

Warm Springs Elementary News

CALENDAR UPDATES

April 4th-Back to School-Regu- lar Day
 May 25th-No Kindergarten/ Early dismissal.
 May 30th-No school-Memorial Day Holiday
PHONE NUMBER CHANGES
 Due to phone problems, effective March 9th, the phone number for Simnasho School has been changed to 553-6023. We apologize for any inconvenience that his may have caused.

FIREBUSTER CONTEST RESULTS

On Tuesday, March 8th Fireman Bob Sjolund came to the awards assembly to announce the winners of the recent Firebuster Contest. Kindergarten-Rayann Katchia & Weston Heath, First Grade-Juila Stwyer & Matthew Craig; Second Grade-Julienne Govenor & Jackson Mitchell; Third Grade-Shayla Frank & Richard Rowe; Fourth Grade-Nicole Main & Devery Arthur; Fifth Grade-Krysta Rhoan & Oscar Queahpama. The grand prize winner of the bike was Louis Smith from Mrs. Comment's fourth grade class. Classes who turned in the most for each grade were: Mrs. Fuentes, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Adams, Miss Ohman, Mrs. LaPage and Mr. Phillips.

CENTRAL OREGON ARTS IN EDUCATION

COAIE and the Redmond Park District will be hosting a Native American Day on Saturday June 11th, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Redmond Park Dis-

trict Office. We are looking for artists that are willing to demonstrate and/or offer simple workshop/classes. In exchange, artist will be offered a small honorarium and a free booth space in which they could sell or display their own wares. A small amount would be available to cover mileage and an effort would be made to provide food for participants. Individuals wishing to set up or stay overnight on Friday evening may do so with the pool rest room area open for your use at no charge. If you know of other individuals at Warm Springs that might be interested in participating in this event (foods, dancing, drumming, children's activities, information booths, etc.), please contact Gretchen Bass at 9320-4860.

CAMBELL'S SOUP LABEL UPDATE

Recently, the Campbell's soup labels were trimmed and counted to see where WSE stands. We did reach our goal of right at 4,000 labels, but will be holding them until next year to try and trade them in for a larger prize. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, it takes almost 3,000 labels just to get a basketball. Please continue to send in labels throughout the year. Thank you for your support!!

INSIGHTS FOR PARENTS

Helping Children Focus On Saving Our Earth

As our country celebrates Earth Day on April 22, much attention will be directed at ways we can make our world a better place to live. We would like to invite you to work with us to

continue the important focus on our environment throughout the year.

Here are some ways you can help your children understand how unique and precious our environment is and how they can enhance it for future generations:

Recognize that you are a role model. One way you can do this is by practicing and involving your children in waste recycling. By separating the garbage and being responsible for saving recyclable materials, your children can play an important role in helping our environment.

If money is earned from the aluminum cans, glass or newspapers you return, let your "helper" share in some of the profits.

Discuss the concept of recycling with your children. Better yet, ask your children to explain the advantages of recycling and the uses of recycled materials.

Take family outings to zoos, aquariums and museums and take the time to notice exhibits of extinct animals or endangered species. Talk about what that means.

Develop a family recycling or waste reduction project. You can reduce the amount of waste you contribute to landfills by being aware of product packaging, reusing bags or using canvas bags when you go to the store and using reusable instead of disposable containers. Ask your children for other ideas.

Encourage your children to experience nature first-hand. Go on walks together. Count the stars and planets. Hunt for fish in a stream, identify

edible weeds or look for new birds in your neighborhood.

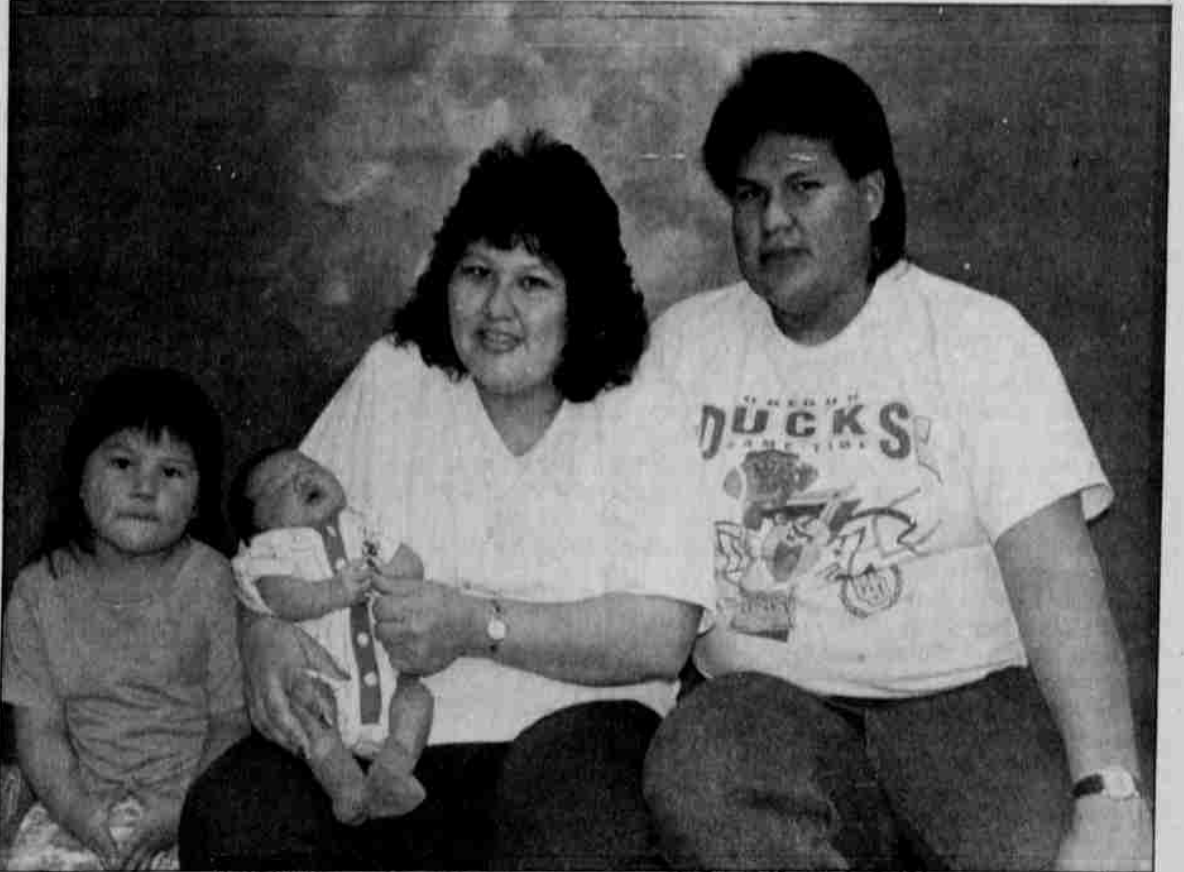
Read about and discuss local and national environmental issues. Let your children know why you are concerned about a particular issue and discuss what stand your family can and should take.

As a family, take personal responsibility for keeping your street free of trash and litter.

Contact your local electric and/or gas company for energy-saving tips and enlist your children's support in implementing some of them (such as turning off lights, closing doors and

reducing laundry volume, thus using less hot water, etc.) by explaining the impact of savings on our environment.

*Insights for parents is provided by your child's school in recognition of your role as a partner in education.



John Katchia, III was born Saturday, March 26. He weighed a whopping 11 lbs., 14 oz and was 23 inches long. He is affectionately known as "Lil' Sky" to those of us at Spilyay. Lil' Sky joins sister Toya, three. His parents are John and Saphronia Katchia, Jr.

T-Ball season to begin

To the editor,

Well, people "It's that time of the year again! Look for your mitt and dust off those running shoes. Come out and "Play Ball!"

This year I've only got three of my own trying out, Rocky, Willyum and Dawn. I'll be busy, myself. Coaching T-ball again! I hope this season will be just as good as last. With the help of their team's coaches, my children got to make it to their games while I was working with my own team. Thank.

Little League had a fund raiser selling candy and pepperoni sticks last year and Rocky sold the most. He earned two tickets to the April 12th Trailblazer Game. I'm so proud and happy for him! But, I'd like to thank our community for your support and sponsoring little league in their efforts of raising money.

A few problems from other seasons I'd like to address: our biggest "problem" is there's no bathroom facilities available near our playing field (sorry), no cleats are allowed for t-ball players but (on the other

hand) sturdy running shoes are required. I'll only be responsible for my own team members (and my own children) at practice or games. Any extra brothers or sisters of the players need a baby-sitter to care for their well being and needs! I'll be able to provide drinking water, but my players need to bring their own sip cups or something to use to drink from. Thanks.

Tammy J. Kalama



Gathering of Nations to begin April 21

An International World Celebration of Indigenous People "Gathering of Nations" is to begin April 21, 1994, at the University of New Mexico Arena "The Pit," in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There will be over \$70,000 to be awarded to contest winners. The three day event is co-sponsored by The University of New Mexico and is North America's biggest powwow. Powwow will feature the Indian Trader's Market, Miss Indian World contest and special contests. The public is invited to attend. Admission fee is \$5.00 for Friday and \$6.00 for Saturday, \$9.00 for both days, group rates available also.

Powwow schedule is as follows: Thursday, April 21: Registration for dancers opens from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Host Hotel. Friday and Saturday, April 22, 23: Noon Grand entry/contest dancing; 5:00 p.m. — Gourd dancing; 7:00 p.m. — Grand entry/contest dancing. 9:00 p.m. crowing of Miss Indian World (Saturday). Contest categories include: Tiny

Tot Girls (all styles), Jr. Girl's fancy/jingle and traditional (divided), Teen Girl's fancy & jingle (divided), Teen Girl's Traditional (north and south combined), Women's fancy and jingle (divided), Women's Northern Traditional buckskin, Women's Southern Traditional buckskin, Women's Traditional Cloth, Women's Golden Age (50 & over), Tiny Tot Boy's (all styles), Jr. Boy's fancy, grass and traditional (divided), Teen Boy's fancy (north and south combined), Teen Boy's Grass, Teen Boy's Northern Traditional, Southern Straight, Men's Northern Fancy, Men's Southern Fancy, Men's Grass, Men's Northern Traditional, Men's Traditional, Southern, Straight, Men's Golden Age (50 & Over), Men's and Women's Elders (70 & over). Special contest include: Women's jingle — sponsored by Charlene Klien family from Taylor, Michigan; Men's Southern Straight — Sponsored by children of Johnny Houghs; The "Super Show!" women's fancy (30 & over) sponsored by Melanie Mathews

(\$1,000 cash to one winner + 3 day ocean cruise and gifts — \$3,500 total package). Consolation gifts to all participants.

Drums invited to Gathering of Nations are: Whitefish Bay (1993 World Class Champions), White Fish Bay, Ontario, Canada; Eagle Mountain, Kyle, South Dakota; Assiniboine Jr.'s, Long Plain, Manitoba, Canada; Southern Thunder, Hominy, Oklahoma; Stony Park, Morley, Alberta, Canada; Fort Oakland Ramblers, Ponca City, Oklahoma; and all drums welcome.

For more information contact: Gathering of Nations, P.O. Box 75102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87194; (505) 836-2810/(800)551-6291; FAX # (505) 839-0475. For Miss Indian World information ask for Melanie Mathews.

Host Hotel is Fred Harvey Hotel at the Albuquerque International Airport, (800) 227-1117/(505) 843-7000.

Not responsible for accidents or theft. Alcohol, drugs and weapons not permitted.

Happy 3?? Birthday
 Richard
 From brother Chuck & Suzie

Darcy named Parent of the Year by National Indian Education Association

by E.K. Caldwell
 for News From Indian Country

In a time when parents receive media attention for abuses like abandoning their children to go on vacation in Mexico or chaining their children to a bedpost and leaving them home alone as a punishment, it is heartening to know there are parents who understand the value of honoring and loving our children, the future of our nations.

Tucked in the small community of Siletz, Oregon, there lives a mother of five who has long been recognized in the state for her ongoing dedication to the well-being of children.

In October 1993, Pat Darcy, of Northern Cheyenne and Ojibway descent, was unanimously recognized by the National Indian Education Association as the Native Parent of the Year. Unaware that she had even been nominated, Darcy stated she was "honored, but shocked. I never expected this."

She is the second award recipient from the region in the past 25 years, and is especially honored because the previous recipient was her mentor, Verbena Greene of Warm Springs, where Darcy was raised.

Until the 1970s, Oregon had no concept of "Indian education." Darcy initiated an Indian Parents group during this time "because we started realizing our kids were off the reservations and in urban areas. In the public school system, they were being left out worse than ever, and it prompted us to take some action."

This action resulted in her involvement in the original ad hoc committee that introduced and instituted the idea of Indian education throughout the state. She has been active in the Oregon Indian Education Association and various community activities, including work with the local women's shelter.

Currently planning yet another statewide OIEA conference slated for the spring, her ongoing dedication to young people and to education continues to make a valued contribution. Recently Darcy took time from her always busy days to spend a morning discussing her perceptions about parenting and young people.

Q: You've been working with

women and youth for a long time now. What do you see as the major trends and patterns of difficulty with our youth?

Darcy: I've been really rethinking that as of late. I think because I have been here and have been involved for so many years, that I've seen where kids didn't have anything. Kids would have to put together a buck for gas so they could all pile in a car to get somewhere and drag the streets.

Then I saw the tribes getting money and I saw drugs—a lot of drugs—and then I saw death because of drugs and alcohol. Most were car wrecks, solely because of drugs and alcohol. Many young people will never reach the age of forty. I read somewhere that most deaths of youth are directly related to drugs and alcohol. We didn't have that before. We had horses.

We went swimming. Put our money together for gas if we were lucky enough to be going somewhere in a car. We were more involved in the community. And we were able to have leaders come from that in our era.

Q: Why do you think so many youth aren't involved in the community in that way anymore?

Darcy: Because they're handed too many "things" and they got spoiled. They're not having to work for it. I'd like to see it go back to where the kids are more responsible, but I don't know if we'll ever see those days again because there's too much greed for money. Now it's expected, not earned.

Q: What about our youth who are disenfranchised and who are basically lost and confused and running amok with this wannabe gangster mentality in which their sense of power is based in violence? Why aren't they connected to the community? How are we losing them?

Darcy: I think it's because of parental involvement. You used to see a lot of parents involved. You don't see that anymore. You see the kids

being sent to something, but you don't see the parent accompany that child and the parent doesn't take responsibility. Parents are into alcohol and drugs and they set those kids aside and let them go without any direction. These kids have no direction. They don't know how to follow rules and regulations from anybody. And they end up hurting themselves and hurting their families.

Q: Do you think a lot of people in this country just don't know how to parent?

Darcy: I think so. I was taught by my grandmother and there were more family oriented things. My grandparents were a really big part of my life and my aunts and my cousins. We were all one big family.

And happy. Cooking, learning, doing things together. Learning traditional ways. It was wonderful. You don't have that anymore. You have parents giving kids money to get lost. To get out of their hair so the parents can party. It's come to that now. I've seen it and it's sad. All they want to be is little kids and what they're doing instead is trying to act like what they've seen on TV.

Tough guys. What they really want is to be loved and to feel loved. No one should put shame and doubt in them.

Q: Do you think it's possible to reclaim our children from the street and the drugs and the violence and the confusion?

Darcy: That's a real tough question. I don't see a lot of parents that know how to do that (long pause) or want to learn. Only if they've hit bottom, like with drugs and alcohol—then all of a sudden they want to learn how right now. But until that happens, we'll have these kids lost, generation after generation.

Q: What do you think about the ideas some have about parenting courses and mandating people to come in and get trained to be parents?

Darcy: I have a friend who is

Number one rule in parenting:
 "Listen to your children. Don't tell them to shut up and go away."

Keepers of the Treasures Conference
 May, 2, 3 and 4, 1994
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