

Warm Springs Elementary news

Attendance

When your child misses out on school, we miss your child. Let's all work on making sure that our kids attend school regularly this year. When your child is unable to attend due to an emergency situation, please contact the school as soon as possible so that he or she can be marked as excused. It's so important for your child to be here every day so they don't miss out on daily assignments, get behind and get discouraged.

Head lice policy update

The following information is from the body of a letter which was received by the school over the summer. This letter was sent by a representative of the Health & Wellness Center, Warm Springs Tribal Court and the Juvenile Coordinator's Office.

"Headlice is highly contagious and must be treated immediately to prevent its spread. Outbreaks are especially common in school settings so it is imperative that children are treated and the removal of all nits be a prerequisite for return to school. Oregon Department of Education policy requires children be excluded from school until nit free. Jefferson County School District 509-J adheres to this policy. Tribal policy, WSTC 60.500, requires children attend school daily except when there is a

valid excuse. Prolonged absence due to head lice is not considered a valid excuse. Failure of parents to treat immediately and completely falls under the definition of neglect (WSTC 360.110 (1)(b) and or (d)).

Effective with the 1995-96 school year we are requesting that Warm Springs Elementary School exclude children with head lice from school until nit free. Children absent from school longer than two days should be reported to the office of the Juvenile Coordinator. We appreciate your cooperation with this public health problem.

Warm Springs Elementary does not have access to head lice medication this coming school year. However, beginning September 11, the Health & Wellness Center pharmacy will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

5th Grade transferring

Yes, 5th grade students from Warm Springs are still transferring to the Buff School. The plan is to have modular classrooms moved to the Buff School grounds to temporarily house some of the classes with their teacher until the new school is completed. Once the new school is completed the teachers and classes will move to the new school. Please contact the Buff School office to update your 5th and 6th grade student

information, if you haven't already done so. It's important for the office to be able to reach you, or another emergency contact, should your child be ill or hurt at school.

School Supplies

All students at Warm Springs Elementary will need pencils, crayons and facial tissue. A list of recommended school supplies was listed in the Spilyay. It is still a good idea to contact your child's classroom teacher to see if there are any other items that the teacher would like for his or her individual class.

School meal applications

You should have received, in your post office box, a green application for free or reduced meals. Please fill out the application and return it to the School District Office ASAP to determine if your school children are eligible for the program. School meal applications are good for one year only. All applications are being processed through the District Office beginning this school year.

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.

School mascot: The Eagle
School colors: Purple, gold & black

ECE news...

By Suzie Moody National Conference held

The National Indian Head Start Conference was held in Washington, D.C., June 25-28, 1995. Those original grantees who have provided continuous service to preschool children and their families for 30 years, 1965-1995.

There are four regions in the Northwest where one Head Start program was recognized for its achievements. Warm Springs was selected from the Northwest region. It was one women's dream 30 years ago, to not only bring Head Start under one roof but the Day Care facility also. Her dream was to have one building for the children, families, and community. For the children to have quality child care. Coty Soules, DREAM was recognized with the Warm Springs Head Start Program. Helen Scheirbeck, the Chief of American Indian Program Branch, honored Coty's dream.

September, National Head Lice prevention month

What are headlice?

Lice are small, wingless insects, usually light brown or grayish—tan that live and breed in human hair.

How do they spread?

Head lice are very contagious. They are spread through the sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, scarves, hats, headphones, sleeping bags, and stuffed animals. To minimize the risk of repeated outbreaks, remind your children not to share these items.

How are they detected?

The first clue that a child has head lice is frequent scratching of the scalp.

How do you treat head lice, nits?

Before one family member is treated, all should be examined.

Those showing signs of infestation need to be treated.

To obtain the medication at the Health and Wellness Center, check in with records so they can pull the chart and fill out a pharmacy request form for head lice shampoo. Drop the chart in the pharmacy area's medication slot.

After treatment:

- * Wash all combs and brushes.
- * Take sheets, pillow cases, blankets and bedspreads off beds of all infected person — wash and dry for 30 minutes or hang in the direct sun for 6-8 hours.
- * Vacuum all mattresses, carpets, furniture, throw pillows & your car.
- * Wash all jackets, sweaters, hats and other clothes that have come in contact with anyone infested in the past three or four days.

For more information contact Roxanne Casey at The Museum at 553-3331.

Introductory Acting Skills class offered September 23

Introductory Acting Skills will be taught by Dan Green, associate producer assistant for the NBC television program ER, Saturday, September 23, 1995 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Museum At Warm Springs.

The public is invited to learn improv, voice, directing and role playing at the one-day workshop co-sponsored by Silvia Gonzalez, The Museum and the WS Community Health Education Program.

There is no tuition fee and for more information or to register contact Carol Wewa at 553-3424.

Flint Knap demonstration September 26-28

A Flint Knap Demonstration will be held September 26-28, 1995 at the Museum from 1 to 3 p.m. daily in conjunction with the Association of Oregon Archaeologists Archaeology Week.

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End of Summer powwow was held at the ECE August 30. The school program wanted to dance at powwow before school starts. They usually miss these events during school year.

How do you treat your child for headlice, nits?

After you treat your child for infestation completely follow the after treatment "clean up" as previously described. Do routine head checks for lice/nits on your child.

If your child is excluded from a Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Program for head lice or nits, please follow the previous recommendations for treatment. Children with head lice/nits will be excluded from school until they have received treatment and no evidence

of lice or nits in their hair can be found. Children can be readmitted by an ECE program Supervisor, POD Supervisor, Parent/Health or Social Service Coordinator or a nurse or doctor.

Ask for the Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Head Lice Policy, if you need further assistance. Head Start children will begin to receive Dental Screening on September 13 and 20, 1995.

Early Childhood Education would like to welcome the newest child care providers! Jane Wallace, Martha Gomez, and Carla Caldera.

Museum hosts unique exhibit, activities

The opening reception for the "Baby Carriers of the Plateau", exhibit will be Friday, September 29, 1995 at 7 p.m. at The Museum At Warm Springs.

The exhibit features babyboards and carriers from several North American Plateau tribes and will be on display in The Museum's Changing Exhibit Gallery from September 29, 1995 through January 5, 1996.

According to exhibit information, the majority of the carriers on display are from the Plateau area with comparative examples from the Chippewa of the Eastern Woodlands, the Apache and Navajo of the Southwest, the Hoopa of Northern Cali-

fornia, the Lakota and Cheyenne of the Plains, and the Paiute of the Great Basin.

Baby carriers or cradleboards were and are still used by American Indian tribes as a means for the care and transportation of infants. "Each baby carrier is singularly special in that each was made specifically for a particular child with all the hopes and dreams for that child included in the construction," said Lynn Pankonin, exhibit curator. For those who still use cradleboards, many say they give infants a sense of security and also help their posture.

The exhibit is from the collection at the Cheney Cowles Museum,

Eastern Washington State Historical Society in Spokane. Pankonin put the exhibit together and did all of the research pertaining to the exhibit.

Museum Exhibits Coordinator Roxanne Casey said she's excited about the exhibit because the people in Warm Springs and visitors to The Museum will have an opportunity to see a variety of cradleboards, including some from this area.

"The research that was done on the cradleboards will be educational plus there are also photographs that go along with the exhibit," Casey added. A brief history will be included on each cradleboard.

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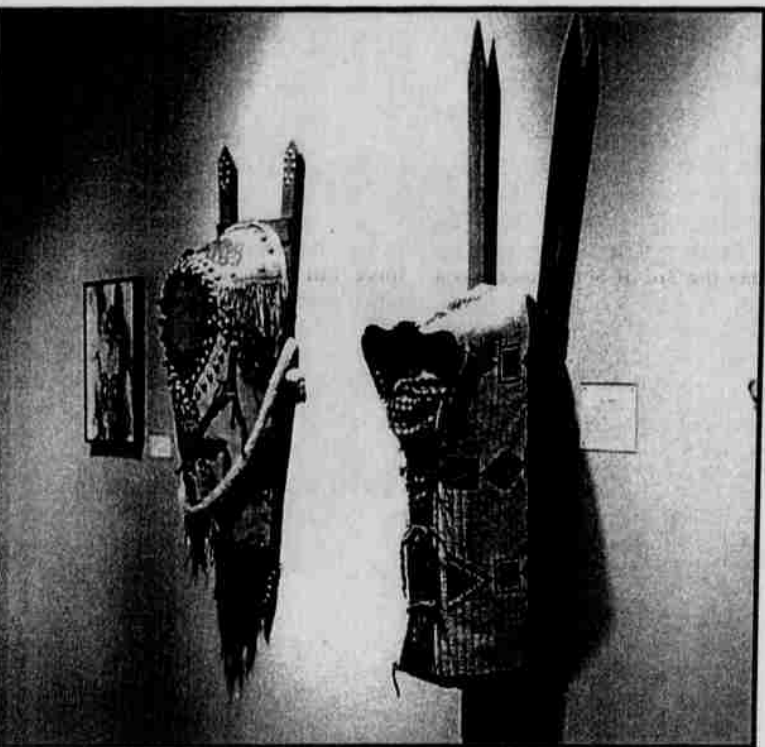
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Baby carriers of Plateau Exhibit opens September 29 at The Museum at Warm Springs.

Registration at Central Oregon Community College continues

Registration for fall classes is continuing at Central Oregon Community College. Prospective students can elect to take one class, begin work on a four-year bachelor's degree, or work toward a certificate or two-year degree in a professional technical program such as automotive technology, business equipment service technology, culinary arts, early childhood education, drafting and forest resources technology.

To make a registration appointment to meet with a faculty advisor, call the Admission office

at 383-7500.

Central Oregon Community College is accepting applications for its Business Equipment Service Technician (BEST) program, which emphasizes practical "hands-on" work with a wide range of office equipment.

"There are enough jobs in Oregon to place all of our graduates," said Bob Brookover, professor of business equipment service technology at COCC. "Typically, our graduates have more than one job offer."

The Oregon Lottery recently

joined the local group of employers recruiting business equipment service technicians. Other employers include the Savin Corporation, Automated Office Systems and Mountain Copy Machines. Annual salaries in this field average about \$19,000, according to Brookover.

COCC offers both a one-year certificate and a two-year Associate of Applied Sciences degree. Included

in the program are a job placement course and a term of work experience.

Financial aid, in the form of Talent Grants and scholarships, is available to students who have successfully completed one term of the program.

Registration for fall classes is continuing. The Admissions and Records Office is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 383-7500.

COCC announces community education classes for fall term

The Fall Term for Community Education is right around the corner, literally. There will be no easy transition after the leisurely days of Summer — no gradual warm-up to regular routine. Registration started right after Labor Day with the first day for walk in sign up being Tuesday, September 12 and lasting until Friday, September 15, 1995.

That's only four days. Note—a brand new College policy gives preference to mailed in registrations which can be sent as early as Tuesday, September 5. To register using this method simply fill out the form found inside the last page of the Community Education catalogue. Include your check or if paying by VISA or Mastercard, your card number and the expiration date. Students who register using this method will receive priority placement in classes. If the minimum number of students have not registered then the class gets cancelled leaving a lot of people disappointed, so register early.

Introduction to Computers—Crack the hardware. Banish the mystery. Gain confidence exploring the world of computers. Learn terminology, hardware and software basics with hands-one practice. Beginners welcome. Location—Education Center.

Runs for five weeks starting September 20 and ending October

25, Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Instructor is Greg Smith, cost is \$33.00. Senior cost is \$27.75. Bring 3 1/2 inch disk.

Wander into Word Perfect—Are you a computer rookie? Interested in knowing more but not brimming with confidence? This class will get you started and help you gain competence in Word Perfect, a popular IBM word processing software for your home or in business settings. Keyboard knowledge required. Located—Education Center.

Class instructed by Mike Lofting, for seven consecutive weeks, beginning October 2 to November 13. Class held Mondays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., bring 3 1/2 inch disk. Cost is \$42. Senior cost is \$34.97.

Introduction to Lotus—Beginner and refresher course on basic spreadsheets for both family and business budgets. Learn commands, formulas, macros, and graphics. Location—Education Center.

Classes held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for four consecutive weeks starting October 3 and ending October 24. Class instructor is Mike Lofting. Bring 3 1/2 inch disk.

Western Line Dance—Learn the new dances of the 90's from the Tush Push to Slappin' Leather. Taught step-by-step with review and practice at each session. No partner required. Location—Warm Springs Community Center.

involved with the culture camp Sap Si K'wat. It was a great success and we look forward to more next year.

Dear Abby

I am writing in the hope that I might spare others from suffering the agony my family must endure on a daily basis. This letter is for teenagers who are toying with the idea of experimenting with "recreational drugs."

I am 24 and have watched my 40-year-old brother's addiction wreck not only his life but also the lives of everyone in our family. To the kids who think drugs are cool, I give them this to think about:

Is it cool to be 40-years-old without a dime to your name, living with your parents, knowing you can't hold a job or lead a normal life for more than two months at a time?

As for the kids who decide to try drugs "just this once," I am certain when my brother first started experimenting 20 years ago, he didn't intend to become a daily user and take anything he could lay his hands on.

To the kids who say, "It's only pot (or any other drug)," I'm sure my brother didn't plan on becoming a cocaine and heroin addict when he tried pot for the first time. He only meant to experiment, to see what it was like.

It's too late for my brother to have a normal life. He blew that chance when he was 17. But if just one teenager who reads this letter decides not to give in to peer pressure and fool around with drugs, my brother's life will not have been totally useless.

Say "No, thanks," when some so called "friend" offers you any kind of illegal substance. My brother's addiction has wrecked our whole

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Meetings to begin

Phil Riley will begin meeting with the WS parents and concerned community members every Wednesday beginning September 20, 1995 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference room 2 at the Administration building. For more information, contact 475-6192.

Instructor is Mary Raines, cost is \$18.38, senior cost is \$14.63. Class will begin Thursday, October 19 and end November 16, five week course.

GED/ABE—The new term will start September 19, 1995. Notice that there is no "get ready time" after the Christmas holiday. Registration and the first day of class will be September 19, 1995. Other registration days will be Thursday, September 21, September 26, and September 28. Classes are held Tuesday and

Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Enrollment is limited and the classes have been filling quickly. Students need to realize that class is only three hours two days a week and that if they do not attend regularly their position will be given to someone who really wants to study for their GED.

Persons who wish to register for ABE/GED must sign up in person at the Tribal Education Center. If you have any questions call 553-1428.

Mailed or faxed registration forms priority

Registration procedures of Central Oregon Community College's Community Education classes will change this fall. Mailed or faxed registration forms will now be given priority. Beginning Tuesday, September 5, mailed or faxed registration forms will be processed. Registration forms dropped off at the center before September 12 will be processed with the next day's mail. In-person or telephone registration will begin on Tuesday, September 12, and continue throughout the term at the Warm Springs Community Education Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The changes have been made to make the registration process more convenient and flexible, according

to John Hicks, director of the Warm Springs Center. The registration form, which is included in the Community Education schedule, should now be mailed to 1110 Wasco Street, Warm Springs, OR 97761 or faxed to 553-4951.

The schedule was mailed to all those who took a class during the 1994-95 year and is also available at the center. It contains a variety of opportunities for self-enrichment, business and training enhancement, basic skill development and special events. Each term, over 3,000 adults participate in the educational offerings provided by COCC's eight Community Education Centers.

For more information call John Hicks at 553-1428.

Nations education goals noted

In stressing quality education from early childhood through lifelong learning, the president and the governors adopted the National Education Goals. Established in 1990, the National Education Goals provide a focal point for reform and renewal in education. The goals set a series of targets that America's elected leaders hold as a vision for the nation to achieve by the year 2000. These goals were put into law by Congress in the "Goals 2000: Educate America Act".

1. By the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn.

2. By the year 2000, the high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent.

3. By the year 2000, American students will leave grades four, eight, and twelve having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, art, history and geography; and every school in America will insure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and

productive employment in our nation's modern economy.

4. By the year 2000, the nation's teaching force will have access to programs for the continued improvement of their professional skills and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to instruct and prepare all American students for the next century.

5. By the year 2000, United States students will be first in the world in science and mathematics achievement.

6. By the year 2000, every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

7. By the year 2000, every school in America will be free of drugs, violence and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

8. By the year 2000, every school will promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional and academic growth of children.