

Support education improvement in your school

On September 11, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley will kick off "America Goes Back to School: A Place for Families and the Community," an effort that encourages all Americans to support family and community involvement in learning.

America Goes Back to School: A Place for Families and the Community is designed to foster grassroots support for schools by inviting individuals—parents, grandparents, community leaders, professionals, people skilled in vocational trades, members of the arts community, religious leaders... all Americans—to rally around their local schools and make a commitment to support education improvement throughout the year.

People across America are taking a long, hard look at our schools and discovering some very positive things. They are also realizing that if America is to move forward and maintain its place as a world leader—if schools are to help every child reach his or her full potential and ensure that every child becomes a

well-rounded, good citizen—more individuals need to become involved. Schools can't do it alone. Schools need partners they can count on.

The American public want the best for their children including:

- Improving the basics and core academics;
- Creating safe and drug free school environments;
- Making college more accessible;
- Getting technology and computers into the classroom as fast as possible;
- Raising standards of achievement and discipline;
- Connecting schools and families and linking them with community resources and school-to-work opportunities.

The Family Involvement Partnership for Learning is sponsoring America Goes Back to School and invites you to get involved in your community to improve education. The Partnership is a coalition of more than 140 family, community, religious, and education organizations, including the U.S.

Department of Education, dedicated to supporting family involvement in children's learning through family-school-community partnerships. It also enjoys support from many family-friendly businesses.

Studies show that a family's and a community's support for education produces results. America Goes Back to School encourages everyone to make a commitment to help solve the problems facing local schools, and help prepare all children to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Involvement can be simple and fun and it can take place in a variety of education settings. Whatever you choose to do, it's your partnership with schools that makes a difference. Call your school to get involved.

For a resource guide with suggested school involvement activities, information about the Partnership, or family and community involvement print and video materials, call the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-USA-LEARN today.

Come on American... let's go "Back to School!"

Change the world one toothbrush at a time

Some four-year-old children don't even have a toothbrush. That's one of the reasons there's Head Start. We give low-income preschool children what other children already have. The chance to learn. To be healthy. To be happy. But we need health care volunteers. Especially medical professionals like you, who want



to make a difference in the life of a child. Come show a child how to use his first toothbrush. Give an eye exam. Or lend a child a trained, sympathetic ear. Because if you change the world of a child, you change the world. Call 1-800-27-START for a brochure on volunteer opportunities with Head Start.



Early Childhood Education News

The Warm Springs Head Start program is currently serving approximately 180 children and their families. Last year, 125 Head Start grantees across the nation provided programs to about 18,750 American Indian children and their families. In 1995, many of these children, families, and Head Start staff will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the program. Since the Head Start program was established in 1965, it has served 14.6 million low-income children and families.

The centers are administered by a special American Indian Program Branch in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. For Fiscal Year 1995, approximately \$94.1 million is available for American Indian Head Start.

"These centers provide help for American Indian children and families on a continuing basis and during times of crisis," noted Head Start Director Nancy Seyler. "Head Start has a major impact not only in meeting the educational needs of American Indian children, but also in improving their health, nutrition, and dental care and assisting in emergency situations. In addition, the centers help to make parents more aware of the developmental needs of their young children."

Head Start was designed to provide preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs. The program is locally administered. Low-income children and their

families in different communities tend to have multiple needs which can best be met when programs are designed specifically to meet these needs. Head Start programs are tailored in ways that address several problems simultaneously while making the best use of community resources and staff capabilities.

Head Start is focusing on enhancing the quality of the program by, among other activities, strengthening performance standards and enhancing staff training and development. The program is also actively forming partnerships with key community and state institutions to ensure that a continuum of valuable services is available to children and families. In addition, Head Start continues to emphasize the critical importance of parental involvement from planning to actual program operation.

In reviewing the program's achievements, National Head Start Director Helen Taylor stated, "Head Start is a symbol of hope for a better life for our nation's low-income children and families. Head Start programs throughout our communities promote growth and development in young children, encourage self-sufficiency of families, and help expand other community services that enhance the lives of low-income families."

For more information about Head Start's 30th Anniversary and the Warm Springs Head Start, contact Suzie Moody at 553-3241.

Parent Orientation
Head Start parent orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, at the Head Start Pod A from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents who have

not already brought in Proof of Income, USDA forms, Emergency Contact Authorization Pickup, Immunization records, custody orders, etc., you are expected to do so on this day. You will find out your children's classroom assignment when you attend this orientation.

Our goal is to serve 100% of the four year olds in our service area first, then any remaining slots will be filled by three year olds meeting Head Start criteria, which is based on need. Your child needs to have a complete Head Start packet on file in order to be considered.

Congratulations!

Head Start would like to congratulate Suzanne (Suzie) Moody on her move to the Administrative team at Head Start. Suzie is the new Parent Involvement Health Coordinator. She fills the position recently vacated by Rebecca Van Pelt who is returning to school full time. Suzie left her position as Head Start teacher to gain new experiences. Any questions you have regarding Parent involvement, such as Parent club or Policy Council participation, being a classroom volunteer, or discussing health issues in Head Start, Suzie is the person to contact. Congratulations Suzie! We look forward to a good year in Head Start.

Health Screenings

Head Start health screenings will begin in September. Each year every child enrolled in Head Start needs to receive dental, vision, and hearing screenings within the first 45 days of Head Start. Dr. Beemer of IHS will visit Head Start classrooms Wednesday, September 13 and 20 (other Wednesdays to follow if necessary) to look at the children's

teeth. Please help us out by talking to your child about the dentist. He is only taking a look so there will be no pain. If you think your child needs your assurance, please plan to be there with him/her. Parents will receive a report card back stating if a child needs follow up at the Health & Wellness Center. It will be your responsibility to make appointments. The vision screenings will be done by Suzie and the hearing screenings will be done with the assistance of our Speech Pathologist. Parents will receive a report back concerning these screenings also.

Head Lice

September is National Head Lice Prevention Month. Information regarding the prevention and treatment of head lice will be made available to parents throughout the month.

Parents and Preschool

Involved parents support their child's preschool experiences. There are important ways you can be involved as your child's first teacher in his/her preschool years. You are encouraged to volunteer in your child's classroom or come and share a meal. It means so much when a parent is able to share skills and traditions with all the children in the classroom. Parents have done such things as teach traditional dances, tell a legend, help children make a simple basket, help at a mini powwow, or read books in the book area. Whatever you share, your child will enjoy the time you spend together and learn valuable lessons.

Teachers provide opportunities to share information about all the ways each child is growing and learning at preschool. They schedule home visits

and parent conferences throughout the school year. These visits are also a chance for parents to share important information about their children and to ask questions. Parent Club sponsors fundraising activities and interesting workshops. Parents can also participate in the Head Start Policy Council which contributes to the smooth operation of the preschool program.

Trainings are provided for parents throughout the year. Staff and outside professionals will help you learn about child development, guidance and discipline, and how to observe your preschool child.

You will be invited to some of the staff inservice trainings. You are welcome to learn First Aid and CPR along with the staff as well as participate in trainings on health and

nutrition issues. These training opportunities are offered to support you in your most important responsibility in life—being a parent.

For those interested in participating in Parent Club, the officers are: President Sheila Wahnetah, Vice President Patsy Lenbeck, Secretary Shirelle Thomas, and Treasurer Darlene Bailey.

For those interested in learning more about Parent Policy Council, the officers are: Chairman Toni Made, Vice Chairman Mike Gomez, and Secretary Kris Sampson.

In closing Head Start and ECE staff and families would like to give a tremendous thank you to Rebecca VanPelt for her past contributions and dedication to our programs and wish her good luck at Portland State.

WSE school supply list

Kindergarten

- 2 boxes crayons, basic 8, standard size (not chubby)
- 10 pencils, size #2
- 2 4-oz bottles of white glue, liquid
- 2 glue sticks, small solid
- 1 large box of tissue
- 1 pkg. baby wipes (80-150 count)

First, Second Grades

- 1 box of 16 small crayons
- Pencils, size #2
- 1 eraser
- 2 4 oz. bottles of white glue
- 1 box of tissue

Third Grade

- 1 box of 16 or 24 small crayons
- Pencils size #2
- Pink Pearl erasers
- 1 sharp point scissors
- 1 4-oz. bottle of white glue

- 1 large box of tissue
 - 1 12-inch rules (in. & centi.)
 - PeeChee folders
- ### Fourth Grade
- 1 box of 16 or 24 small crayons
 - Pencils size #2
 - Pink Pearl erasers
 - 1 sharp point scissors
 - 1 4-oz. bottle of white glue
 - 1 12-inch rule (in. & centi.)
 - Notebook paper
 - 1 box of tissue

Some classes may require additional materials. If so, students will be notified during the first week of school by their classroom teacher. School supplies will need to be replenished throughout the school year. Please contact your elementary school for Kindergarten start dates.

Warm Springs Composite Products working to keep up with customer demand

The Warm Springs Composite Products (WSCP) is the first licensee of the Joint Venture between the Confederated Tribes and Structural Technology Inc. (STI) since February 1993. This was the first of its kind for Warm Springs, 51 percent of the Joint Venture is owned by the Tribe and 49 percent is owned by STI. WSCP is 100% owned by the Tribe, they began this pilot project as a subdivision of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries until the beginning of 1995 Warm Springs Composite Products is a stand alone enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

They began this venture as a pilot project and customer demand is higher than they anticipated, so profits are down. WSCP has run into problems, meaning they have to use trial and error processing and see what works best for them. WSCP would like production to be done

more efficiently and faster to keep up with customer demand. They would like to get their plan fine tuned within the next sixty days, and decide then how far they can go with this product.

Warm Springs Composite Products produces environmentally friendly fire proof door materials using a combination of Diatomaceous earth (DE) and other raw materials. Diatomaceous Earth is a natural organic material, comprised of fossilized marine creatures called "Diatoms." By combining proprietary binders and cellulose based fillers with Diatomaceous Earth, an outstanding fire door system has evolved. All ingredients used in the manufacture of Tectonite are "earth friendly." No toxic emissions or effluents are generated during manufacture. Tectonite is the trade name for patent pending fire door components manufactured and marketed through Warm Springs

Composite Products. Tectonite is a structural, fire-proof highly insulative material. It is non-toxic and is asbestos and formaldehyde free.

The Joint Venture is a holding company for technology and information, they hope to license out products to manufacturers. The manufacturers would take formulations and technology to produce a product for marketing. But, WSCP would reserve the right to manufacture these products here or on another part of the reservation, if it were licensed out to a manufacturer. The Joint Venture has products setting on their shelves waiting for a licensee to come along. "There are a lot of world class products in this plant, and a lot of companies are after the technology sitting here in Warm Springs," explains Tony Stacona, plant supervisor.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs licensed the first product

through WSCP, which is the fire door components used for commercial and architectural industries. The door component is made by combining DE, shredded newsprint, and other earth friendly materials. The Tectonite system is certified through Warnock Hersey for: 20, 45, 60 and 90 minute fire door assemblies.

WSCP concentrates on only the fire-proof door component. It is readily acceptable in the market place and carries very little liability because they don't make the complete door. The fire proof door component will not become obsolete, the demand has become very strong. WSCP focused on a product that would give them a good return on investment, they knew was unique and better than competition. Composite Products has more orders than they can fill, the potential is unlimited and business could skyrocket. What they do is totally up to mainstream management, if they say yes we would like to pursue licensing these products out to a company it would return payroll back to the tribe. They feel that if they decide not to, then it would close a window of opportunity within a few short years. It's all in the tribal hands.

The only manufacturers of this product in the country are Georgia Pacific and Weyerhaeuser. "So we've gone up against the big boys and rocked their boats," Stacona commented. WSCP was about to achieve in 1994 almost as broad a certification as Georgia Pacific and Weyerhaeuser did in the last fifteen years without failing a test. The testing agency has said that this is the best fire door system they've ever seen. Because of this they have targeted six accounts they knew were the very largest in the world, they are: Buell Door Company, Mohawk Flush Doors (2 plants), Weyerhaeuser Company, Eggers Industries, Vancouver Door Company, Cenco Door Company. This year they have acquired additional customers beyond that, and also have certified in Japan, something Georgia Pacific has never done. They sent product recently to United Kingdom, England, to the largest door manufacturer and distributor there for certification and testing. They

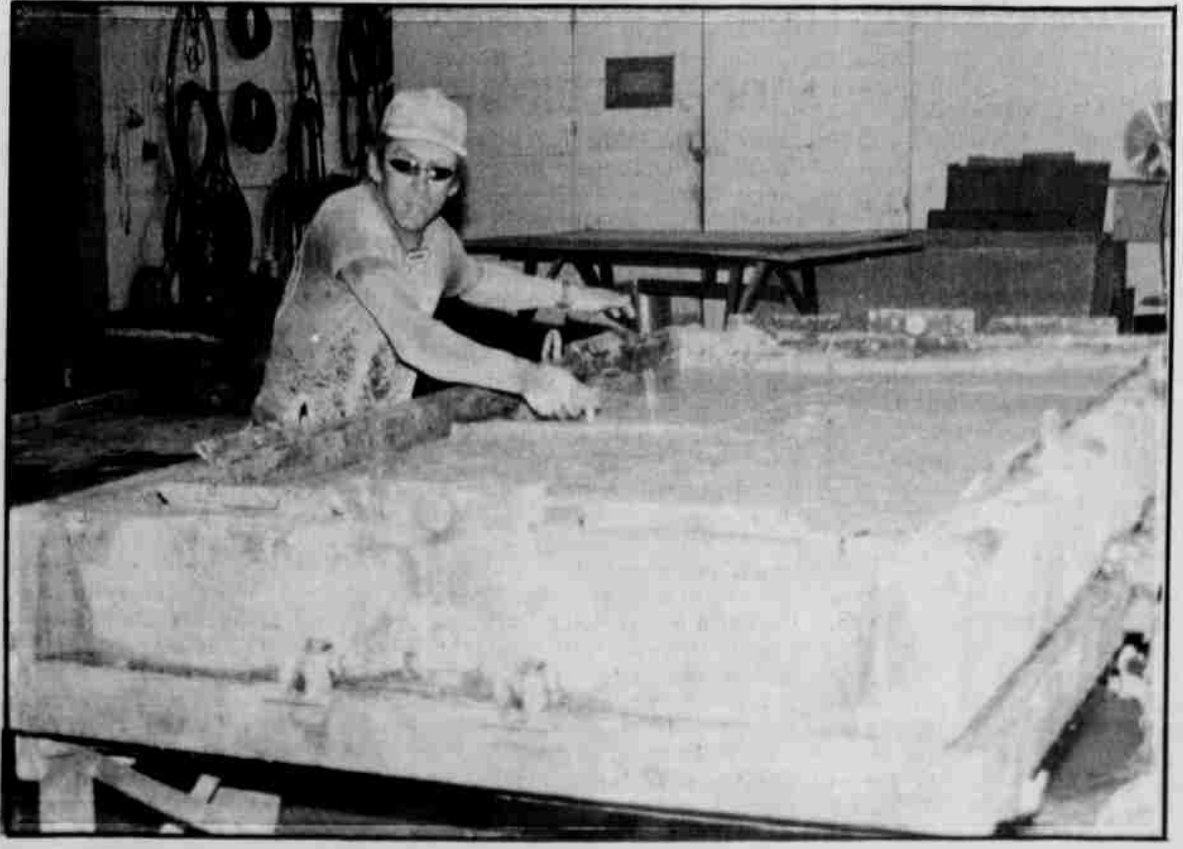


Fire door component finished product.

initiated contact in Canada, sent samples to Australia, and submitted a quote to China. Alternate customer opportunities include: Dimension Millwork, a stile and rail door manufacturer, and Candor Specialties, a fire rated frame manufacturer. WSCP has truly become a household name not only domestically but abroad as well. The equipment is basically the same as it was in 1993. Batching system is operating now, it's an automatic system. They now have a sander for the door components, one man operates the sander. They have a dryer with a brain totally capable of loading and unloading panels, thus making production much faster. They now have a mixing batching delivery system that is very high tech, the most sophisticated system the company ever built.

The Warm Springs Composite Products now employs forty people, 85% are tribal members, MITs, and Indian other, which the highest in any enterprise. They now have a swing shift that was added six months ago, that has made a direct impact on production. Sales have definitely gone up. They hope within the next two months they could streamline the manufacturing process and sales will go through the roof.

They have gotten positive response with the paper bins, it got messy, they've had dead animals, trash, broken beer bottles and cans, and their guys would work with it. They have received help from Utilities and the Tribal Sanitarian with that problem. Warm Springs doesn't put out enough newspaper, so they go to Madras Sanitary. WSCP uses about a ton every other day.



Carshall Brunoe is preparing mixture for the door mold.