

News from Warm Springs Elementary

Calendar Updates

March 20-24 No school/Spring Break
 March 31-Awards assembly/K-2 @ 1:50, Gr. 3-5 @ 2:30 pm
 April 7-Early dismissal/No Kindergarten. End of 3rd qtr.
 April 27-Awards assembly/K-2 @ 1:50, Gr. 3-5 @ 2:30 pm
 May 24-Early Dismissal/No Kindergarten. Bldg Inservice
 May 29-No school Memorial Day
 May 31-Awards Assembly/K-2 @ 8:50, Gr. 3-5 @ 9:30 am

OMSI "Creature Feature" Exhibit to visit WSE

On March 7th, two assemblies will be held; one from 9:30-11 am for grades K-2 and one from 1:10-2:40 pm for grades K, 3-5. During these assemblies students will see and handle a large variety of animals under the supervision of OMSI staff, and discover their fascinating features. What's the difference between an alligator and a monitor? A land turtle and a water turtle? A snake and a lizard? A rattlesnake and a tarantula? This program takes a close look at many unique adaptations animals have developed to enable them to survive in widely different environments.

Simnasho School News

Elizabeth Simtustus was recently added as an All-Star and Melody Berry, Jaylyn Suppah and Sara Vaeth were chosen as Student of the Month.

Stephen Vaeth was the T-shirt winner from the Firebusters contest.

WSE All-Stars added in February

Shayla Frank, Danni Lawrence, Dora Payne, Jayleen Main, Jeremy Badoni, Celestine Charley, Ida Teevee, Susee Davis, Charles Stwyer, Wynter Sky Smith, Kaylyn Wolfe, Shelly Greene-Boise, Sonny Yahtin, April Scott, Joshua Sohappay and Julia Stwyer.

WSE Students of the Month for February

Wesley Teeman, Vern Heath, Keith Jackson, Juan LameBear, Curtis Stacona, Justin Greene, Dustin Seyler, Arthur Mitchell, Suzette Boise, Latasha Boise, Velma Graybael, Justin Gilbert, Tony VanPelt, Alaina Johnson, Georgianna Aguilar, Antonio Becerra, Louisa Fuentes, Pasha Smith, Shayla Frank, Larisa Wallulatam, Scott Kalama, Cori Yahtin, Dennis Doney, Justine Wallulatam, Otis Johnson, Alexis Smith, Brent Graybael, Joanna Arce, Ulysses Jefferson, Tommy Napyer, Owen Danzuka, Daleena Frank, Cynthia Isadore, Bridgette Parra, April Scott, Candice Miller, Theo Arce, Ashley Aguilar, Francis

Kentura, Cyrille Mitchell, Pearl Stwyer, Leanne Johnson, Sam Danzuka, Jennifer Clements, Aaron Main, Jasper Switzler, Alysia Aguilar, Charles Stwyer, Naomi Brisbois, Delilah Heath, Susee Davis, Lutah Wallulatam, Troy Kalama, Julia Heath, Azeul Charley, Armina Moody, Toni Boise, Cody Johnson, Marta Cuevas, Joanna Williams, Lindsay McCovey, Gerald Cardenas, Delson Suppah, Jr., Eilene McGill, Lavonne Boise, Amanda Sanchez, Edward Lucei, Clifford Arthur, Monique Johnson and Matthew Craig.

Chapter I Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: January 19, 1995
 Present: Staff, Stan Pine, Ms. Loomis & Ms. Dougherty, Parents, Ms. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Clements, Ms. Monroe and Ms. Roberts.

1. Parents were asked, "How the Chapter program could be improved?" After discussion, parents recommended that the Chapter staff assist parents by providing primary grade Chapter I parents with an understanding of: a) The reading approaches used at the primary grade levels. b) How to help their children with reading at home in a positive way. Are there programs, books, games parents can use to make learning fun? What if a student hates reading? c) What to expect as to student progress. How hard does a parent push a child who is frustrated or has a short attention span? What skills are taught at each grade level?

d) How does the Chapter program fit in with the regular reading program? e) Explain what a child misses by coming to the Chapter I class.

2. It was suggested that there be a more personal touch when notifying a parent that their child qualifies for Chapter I. Possibly, the classroom teacher could call the parent, explaining his/her concerns and the purpose of the Chapter I program. Many parents feel their child is "dumb" or not trying if he/she is in Chapter I.

3. All present felt it was important to involve more parents in the Chapter I program. It was felt that an evening program should be offered parents that would address the issues of #1 above. This program should be an hour and a half long.

Watch for the Chapter I newsletter for information as to the next parent meeting and the date of the evening program described above. If you have questions or would like more information about the Parent Advisory committee, contact Carol Bailey/Donna Rodgers at 553-1428

or Stan Pine Chapter I Coordinator, at 475-6192.

Independent Reading

Children improve their reading ability by reading a lot. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and outside.

Independent reading increases both vocabulary and reading fluency. Unlike using workbooks and performing computer drills, reading books gives children practice in the "whole act" of reading, that is, both in discovering the meanings of individual words and in grasping the meaning of an entire story. But American children do not spend much time reading independently at school or at home. In the average elementary school, for example, children spend just 7 to 8 minutes a day reading silently. At home, half of all fifth graders spend only 4 minutes a day reading. These same children spend an average 130 minutes a day watching television.

Research shows that the amount of leisure time spent reading is directly related to children's reading comprehension, the size of their vocabularies and the gains in their reading ability. Clearly, reading at home can be a powerful supplement to class work. Parents can encourage leisure reading by making books an important part of the home, by giving books or magazines as presents and by encouraging visits to the local library.

1. Keep showing your children how important reading is in everyday life. Let them see you use written directions for cooking, using and fixing appliances or reading maps.

2. Get children interested in newspapers and magazines early. Help them find different sections that might interest them: comics, sports, movie ads. Don't overlook the classified ads for sales on items that interest them (cars, bikes, musical instruments) and for funny messages in the "Personals" column. When you look at the newspaper, sometimes let small children sit on your lap and point out letters and words.

3. Remember that there are lots of ways to acquire books and magazines inexpensively. Libraries are best, but don't forget garage sales, free pamphlets in the stores. Watch for sales at used book stores and buy books and magazines for special treats.

4. Once in a while let reading and then telling you about what was read, be a way of earning a privilege: a small treat, an excuse from doing a disliked chore, a way of avoiding

punishment for doing something wrong.

5. Put older children in charge of getting needed information for the family. They could read about movies to help select one for a family outing, could read about locations for a family vacation, could read a magazine like Consumer Reports to find out about a radio (or some other product) the family is thinking about purchasing. They could read ads for garage sales to look for a special family need.

Attendance letters sent home

We really miss kids when they're gone from school whether it's from

illness or other family emergencies. Letters are sent out periodically from school to help parents be aware of the amount of unexcused absences and tardies their child has. If your child is going to be gone from school, please contact the office by phone or send a note with another student to let us know.

Firebusters Life Safety Program

Once again, students from Warm Springs Elementary and Simnasho Elementary participated in the Firebusters safety training. Students who completed the Firebusters worksheet and turned it back into the school had their name entered for a

drawing for T-shirts and bicycles donated by the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Bicycle Winners: Vernon Tias & Tatum Kalama

T-shirt Winners: Kindergarten-Rodney Kenyon & Liane Wabaunsee, First Grade-Vern Heath & Mandy Suppah; Second Grade-Donald Brisbois & Shanda Culp; Third Grade-Talon Stormbringer & Sara Winsor; Fourth Grade-Scott Kalama & Charisse Haskins; Fifth Grade-Tamera Bryant & James Wolfe III.

Teachers who turned in the most sheets by grade level: Fuentes, Graham, Miller, Hensley, Moore, & Phillips.

Exotic animals make school visit



OMSI representative Brad Tylman shows WSE students an alligator during an assembly Tuesday, March 7.

Two Live-Animal Assemblies were held at Warm Springs Elementary Tuesday, March 7 for all grade levels of WSE and Simnasho School students.

The presentation was by the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI) of Portland, Oregon. Herpetologist, Brad Tylman demonstrated a variety of reptiles including; an alligator, an iguana, a yellow headed amazon parrot, a rattle snake, a gopher snake, a king snake, a green tree python snake, a ball python, a Taiwanese beauty python, a Madagascar hissing cockroach, an African bull frog,

and a soft shell turtle.

Johnson O'Malley funded the assembly for WSE. Tylman owns his own business, Brad's World of Corvallis, which is the largest reptile breeding facility in Oregon.

Students were able to view and handle a large variety of animals, under supervision. Tylman discussed the features of the reptiles and unique adaptations that animals develop which enable them to survive in different environments.

Program to begin April 4

Student Success Strategies is a requirement for any enrolled tribal member who wishes to be eligible for the tribal Education Grant/Loan Program. It is designed for individuals who are making the "transition" to furthering their education beyond high school in either college or vocational training institutions. Registration is underway now for the up-coming Spring term with the first class to be held Tuesday, April 4. There will be eight classes with sessions taking place once a week from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The instructional team will feature Tedi Tanewasha, Warm Springs Higher Education Director; Lilly Ann Walker, Higher Education College Counselor; John V. Hicks, Warm Springs COCC Director and Julie Quaid, Warm Springs ECE director as lead instructor.

Those intending to take the class are asked to sign up IN PERSON at the Tribal Education Center. The number of registrations will be limited, so students are urged not to delay.

The Tribal Education Branch, Higher Education Department, sponsors this class. There is no cost to participants.

Education urges attendance of Student Success Strategies

To the Editor,

This is an open letter to parents and students interested in Higher Education programs.

Is your son or daughter thinking of going to college or technical school sometime in the near future? If they are, then you should know that something exciting has started. It's a series of workshops called Student Success Strategies that makes the transition from reservation life to

college life a little easier. Attendance is required for every tribal member who wants to be funded to go to school.

Moving away from home is hard sometimes and we want to help our young people to get prepared for the challenges. We want to teach them how to manage their money so they won't run out. We want them to learn good habits for managing their time, well and making the right kinds of decisions about their education.

In the last six years, we have helped many students to get off on the right foot at college. If you would like the same kind of help for your kids, then you should encourage them to enroll in the Student Success Strategies class starting April 4 at 6 p.m. in the Education Center. The class will be held for eight weeks, one night a week. We welcome the attendance of parents to at any and all classes.

Tuition scholarships are being provided by the Tribal Education Department with a limited enrollment. To sign up all students need to do is stop by the Education Office. Or, call 553-1428 if there are any questions.

Your child's future success is important to you and to us and the Warm Springs community. Please come by and see us soon if we can be of help to you concerning your child's educational goals.

The next scheduled class for Fall term will be around the week of October 3 if it's inconvenient to attend this Spring class.

Tedi Tanewasha, Director
 LilyAnn Walker, Counselor
 John Hicks and Marilyn Hart,
 COCC



Happy Birthday
 Lana
 Mom and Dad

Lincoln's powwow special

To the Editor,

This is a letter of thanks to the community and the Lincoln's Birthday powwow committee for a nice powwow. I thank you for greeting with handshakes and hugs, nice words, hellos and nice words of welcome. Thanks also to the Hartman Queahpama family, for the Round Bustle contest in honor of their father and all great Warm Springs leaders who are gone today.

As I was sitting there remembering, it brought tears to my eyes because I saw these leaders greet my father, Watson Totus, in his time. All of a sudden, it brought great joy to me to hear that my youngest son, Jay Hunt Walsey, had won third place. That, in itself, is an honor. Second went to a young man who is close to us, Terry Hemmsah. First place went to my oldest son, Ronny Lee Walsey. Congratulations!

Anita Totus Walsey

Suicide documentary video available

"Denial, Healing and Hope: The Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Youth Forum on Suicide" is a one-hour documentary on how First Nation communities in northwestern Ontario, Canada are seeking healing solutions to the suicide epidemic among young people. It is now available on video cassette.

The video was produced, edited and written by Larry Sanders of Northern Insights in cooperation with the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and Maclean Hunter Cable TV. The documentary is based on over 50 hours of video tapes from the first hearings of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Youth Forum in Constance

Lake, Attawapiskat, Wapekeka and Webeque First Nations. It also contains archival news footage from the Innu Nation in Labrador and from Big Cove New Brunswick, to explain the historical context of the Forum process in northwestern Ontario.

The documentary presents sad tales of child abuse, alcoholism and suicide attempts along with pleas from those left behind for relief—to begin the process of healing by bringing hurts out into the open. It also challenges all communities to reach out and seek better forms of communication and dialogue across generations. Leaders of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation also present

what they have learned about the process of healing—not just at a personal level, but spiritually, as communities.

Over 200 VHS copies of this documentary have been purchased by First Nation organizations, public libraries, social service agencies, educators, health care workers, counselors, universities, colleges and high schools. The video meets a need for relevant material produced from a First Nation perspective.

To order a copy, contact Northern Lights at 72 Jean Place, Thunder Bay, Ontario Canada P7A 5E9. Cost of the video is \$39.95 (US funds) without invoice and \$42.95 with invoice.

Attendance appreciated

To the Editor,

Hello, my relatives and friends in Warm Springs.

Your attendance at the February Memorial and stone setting for my mother, Jeanie Danzuka, is appreciated.

With memories going in and out of my mind, I may not have acknowledged you. But, I know that your goodwill shall be returned and I pray that it multiplies many times over upon its return.

To my family from Lapwai, Pendleton and Washington, thank you for attending. you have strengthened my heart and soul to

continue my journey. Thank you also to my Warm Springs relatives who experienced the loss with us and the renewal and healing.

The brother and sisters (1/2, step and blood), you have strength and courage which helped, because you being there to hold and kid with again, made it a promise that life is wonderful and worthwhile.

My step-father, Sam Danzuka, thank you for your time and patience, in dealing with us for so long. You're the provider and character any woman would appreciate. O-Haa.

With love,
 Margie Kalama-Gabriel,
 Canada.

Thanks for support of tournament

To the Editor,

We, the Warm Springs Columbia River Iron Bears and the Columbia River Bears would like to thank all our sponsors and helpers in our 15 and under girl's basketball tournament held March 3, 4 and 5 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Searching for Neva Henshaw

To the editor,

To whom it may concern. I'm trying to locate a man by the name of Neva Henshaw. My mom and I knew him 17 years ago when my father was killed. Mom lost track of Neva about 10 years ago and we have been wondering if it was at all possible to find him. He helped my mom through some very soul wrenching times with his kindness and wisdom. She would dearly love to get in contact with him. If anyone knows Neva and/or his whereabouts, I would appreciate it if they would send me an address or give Neva mine so my mom and I could renew our "friendship" with him.

Thank you so much.
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Individuals sponsoring the tournament include: Woody and Iris Smith and family, Sarah Thompson, Sharon Miller, Melvin and Vanessa, Roland and Verleen Kalama, Jackie Kalama, Edith Kalama, Flora Frank, Norman and Janice Lucei, Marcia Minthorn, Toni Made, Mary Culp, Trudi Spino and Dalton and Marilee Davis.

Thank you for helping making our tournament a success. Thank you helpers for all you hard work during the tournament: Roland and Verleen Kalama, Curtis and Sarah Thompson, Janice Gunshows, Illon Kalama, Flora Frank, Shirley Smith, Emily Lucei, Floyd Frank, Sr., Tina Aguilar, Sam Kentura, Ronnie Holliquilla, Jr., Jerrod Kalama, Jose Morales, Joe Wahsise, Janell Tailfeathers, Stephanie Belgard, Edith Wyena, Susie Briseno, Melanie Red Dog, Sarah Belgard, and any persons who we may have forgotten to mention.

Your help was greatly appreciated!

The results of the tournament were as follows:

Yakama, Washington—Champions, Coach Dennis Wallabee
 Goldendale, Washington—Runners-up, Coach Nellie McConville

Simnasho Lady Vols—3rd, Coach Ronnie and Lillie Suppah
 WSCR Iron Bears—4th, Coach Foster Kalama

Becky Hamilton, Yakama was MVP; Ms Hustle went to Myrna McConville, Goldendale; Most 3 points went to Carrie Laurrick, Yakama, Ms Rebound went to Ericka Dimmer, Yakama

All Stars were Maggie Washines, Wapato; Roberta Thomas, CR Bears; Donza, Scow-ma; Kim Ball, WS Daredevils; Farrell Lucei, Iron Bears; Shasta Smith, Iron Bears, Deece Suppah, Simnasho; Ambrosia Suppah, Simnasho; Myrna McConville, Goldendale; Devon Amidon, Goldendale; Carrie Laurrick, Yakama, Ericka Dimmer, Yakama.

Thank you once again who made this tournament possible and may God bless you.

We also invite everyone to our 17 and under girl's basketball tournament on April 28, 29 and 30.

WSCR Iron Bears and CR Bears and
 Coach Foster Kalama