

# Counseling helps students, parents

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People often ask, "What is an elementary school counseling program?"

The Warm Springs Elementary School's counseling program provides services which encourage a sense of personal dignity and worth, a positive self-image a sense of identity and feelings of self-confidence. There are five specific objectives designed to meet these services: individual or group counseling sessions, class meetings, various presentations such as the DUSO puppet stories, filmstrips and films followed by discussion.

Counseling activities are a method for helping people see the situation they are in from a different perspective. This is very important, as it is a fact that people base their actions on their perceptions. If their perception is not accurate then their actions are going to be inappropriate in dealing with that problem. How many times have you misread someones motives or actions and based your response on the inaccurate perception? It's a good way to make mountains out of molehills.

Every class is visited weekly with a specific counseling activity which varies according to the grade level. For example, this week the fifth and sixth grade see a film, "Everyday Courage and Common Sense." The other grades are listening to DUSO tell a story (The Clay

Snake) about a child learning to do things for herself. Fourth graders often hear the same story as first graders with the discussion being completely different due to the age differences of the children.

Visiting classrooms means all students are involved in these activities. Even through they may not be experiencing behavior, social, emotional and/or academic problems.

For those with needs which aren't met through a large group activity such as class meetings, individual or small groups sessions are planned. These may result from a phone call, either to or from the school, a referral from the principal, teachers, aides or contact from the students involved in a problem.

Much of this will not happen if the counselor is not available to people. Being available means being on the playground, in halls and classrooms so that if anyone is having difficulties they may approach me without filling out three forms before I get involved. Being available allows me to notice the child who is lonely, find out what is causing this and then helping before a crisis develops.

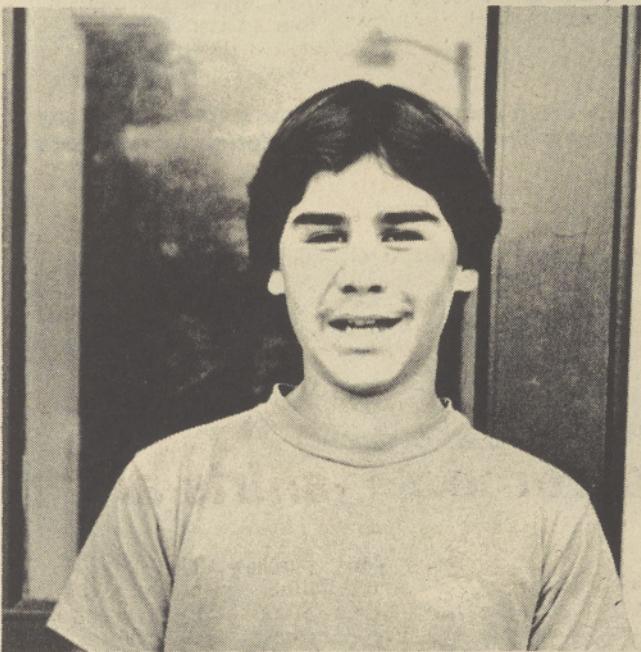
Also involved in any school counseling program is interaction with parents. If a child is experiencing problems, their home needs to be contacted. When this happens, it usually doesn't take long to

# Elementary students recognized



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Citizenship certificates for outstanding citizenship performance at Warm Springs Elementary were presented to seven students at different grade levels. They are (left to right, front row) Sean Higgins, second grade; Jason Williams, third; Little Fawn Suppah, first; Candra Switzler, kindergarten; (back row) Chris Jack, fourth; Desiree Allen, sixth and Danielle Gabriel, fifth. Certificates were presented by tribal contracting officer Les Yaw.



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## Student Body Treasurer

Elected to the office of student body treasurer at Madras Jr. High, Jason Anstett is responsible for keeping the funds in order. The eighth grader also works with other officers, helping them with their duties.

recognize improvement in any situation.

A school assembly held October 3 afforded time to recognize 233 students at Warm Springs elementary who had perfect attendance during the first month of school.

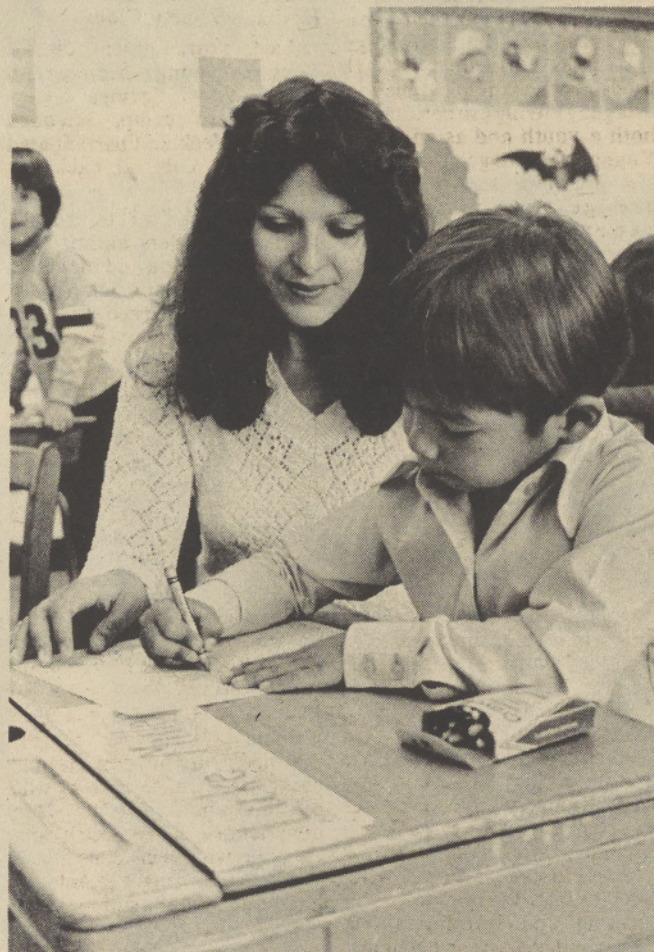
Time for recognition in other areas was also given. Hamilton Greeley received a Warm Springs elementary T-shirt in recognition for the logo he designed for the shirt. Students are encouraged to purchase a shirt at \$5.00 each.

Money beyond the cost of the shirt is deposited in the student body fund.

During the assembly certificates were presented to students for outstanding citizenship performance during September. The students include: Candra Switzler, kindergarten; Little Fawn Suppah, first grade; Sean Higgins, second; Jason Williams, third; Chris Jack, fourth; Danielle Gabrielle, fifth and Desiree Allen, sixth. Presentations were made by tribal contracting officer Les Yaw.

The fourth grade class taught by Bill Huff was honored with the citizenship award plaque for the month.

Teacher's Aid Luana Macy received the staff person of the month award.



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Luana Macy received the staff person of the month award for September at Warm Springs Elementary. She is entering her fifth year as teacher's aid, currently working with kindergarten students. She is pictured here with Luke Miller.

# Students have perfect attendance

Of the 374 students attending Madras Jr. High 122 are Indian students. Recognition goes to 49 Indian students for perfect attendance in the month of September.

They are: Jason Anstett, Buzzy Berry, Denise Brunoe, Peter Brunoe, Donovan Burns, Oueida Colwash, Saphronia Coochise, Shauna Craig, Laurie Danzuka, Andrew David, Melissa David, Debra

Doney and Jason Doney. Others are: Joel Florendo, Trissie Fuentes, Cecil Govenor, Casey Green, Louella Heath, Roberta Heath, Becky Hunt, George Ike, Christel Leonard, Jamie McKinley, Denise Picard, Amanda Robinson, Carol Saludo, Rachel Saludo, Angela Selam, Tana Sixkiller, Craig Smith, Gary Smith, Joseph Smith, Dorian Soliz and Marcelene Stacona.

Also among those with perfect attendance for September are: Roscoe Stewart, Deborah Still, Jolie Suppah, Phoebe Suppah, Carla Tewee, Lois Tewee, Darlene Trimble, Delton Trimble, Jessica Tufti, Yvonne Washington, Tony Wells, Denys White, Tana Wright, Pearl Wymann and Nicole Yaw.

# Fun Run October 26

Warm Springs Elementary Parents and community members are invited to run October 26. The run will begin at the school at 12:15 pm. Please call the school for more information.

**Warm Springs Elementary  
Parent-Teachers meeting  
October 27, 7:30 p.m.  
at the school library**