. We look upon the coming year with great expectations and encourage you all to keep your noses to the grindstone.

"It was a great pleasure to see the students and parents at Kah-Nee-Ta last year for their perfect attendance accomplishment. We can all be proud of this and would very much like to provide the same encouragement this school year."

Three teachers have been added to Warm Springs staff. Bill Puderbaugh teaches the fourth grade, Russel Keizer the first grade and Laura Fuentes has returned after two years absence to teach kindergarten.

Other staff members at Warm Springs elementary include teachers: Earlene Anderson, Patricia Croker, Arlene Graham, Jeff Henry, Linda Henry, Mary Huey, Bill

Huff, Dave Jordan, George Klos, Earl Lawson, Darlene Linch, Michael McGinnis, Craig Morgan, Harry Phillips, Donna Rodgers, Ed Roley, Denver Sensibaugh, Laurie Sensibaugh, Dawn Smith, Mary Soliz and David Wickham.

Aides at the school include: Linda Hastings, Shirley Heath, Shirley Hileman, Nola Huff, Lorraine Lavenik, Luana Macy, Nancy Tailfeathers, Leontyne Tanewasha, Cyndie Wiles, Karen Young and Delores Kersey.

Cooking for the Warm Springs students are Donna Spencer, Arlene Nichols and Lorraine Baker.

Custodians are Dale Spencer and Kay West.
Nola Huff, Brenda Scott and Laura Walters drive buses for the students.

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New teachers at Warm Springs elementary are (left to right) Bill Puderbaugh, fourth grade; Laura Fuentes, kindergarten; and, Russel Keizer, first grade.