

Calendar Updates

March 31-Awards Assembly/K-2 @ 1:50 pm & Gr. 3-5 @ 2:30 pm
 April 7-Early dismissal/No Kindergarten. End of 3rd Qtr.
 April 23-29-National Volunteer Week
 April 27-Awards Assembly/K-2 @ 1:50 & Gr. 3-5 @ 2:30 pm
 May 7-13-Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 24-Early dismissal/No Kindergarten. Building Inservice
 May 29-No school Memorial Day
 May 31-Awards Assembly/K-2 @ 8:50 am & Gr. 3-5 @ 9:30 am
 June 7-4th & 5th Grade Graduation @ 9 am in the gym
 June 8-End of Year Powwow
 June 9-Last day of school. No Kindergarten. Early dismissal Grades 1-5. End of year Awards Assembly/K-2 @ 8:50 am & Gr. 3-5 @ 9:30 am
 June 12 & 13-Building Inservice

Girl Scout recruiting begins

The Western River Girls School Council will be holding an open house on Wednesday, March 29th, at 7 pm in the WSE library for the purpose of establishing a Brownie Girl Scout troop. The troop will be open to all girls in the first through third grade.

We would like to encourage interested parents and other adults to attend and possibly become troop leaders or find out how they can be involved.

Girl scouts in an informal, educational experience designed to help girls build skills and confidence. Participation also helps girls to build healthy self-esteem and increase awareness of self.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact Helena Jones, Warm Springs Elementary Community Liaison at 553-1128. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on March 29th.

Classes recycle to improve future

Mrs. LaPage's 4th and 5th grade class at Warm Springs Elementary are doing a recycling project at the school. We are recycling white paper and notebook paper. We do not collect newspaper, construction paper or colored paper.

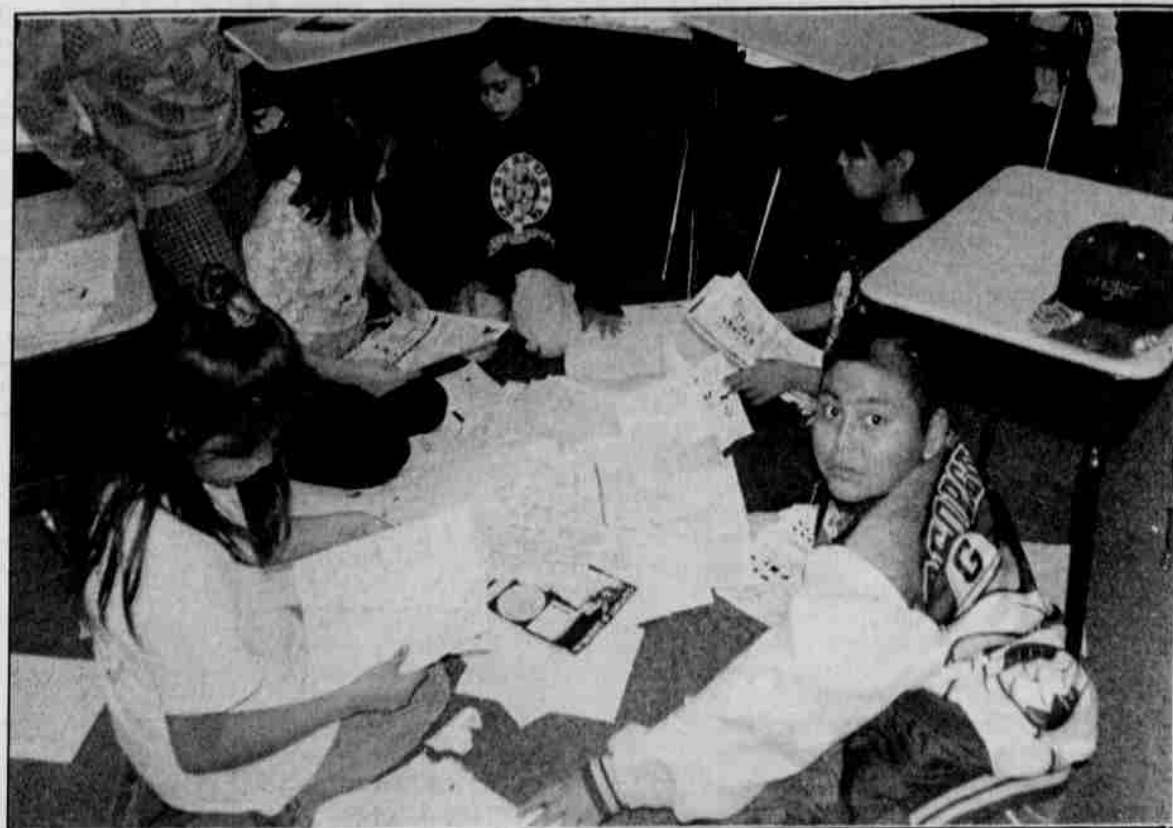
We collect paper from the different classrooms every Friday. We look

through it for paper we don't recycle. Then we put it in the green recycle bin. Nancy Collins, from tribal sanitation, will collect the paper from the bin and take it to the recyclers in Portland. We are going to see how much it weighs. We want to find out how many trees we can save. We are making a graph to show how much

paper the school recycles for the rest of the school year. We love recycling because it is fun to us.

We are recycling paper to save more trees and keep the environment clean. We should send less garbage to the landfill. If you recycle you can get used to recycling every day.

We recycle so we can keep our future clean.



Fourth and fifth grade students at Warm Springs Elementary sort through paper collected by each classroom at the school prior to recycling.

February food drive benefits needy families



Warm Springs Elementary second grade teacher Daniel Brown with proud students who participated in the Jefferson County Food Drive. Leola Hensley's third grade class also participated in the food drive.

During the month of February WSE participated in the Jefferson County Food Drive.

Curtis M. Wise of Adult & Family Services here in Warm Springs was the coordinator of this community effort project, which included WSE and Early Childhood.

Curtis stated that this is the first time this has been held in the Warm

Springs community and it was very successful, so successful that Warm Springs food bank was stocked and we were able to send food over to needy families in the Madras area.

WSE also conducted a "Best Decorated Food Box" contest in conjunction with the food drive.

Overall, the Kindergarten classes brought in the most food. All the

Kindergarten classes received cookies and juice compliments of Adult & Family Services.

Leola Hensley's third grade class and Daniel Brown's second grade classes had the best decorated boxes and contributed a lot of food items which earned these two classes a cake and ice cream party.

Special Notice to Parents of 4th & 5th grade students

The current 4th & 5th grade students at WSE will be moving on to the new Middle School for the 1995-96 school year. We are requesting that all parents of 4th & 5th grade students contact the WSE office to update the student registration form currently on file. Specifically, any changes in address, telephone, emergency contacts, or health information. It is usually easy for the WSE school secretaries to contact someone from your family in case of an emergency because we are familiar with the community. The new middle school staff will be at a disadvantage to make efficient contact with parents if the information that they receive is not up to date. Thank you for your assistance!

Counting helps children learn math

A good way to teach children simple arithmetic is to build on their informal knowledge. Learning to count everyday object is an effective basis for early arithmetic lessons. Young children are comfortable with numbers. Just watching the enjoyment children get from songs and nursery rhymes that involve counting is ample evidence of their natural ease. These early counting activities can set the stage for later, more formal exposure to arithmetic. When teachers begin by using children's informal knowledge, then proceed to more complex operations, children learn more readily and enjoy it.

1. When you do things with young children, form the habit of counting. Count the stairs you climb; count the steps from the door to the street; count the white dogs you see; count the black cars. Once you start, your

children will think of lots of things to count.

2. Board games, cards or dice give lots of chances to count and work with numbers. Games with play money are especially good.

3. Shopping trips are great for learning to work with numbers. Ask a child to pick out four apples. Read the prices on items as you go through the store. As children grown older, they can really think about prices, budgets, making change. Say, "This can of tomatoes costs 69 cents. Could we buy it with three quarters? How much money would we get back?"

4. Have children cut coupons out of newspapers and magazines. Let them keep track of how much money is saved by using them.

5. When a child is trying to learn the multiplication tables, take turns giving problems at the dinner table

(the review will help everyone).

6. Create "practical" problems for children to solve. "There will be six children at the party and we want three cookies each for each one. How many cookies should we buy?" "If you get \$1.50 per hour for baby sitting, how much will you be paid for 3 hours?"

Proceeds used to purchase items

This week three heavy duty picnic tables were ordered from a portion of the proceeds from peppermint and jerky sales. This is just the beginning. We also have plans to purchase other playground equipment and toys for the students at WSE. The tables will most likely be set up behind the office in the grass for the students to use during recess times or for classes who would like to go outside for lessons.

Another planned use for proceeds is to fund the 4th and 5th grade graduation ceremony at WSE on June 7th.

Early Childhood Education Center News

April is going to be a very busy month here at ECE! It is National Environmental Month as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 9-15 is National Library Week. April 16 is Easter. April 23-29 is the "Week of the Young Child" and National Volunteer Week, locally chosen as Environmental week.

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour Sunday April 2!

Watch for children's art work to begin going up around the community as reminders of the Week of the Young Child. Take your child with you to look for their work; it will boost their self esteem, and yours! Also remember to check out the children's art fair at the Warm Spring Museum.

Parents of the Month
 Congratulations "Parents of the Month" for January and February 1995: Patsy Lenbek, Lois Smith, Caroline Tohet, Rachel Smith, Saphronia Katchia, Sylvia McCabe, Nadine Scott, Nancy Johnson, Marcia Simtustus, Lavina Colwash, Missy Scott, Alice Wyena, Danell Tailfeathers, Barbara Poncho, Shana Johnson, Rachel Doney, Debbie McGill, Kris Sampson, Arlene Winishut, Neda Wesley, Angie Governor, Esther Culpus, Rosanna Jackson and Paula Brisbois.

All of you are great and we thank you for your continual commitment to and support of your Head Start Program.

Parent Club Raffle
 Tickets are now on sale for the ECE Parent Club "Made in Warm Springs" Raffle. The drawing will be held May 25, 1995 at the ECE Center. All items to be raffled are made or donated by ECE program parents/

guardians and staff. Items donated (or pledged to be donated) so far include: beaded barrettes, dream catcher, cloth bag, god's eye, beaded earrings, woven hand bag, 3 dream catchers (2 heart shape & one round), child's doll board, beaded buckle, beaded hair barrettes, 2 doll boards, silver necklace, beaded earrings, beaded hair piece, woven coin purse, wall hanging, hair pin, small boy's outfit, child's pink wing dress, 2 shadow boxes, yarn bag, baby moccasins (hand tanned and cut beads), baby quilt, hair clip, 3 pairs of beaded earrings and other beaded items, more is still being donated!

For those parents who would still like to donate an item, they are due to ECE by May 23, 1995 by 5 pm. You need not be present to win. Proceeds go towards the ECE Parent Club general fund. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5 available from some program parents/guardians and staff and Parent Club officers. Buy your chances now to win one of these terrific hand made items.

Remember to donate your Erickson's Sentry Saver Shields!!

ECE Egg Hunt
 Easter Sunday, April 16th at 1 pm will have the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Warm Springs Community Center. Anyone interested in helping hide the eggs can meet at 12 pm that day. The hunt is designated mostly for children under 8 years old. The hunt will be divided into three parts: for ages 4 & under, 5-8, and 9 & older. They'll be hunting for colored Easter eggs and for plastic eggs that can be turned in for prizes. The community's young children and parents are invited to come on down for some fun at the community cen-

ter, Easter Sunday morning for the annual ECE Easter Egg Hunt!

ECE Events
 A big "THANK YOU" to the Senior Citizen program for allowing the ECE children to share in their "Honor Senior Day" celebration. Children, staff, parents/guardians and families joined in honoring our seniors at a mini powwow on Friday March 17, 1995 10:30 to 11:30, some Head Start classrooms then ate sack lunches in or around the Longhouse.

Thanks to our ECE cultural committee for their involvement in organizing this event: Vivian, Nola, Phyllis, Patsey, Marcelene, Doots and Sylvia. Thanks to teachers and children for all of the beautiful gifts you made and gave out to the seniors. We know how hard you must have worked to make them just right. Thanks Policy Council and Parent Club for sponsoring one hour of the wagon rides.

The parents who spent time teaching the children dances for the powwow are: Gene Harvey, Gene Sampson and Lovey Colwash. Along with the teachers you did a great job and we appreciate your involvement with the children. THANKS!

More thanks are offered to the infant center parents and staff who volunteered and lent their assistance with cleaning and "fixing up" the playground outside the infant center Thursday evening, March 16th: Jim/Julie Quaid, Sue Matters, Sheila Wahnet, Toot Pennington, Geri Lillie, Lawrence Polk, Charlene Winishut, Snyder Lawrence, Deanna LePage, Kadoo Trimble and Chet/Becky Van Pelt. Their hard work was immediately recognized by our little ones who now have a safer

place to play and enjoy the outdoors this spring.

Upcoming Events
 April is root digging month for our Head Start children. Each Head Start classroom will pick a day that they will go into the root fields and dig after the Root Feasts are held. Parents are welcome to join their children on these excursions.

April 6th at 1:30 pm will be the quarterly meeting of the Health Services Advisory Committee. On the agenda will be planning for the upcoming physical and immunization days for 1995-1996 Head Start and Kindergarten eligible children. All interested are invited.

Thursday April 20th is pre-3 Physical and Immunization day at the Health and Wellness Center. As a service to the community, ECE and IHS are coordinating this day to allow parents/guardians of children who will be eligible to enter Head Start in September 1995, to have their physical done and up date their immunizations. An up to date physical and immunization form are required for a child to enroll in Head Start. If you miss this day it will be your responsibility to take your child to the doctor for a physical and to obtain an immunization certificate. Your child must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 1995. All parents/guardians need to bring proof of income such as: pay stub (not draw), income tax statement, letter from your supervisor, AFS letter, or proof of other assistance. Also, bring custody papers for foster children or children in joint custody. Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate if the child is not enrolled in Warm Springs. Physical and Immunization Day

for Pre-Kindergarten children is scheduled for May 4, 1995.

"The Week of The Young Child" is April 23rd-29th. Watch for children's artwork throughout the community during the first week of April. Other activities planned for this week include:

Monday-Clean up day here at ECE (Water & Soil will donate garbage bags);

Tuesday, Fun Run 10:00 am sponsored by Pod A staff; Wednesday-Zoo Day, if you have a trained animal or would like to share your pet, the zoo will be on the ECE patio. It is best that you stay with your animal in case smaller children get afraid and make it nervous. Infant Center children will go through first beginning at 9 am, Head Start and Kindergarten will have between 10 & 12 to visit the zoo;

Thursday- Penny Carnival for children 3-8 years old and parents/guardians at the WS community center from 6-8 pm. Activities will include: fun, games, cake walk, fish pond, darts, fun, a concession stand for the whole family to eat, ring toss, fun, face painting, clowns, fun, penny toss, spin the arrow & win, fun...hope you can make it! Thank you CPS staff for volunteering early to help us out with this event.

Friday-Parade 10:30 am start at south end of ECE at the Longhouse parking lot, parents/guardians and community members are needed to be a cheering crowd, so try and take a break and make it over for the parade!!

"The Week of the Young Child" will kick off with a luncheon or dinner at the Simnasho Longhouse either Sunday or Monday; dates and

times have not yet been verified so watch for future announcements.

Saturday the 15th will be the Recreation Department's Mini Marathon and 1 mile fun run. In honor of "The Week of the Young Child" we are encouraging all parents/guardians to "Go The Mile With Your Child". This is a good example of a healthy fun activity for you and your young child!

Parent Education
 ECE and Community Counseling are working together to reach families and offer information about child development and parenting. Parents are invited to ECE conference room 3E every Tuesday from 10 am to 12 pm for ten weeks beginning March 28, 1995. You are welcome to join us for any and all sessions. Child care will be provided.

THANKS!
 The Nikasookie Tribe of Florida wishes to give a BIG heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who donated items to them during their time of need after Hurricane Andrew destroyed their community. They let us know that all the goods that were sent to them were received and distributed to those who needed them most. Your generosity is appreciated by all the families you have helped.