

Warm Springs Elementary News

Calendar Updates

March 25th-No Kindergarten. Early Dismissal.

March 26th-April 3rd-Spring Break!

April 3rd-Back to School

School Site Council Happenings

The Warm Springs Elementary School Site Council began work in earnest this year with the development of common beliefs and a mission statement for the school.

We Believe....

Human life has value.

Every child needs to be valued.

Every child needs to know and feel she/he

is valued.

Every child can learn.

Every child needs a sense of belonging.

Every child is a unique individual.

All children need to be honored for their individual gifts.

The mission of our school, located on the culturally diverse Warm Springs Indian Reservation, unique in its rich native heritage is to create successful learners by meeting our children's individual needs. The Council has also spent time to learn about their roles, responsibilities and budget process.

Since the first of the year, efforts focused on the writing of by-laws, group agreements and decision making parameters. Our next meeting on March 22, 1994 at 3:45 p.m., in the school library will continue these topics. All meetings are open to the public. Future meetings to finish out the school year will tentatively in-

clude the following activities: 1) "Change game" simulation 2) Finalize activities made possible by the Oregon Department of Education grant. 3) Informal sharing with one or more other councils in the region. 4) Determine directions for programs next year, including technology. 5) Monitor 93-94 goals progress. 6) Set 94-95 strategies/actions steps.

1993-94 Early Dismissal Procedures

10:55 First grade, second grade and latch key students go to the cafeteria for lunch.

11:10 Latch key students board bus 12 at the cafeteria.

11:15 Kindergarten students board the bus. Late bus kindergarten students go to lunch.

11:20 First and second grade students board the bus. Bus 33 loads and leaves. Bus 12 student may have to wait a few minutes. Supervision is provided.

11:25 Late bus first and second grade students go to the library. Supervision is provided.

11:45 Third, fourth and fifth grade students go to pick up lunch.

12:15 Third, fourth and fifth grade students board the bus. Late bus students for all grades then stay on the playground.

12:50 All late bus students are on the regular late bus schedule.

Absence from School

At the end of the second quarter of this school year letters were sent out to parents to update them on their child's attendance. Parents have called with a concern that some of the absences that were included in

the correspondence were considered unexcused. At the time that the letters were sent, the attendance reports available did not distinguish between excused and unexcused absence. If your child will not be in school for any reason, please contact the school to let us know the date(s) of expected absence and whether it is due to illness, bereavement leave, appointment, etc. It will then show up on the attendance report that you have notified the school. Thank you for your assistance.

Budget Workshop

The District will hold its initial public budget meeting Tuesday, March 22, starting at 7:30 p.m., in rooms 12a/12b at Madras High School. If you have an interest in the budget process, and would like to know more about how to understand the document, you may wish to attend the workshop scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday March 17th, in the board meeting room at the Support Services Building.

Unsafe Items Brought to School

Recently there have been items brought to school that are unsafe to the child bringing them and to other students; razor blades, pocket knives and other sharp items, matches, etc. Please check with your child to make sure that they are not bringing these items to school. Remind them about what items are and are not safe.

Message to Students

Earlier this year, in the November 19th newsletter, an article was included regarding "emergency messages". Another tip to insure that your child makes it to the proper destination is to call as soon as you can to make sure that there is time for the message to reach your child. Sometimes students are in another classroom other than their own (to watch a video, etc.) and delivering a message is more difficult. Please don't wait until school is almost out; this jeopardizes our ability to notify your student before they are released.



Five students who participated in the Special Olympics March 4, are (left to right) Leonard Barnett, Aaron Strong, Vernon Sampson, Carl Howe, Jeremy McKinley, and Mrs. Smith. Each student received a medal.

Five elementary students attend Special Olympics

On March 4, 1994, Education Resource Center teacher Nancy Smith took five Warm Springs Elementary students Sun River where they participated in the Special Olympics March 5 and 6. There were three 4th graders, Vernon Sampson, Aaron Armstrong, and Leonard Barnett, and two 5th graders, Carl Howe and Jeremy McKinley.

Special Olympics are not only for

Mental Retarded students, so the Learning Disabled students from Warm Springs Elementary have been entering for the past few years.

The five students participated in two events each, Nordic Cross Country and Alpine Downhill. In the Nordic Cross Country Leonard Barnett received a Silver and a Bronze medal; Vernon Sampson received two Gold medals; and Aaron Armstrong

received a Silver and a Bronze. In the Alpine Downhill event Carl Howe received a Silver and a participants ribbon; and Jeremy McKinley received two Gold medals.

Nancy Smith commented "Our students were wonderful, so well behaved. I was so proud of them, they should be very proud of themselves."

Gang-related behavior banned in schools

Jefferson County 509-J School District Board of Directors recently adopted a policy relating to gang-related behaviors. The policy will be strictly enforced throughout district schools.

The policy reads as follows:

"The Board considers student gangs to be secret societies which are prohibited under Oregon law (ORS 336.610). The Board also believes that such organizations are disruptive to the educational process. In order to maintain schools that are safe, orderly and focused on their educational missions, the Board has determined that the following gang-related behaviors are strictly prohibited. The Board also directs all staff members to immediately report any of the following to the school administration.

"1.0 Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidation or related activities which are likely to cause

bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation.

"2.0 Participation in gang-related activities including possession or display of gang clothing, symbols, paraphernalia or literature.

"3.0 The use of hand signals, graffiti or displays of any type which through color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or other attribute implies membership or affiliation with a gang.

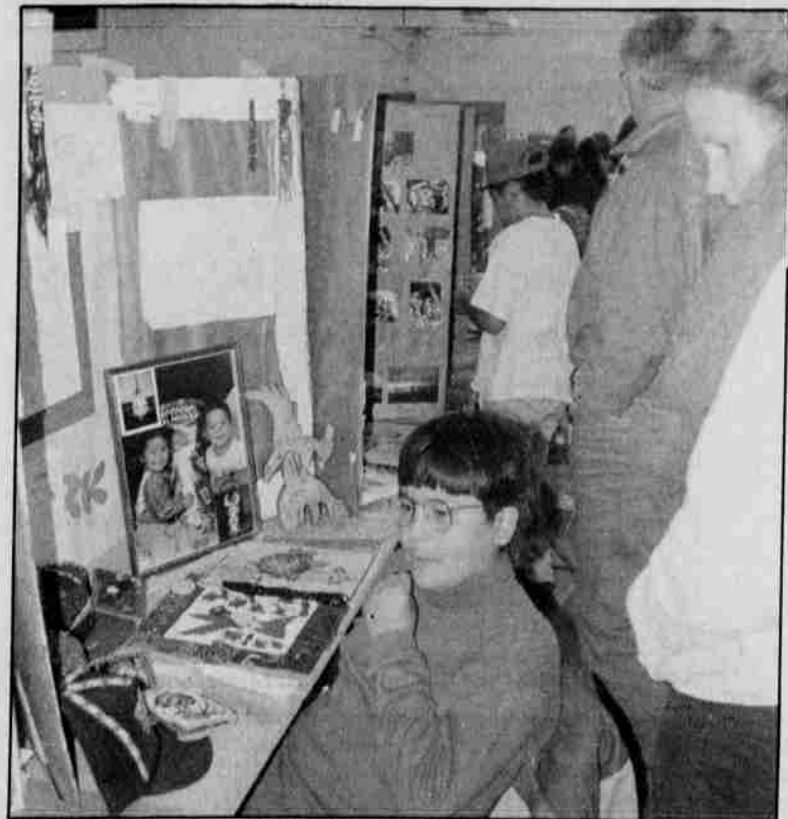
"4.0 Any other overt behavior listed in the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (#730) which occurs as a result of gang activity."

"When the principal determines that students have been involved in any of the above violations, disciplinary action may be taken which may include suspension and/or recommendation of expulsion. Principals may elect to reduce disciplinary actions if the student voluntarily requests counseling and assistance in terminating gang affiliation."

Recreation Department News

The 1994 Kah-Nee-Ta Mini-Marathon is scheduled to be held Saturday, April 9. Races scheduled include the 14.5, 10K, 3.0 mi., and 1.0 mi. Pre-register now with the Recreation Office or call them at 553-3243. The 14.5 starts at 9 a.m., all other races begin at 10 a.m. Remember! Register early!

The 1994 Little League Registration will be Friday, March 25, 9 a.m.-noon at Macy's Market, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Administration Building. Registration will be \$15 per player. You may also contact the Recreation Office until April 8, 1994. After that date no more sign-ups will be taken.



"This is my story..."

Buff Elementary sixth grader Freddie Jack displayed family artwork and photos during annual Culture Fair. The Fair drew a large crowd and provided students the opportunity to share a bit of their family's culture and history.

Beads for sale

Kubista Creations have opened a bead shop located at 344 N. E. Leo St. (across from the veterinarian hospital going toward The Dalles) in Madras. You can find cut, seed, pony and crow beads along with brass, large and small faceted bugle and detailium shells.

Shop hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday are closed except by appointment. You can call 475-3479

Happy Birthday
Grandma Mom
March 25

We love you!

George, Tonya, & Leanna

509-J budget committee to meet Mar. 22

On Tuesday, March 22nd, Jefferson County School District 509-J will hold the first Budget Committee meeting for the purpose of receiving the Budget Message and Proposed Budget Document for fiscal year 1994-95. The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 12/A & B at Madras High School, 390 SE 10th Street, Madras, OR. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Copies of the Proposed Budget Document will be available at the meeting.

If you have a disability, please advise the Support Services Office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the Budget meeting by calling Gail Stone at 475-6193.

American Red Cross seeks local donations to help those in need

The local chapter of the American Red Cross needs help at home. The past two years have seen the resources of the National Offices of the Red Cross severely depleted after responses to two major hurricanes, the midwest floods, fires in southern

California and most recently, the earthquake victims.

"The national office has advised us that they will not be able to help pay for local single family disaster expenses," reported Jefferson County Chapter President Margee O'Brien. "We need to raise at least \$5,000 to be able to continue to help victims of

house fires and other single family disasters," she stated. "We are issuing a special plea for help since there has been such a drain on the disaster fund that normally would support victims here at home."

The communities of Crooked River Ranch, Culver, Madras, Metolius, Three Rivers and Warm

Springs are served by the Jefferson County Chapter of American Red Cross.

"The Board of Directors is developing eligibility criteria for disaster relief to help stretch all our resources," assured O'Brien.

The Jefferson County Chapter of American Red Cross has no paid

employees and little operating expenses so almost all money donated to the Chapter go directly to services.

Donations may be mailed to the Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross at PO Box 215, Madras, OR 97741.

Shike family expresses appreciation for help, support

To the Editor,

We, the Shike family, have much to be thankful for. We want to take this time to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who have supported us over the last several months.

In celebration of Dad's 35 years with the Warm Springs Police Department, we had a retirement dinner at the Agency Longhouse. We thank our Tribal Council for the donation of salmon and the use of the Longhouse for the dinner. We also thank Jeffrey Sanders, Sr., Mike Clements, Jimmy and Neda Wesley, Eliza Brown, Hilda Culpus, Ray Calica, Sr. and Rick Souers for all their help and support. Thanks also go to the kitchen help and table setters, Elton for the pictures and video that will help us to remember this special day and to those who took time out of their busy days to attend and celebrate our father's retirement (fellow co-workers, bowlers, golfing buddies, family from Washington, Yakima Warriors and all our other friends.)

The ceremony and speeches were unforgettable, if not tearful at times, the turnout was magnificent and everyone helped to make this a memorable day for Raymond as well as the rest of us.

I have a lot to be thankful for in 1993. In May, for my birthday, my family paid my airfare to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Neda and I were in a Native American Fashion show at the Little Six Casino where my niece Aurolyn was employed. I would like to thank Aurolyn for the gift, birthday dinner and cake she had while I was there; it was very thoughtful.

While there, we were able to take in a little gambling in the Indian-owned casino. It was a memorable experience and I want to thank my family for their support and helping

me to spend my birthday there. But I still missed you all. I love you.

Last but not least, we've had a lot going on in our family, which helps to explain some of the delay in getting these thank you's out.

In February, Raymond went through his kidney transplant in Portland. It was both a stressful and optimistic time for all of us. We want to thank the following people for their support and prayers: Tribal Council, Jimmy and Neda Wesley, Benson Heath and daughters, Enos and Charlotte Herkshan, all the

people who asked about, called or came to visit at the hospital and the people who danced and prayed at the medicine singing.

We would also like to thank Satch Miller, Doris Miller, Judy Johnson, Lloyd Phillips and WSFPI for allowing our children to spend this time with their dad.

Raymond was told he would receive a kidney anywhere from three to six months. It turns out he only had to wait a little over three months. It was a stressful time, but it was also a bonding time for the family. With

everyone's prayers and thoughts we were able to come out of this stronger.

To date, he is doing great and hasn't felt this good in a long time. We will not know for another month or two whether the surgery is successful, so we just want to ask everyone to keep praying for him.

Thank you.

Charlotte Shike; Helena, Sharon, Raymond and Dino; Mina, Reina and Alfred; Ray Shike, Jr.; Lawrence and Lawrence, Jr.; Owen, Sandra and Owen Jr. and Andy, Lana, Patch and Albert



Ray Shike, Sr., seated in middle, was honored with a retirement dinner at the Agency Longhouse. The Yakama Warriors also attended the celebration, making the day extra-special for the entire family.

Memorial Suppah/Thomas Family Saturday, March 26 at the Simnasho Longhouse beginning at 10 a.m.

Memorial is for
Laura Jean Thomas "Schmow"
Sharold Lucy Thomas
Geraldine Melissa Suppah
Jerelyn Dee (Aguilar) Suppah
Celestine Mavis Suppah

Raffle will be held. Items and donors are:

Effie Culpus: Coffee Pitcher w/cups, Sugar/Creamer set; 20-cup Percolator; Electric Roaster; Electric Fry Pan; Shell Dress; Beaded Bag; Large Vest; Pendleton Shawl; Large Slow Cooker and Enamel Dish Set

Hilda Culpus: Pendleton Blanket; Sm. Pendleton Bag; 40 lbs Laundry Soap; Small Yarn Purse; Small Buckskin; Painted Shawl; Navajo Robe; Dish Set for four; Striped Shawl; Furry Blanket; Shade Gazebo; Glass Relish Tray; Beaded Bag; \$50 and a Quilt

Rita Squelphen: Shawl

Dorothy Simtustus: Mixing Bowls; and Salad Bowl Set

Inez McKinley: Dances with Wolves Video

Other items as well

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Need not be present to win.