

Warm Springs Elementary News

Calendar Updates

October 10-SMILE parent night, 3:30 pm in the WSE gym.
 October 12-No Kindergarten, early dismissal. 1st & 2nd grade @ 11:20. 3rd & 4th grade @ 12:20.
 October 13-No school. Statewide Inservice Day.
 October 20-WSE Newsletter goes out.
 October 29-Standard Time. Set your clocks back one hour.
 November 2-Awards Assembly. K-2 @ 8:30; 3rd & 4th grade @ 9:30.
 November 3-WSE Newsletter goes out.
 November 8-End of first quarter of school 95-96 school year.
 November 9-No school. Inservice Day.
 November 10-No school. Veteran's Day Holiday.
 November 16-No Kindergarten, early dismissal. 1st & 2nd grade @ 11:20. 3rd & 4th grade @ 12:20. Parent/teacher conferences.
 November 17-No school. Parent/teacher conferences.
 November 22-No Kindergarten, early dismissal. 1st & 2nd grade @ 11:20. 3rd & 4th @ 12:20.
 November 23 & 24-No school. Thanksgiving Holiday

Volunteer for the SMART Program

Join the 3,100 volunteers statewide by donating one hour a week as a reading partner with a Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade child. Start making a reader today by calling 553-1128 to get information about being a SMART volunteer.

Please do frequent checks of your child's hair for nits. WSE has a "no nit policy". Frequent checks can help ensure that your child does not get excluded from school. Thank you for your help!

Get your children off to a good start this school year

Along with new shoes and new pencils, your child may need some new habits this year. Here are things your child can do to get off to a great start this year.

Set goals. Students who do best in school have both short and long term goals. Whether it's earning an "A" in math or preparing to become a doctor, your child needs goals to keep him/her on the right track.

Talk about school every day. When you child knows that you think school is important, she will take it seriously. To get the conversation flowing, you might ask, "What was the biggest challenge you faced today?"

Accept the importance of hard work. Many children (and too many of their parents) believe there are subjects, like math that can be mastered by only a few bright children. Help your child learn that hard work can lead to mastery of even the most difficult material.

Take responsibility for some household tasks. Even the youngest

child can set the table. Older kids can help prepare meals. Children who learn responsibility at home are good citizens at school.

Set aside time for homework each day. As a general rule, you should expect ten minutes of homework per day for each year your child has spent in school, so a third grader would spend 30 minutes on homework. If there are no assignments your child can read for fun during homework time.

Adopt a Teacher

Families are needed to host WSE staff as part of a new "Adopt a Teacher" program. If you are interested in getting to know a teacher and letting them get to know you and the community, please call WSE at 553-1128. You will be asked to commit to a minimum of 3 experience during the year. Call or stop by the WSE office today!

Madras High School Homecoming BBQ & Bottle/Can Drive

Both of the following activities have been scheduled with the proceeds benefiting the Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party for the Sr. Class of 1996.

Homecoming BBQ, Friday, October 20, 1995 5-7 p.m. South of the MHS Stadium. \$4 per full meal, family rates available.

Bottle/can drive, Saturday, October 21st, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Collection center will be at Ralph's TV.

Thank you for your participation!

WS Indian Arts Workshop

Friday, October 13th, at the Museum at Warm Springs, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., a workshop with emphasis on hands-on activities, with an

opportunity to work with Warm Springs Elders and artists on a minimum of three projects will be available. The workshop fee will be \$35 which includes snacks, museum admission, arts and take home materials. Pre-registration is required by October 11th, by calling Central Oregon Arts in Education at 923-4860.

1995-1996 Free or Reduced Meal Applications

Have you filled out your 95-96 school year application for free or reduced meals? Each year the same questions comes up, "I have to fill out a new application each year?" The answer is yes. If you feel that you may be eligible for free or reduced meals (or don't know and want to find out if you are eligible) please stop by the school office for assistance in filling out an application.

Student Absence from School

When your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the school office with a note or by phone call to let us know. We keep track of the excused absences for all students and appreciate knowing when your child is going to be gone.

School Picture Update

School pictures were taken on Friday, September 29th. If your child didn't get their picture taken this time around, please watch the school newsletter and the school notice board on the campus, for the picture re-take day. We have not been notified of the re-take day. Just as soon as we do, parents will be notified.

Open House for Mrs. Espenel's third grade class will be on Thursday October 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Espenel could not be here for the regular open house date and would like to meet her students' parents. Please plan to attend.

Get ready for School Conferences

School conferences are a great way for parents and teachers to learn more about children. They're also a good time for you to tell the teacher important things about your child. The key to a successful conference, parents and teachers agree, is two-way communication. By exchanging information, parents and teachers can set the stage for a great school year. Think about questions you'd like to ask. Prepare some questions in advance. There's a place in this folder for you to jot down the questions you want most answered.

*What will be covered in this grade or subject this year?

*What are your expectations for homework? Has my child missed any assignments?

*How are my child's work habits? Does he/she use time well?

*Does my child read at the level you would expect for this grade?

*Is my child able to do the math you would expect for a student at this grade?

*Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?

*Does my child get along well with others?

*What can I do at home to help my child be more successful at school?

Check out the next newsletter for more information regarding the parent/teacher conference and your child's report card.

Weapons at school

We are asking for your help. Please be sure your children do not bring any weapons or look-alike weapons to school for any reason. We are taking this stance because we want your children to be safe at school. We do not want weapons on our school grounds at any time, and we want to act before a serious problem develops.

Disciplinary action for possession of a weapon or look-alike weapon will be determined based upon the age of the child and circumstances surrounding display of the weapon or look-alike weapon.

You can help ensure the safety of all students in the following way:

*Talk to your children about situations that would make them feel they need protection.

*Counsel your children that violence does not solve problems; it only creates more problems.

*Ensure that any weapons you keep in your home are not accessible to your children. According to national statistics, an estimated 80-90% of students who carry weapons bring them from home.

*Monitor the movies and television shows your children watch. Research indicates that many of the popular violence-prone movies and television shows send children a message that violence is the way to solve problems. It is not; and

*Continue to develop your children's positive self esteem so they can make good choices and avoid

potentially dangerous associations or situations.

We can assure you that we will do all we can to provide a safe environment for your children in our schools. We as that you, too, do all you can to help.

Simmasho Students of the Month Sara Vaeth, Stephen Vaeth, Tamara Moody, Dawn Kalama, Star Simustus, Edmond Kalama. School Site Improvement Ideas Sought

If any parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, community member, etc., has an idea for WSE school site improvement, please feel free to contact the school and let us know your idea. When things don't seem to be going well, we need to know, but is also helpful to have suggestions as to how things could be better.

WSE Students of the Month for September

Shelby Scott, Wiyaka Red Dog, Eugene Bill, Isabel White, Jackson Mitchell, Pearl Stwyer, Eilene McGill, Kevin Ruiz, LaTonia Smith, David DeBiao, Jeremy Badoni, Jodene Greene, Aaron Hunt, Ashley Davis, Nicki Smith, Zachary Dowty, Jeleah Sam, Olea Yahtin, Chance Heath, Vern Heath, Leonardo Cuevas, Gunner Bailey, Jennifer Clements, Randy Boise, Jr., Myron Northrup, Ikie Heath, Don Wabaunsee, Charnelle Danzuka, Leidy Caldera, Danni Lawrence, Aaron Heath, August Scott, Rudy Stevens, Isaiah Tewee, Marjean Alonso, Riana Phar, Johnny Smith, Rayann Katchia, Nathaniel Garcia, Esten Culpus, Ewardene Henry, Wilyum Hoptowitz, Matt Craig.

WSE All-Star Students for September

Taima Smith, Prenincia VanPelt, Charles Tewee, Titus Kalama, Jacelene Frank, Chesley Yahtin, Jeremy Badoni, Alyssia Meanus, Alaina Johnson, Danielle Harber, Dustin Suppah, Whitley Ruiz, Nancy Charley, Sally Selam, Vanessa James, Nicolas Katchia, Verna Mitchell, Lucy Wolfe, Lia Orozco, Shard Stormbringer, Raylene Thomas, Leean Wolfe, Kahlea Phar, Francis Kentura, Cynthia LeClaire, Rozylin Northrup, Maurica Cortez,

Leanne Johnson, Gerald Tias, Catherine Tulee, Erikson Lucei, Steven James, Tiyanna Tuckta, Heather Johnson.

Parents

We are still collecting labels for Campbell product varieties. Please save the purchase proofs. Send them to school with your child as often as you would like. Labels are collected in the office and distributed. Please note all the varieties listed on the flyer below. Thank you for your participation.

Keyboarding popular among students

Fourth grade students in all Warm Springs classes and Simmasho completed a keyboarding unit the first two weeks of school.

The majority of students showed mastery of the basic keyboarding skills. The goal of the class was to teach correct hand positions and fingerings and to assist students in identifying the location of letter keys.

WSE is the only school in the district that uses the Herzog system of keyboarding instruction. The Herzog system uses special hub or sensor keys that are temporarily glued to the "d" and "k" keys so that the students may locate by touch the index finger keys for correct positioning. The students also learn the letter keys in alphabetical order which seems to make more sense to younger students than the traditional system.

The media center was converted into a computer lab for the first two weeks of school. Students were given one half-hour of instruction for nine days. Continued proficiency and development of speed in keyboarding depends, of course, on the students willingness to use and practice what they have learned.

Thanks to all the teachers who were willing to delay the beginning of their library classes so that the keyboarding instruction could be done.

No school Friday Oct. 13th

All-day class helps develop students' skills



Mrs. Rodin teaches the all-day kindergarten that started this year at Warm Springs Elementary.

This year the Warm Springs Elementary School has started an all day Kindergarten class to help Kindergarten students develop better language and socializing skills in preparation for first grade. The Warm Springs Elementary Schools goal is to have all-day Kindergarten throughout the school and this is the first step toward that goal. This is the only all-day Kindergarten class in the 509-J School District.

Renee Rodin is the teacher for this all-day Kindergarten class, she started here at Warm Springs Elementary last year as a Kindergarten teacher.

The hope is for all-day Kindergarten to improve attendance and academic achievement in the future. The use of communicating would help students improve their language skills. They will talk with each other more and have more time for stories and socialization.

The principal, Dawn Smith with the assistance of ECE worked together to decide who would most benefit from being in all-day Kindergarten classes. There are nineteen students in the all-day Kindergarten class this year. They begin school at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. There are two classrooms that Kindergarten students attend half a day.

Diabetes class to begin October 18

The Warm Springs Diabetes Program will offer diabetes education classes at 5:30 p.m. for four Wednesdays starting October 18, 1995. The classes will be held in the kitchen conference room in the community Health wing of the WS Health and Wellness Center (the north entrance). The class schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 18-Introduction to Diabetes Basics and Diabetes & Stress

Wednesday, October 25-The Diabetes Disease Process

Wednesday, November 1-Complication of Diabetes and Diabetes Standards of Care

Wednesday, November 8-Treating & Managing Diabetes

Because each class will cover a separate topic, you will benefit by coming to one or several of the classes. If you have any questions regarding the classes, or about the Diabetes Program in general, please call Susan at 553-2478. Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes is welcome to attend!

Scouting beneficial to girls

Girl Scouting is something uniquely special for each member, girl or adult. There are programs, activities and opportunities provided for girls for learning, trying new things and having FUN! Here is a brief description of each age level: **Daisy Girl Scouts-Ages 5-6 (Kindergarten)**

Daisy Girl Scouts learn to be away from their families by interacting with other children and adults in activities that keep them busy and entertained while introducing them to the basics of Girl Scouting. These girls spend much of their time preparing to "bridge" into the next age group by fulfilling requirements for the bridge badge and participating in special ceremonies to mark their movement from one level to the next.

Brownie Girl Scouts-Grades 1-3

Brownie Girl Scouts challenge themselves and each other in fun activities that teach them about the world. They are especially encouraged to try new hobbies and skills, earning badges called Try-Its, for each attempt. Brownie Girl Scouts

practice service at home and in their communities.

Junior Girl Scouts-Grades 4-6

Junior Girl Scouts look into the community and actively pursue fun projects to work with one another. These girls help to plan their own activities, which ensures that they will enjoy what they do and helps them to learn organization.

Parent involvement is an important factor of your girl's learning in Girl Scouts. The parent is the best teacher your child and children can have in this community.

The WS Girl Scout Brownie Troop #800 began this past early spring. We are continuing our troop and welcoming new girls to join us. Flyers will be made available to your girls at the WSE school about Girl Scouting or you can call Nancy Seyler, Sue Matters or Kadoo Trimble at 553-3241 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for information.

We are now recruiting girls to join us. Please come join the fun and learn what Girl Scouting is all about!

Farmers asked to make nominations for FSA committee

"Farmers and other eligible voters are asked to nominate candidates of their choice by October 30 for the County Farm Service Agency (FSA) committee election ballot," said Sam Brown, County Executive Director. The FSA committee was previously known as the ASC County committee.

The FSA County committee election will be conducted from November 24 to December 4 by mail ballot. FSA, an agency of the US Department of Agriculture, administers farm commodity, crop insurance and conservation programs for farmers and makes farm ownership and operating loans.

The entire Warm Springs reservation, which includes land in both Jefferson and Wasco counties, is now a separate Local Administrative Area (LAA) or community. Persons within this area will nominate at least four people and elect one person to the County committee. In the past, Irene Towe has served as second alternate and minority advisor to the committee.

Nominating petition forms are available at the Natural Resources office in Warm Springs or by calling the CFSA office in Madras at 475-3869.

Brown reminds farmers that to be valid, petitions must be limited to one nominee each, must include written certification that the nominee is willing to service, if elected, and must be signed by at least three eligible voters in the LAA. Also, the petition must be received in the FSA office by the October 30th deadline.

Eligible voters may circulate or sign nominating petitions for as many candidates as they choose. Anyone wishing to nominate a farmer for the County FSA committee election may contact the County office for details, including eligibility requirements.

"FSA committees are essential in the administration of farm programs," Brown said, "and we welcome all valid petitions."

The opportunity to nominate, vote and be elected to office is guaranteed to all farmers regardless of race, color, religion, nation origin, age, sex, marital status or disability.

Recreation offers Halloween activities

Halloween is quickly approaching, and the Recreation Department will be having the annual **Halloween Carnival** in the gymnasium on Tuesday, October 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Committees, organizations, and various groups wishing to raise funds for their group are asked to participate. Interested groups are asked to register with the Recreation Office. Plan now for your fundraising activity.

Other activities for Halloween fun include the "Great Punkin'" party scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. **Halloween movies** are scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 with the children's movie beginning at 4:00 p.m., and the Spooky movie beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the carnival, or Halloween activities, contact Carol Allison or Austin Greene at the Recreation Office at 553-3243.

Recreation offers events

The Warm Springs Recreation Department is offering Autumn Crafts to the community every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center Conference Room.

Schedule for these crafts is:

October 17, 19, - Yarn belts

TBA - Halloween decorating

November 2, - Earrings and keychains

November 7, 9, - Pillow making

November 14, 16, - Hat beading

November 21, 23, - Apple doll making

November 28, 30, - God's Eyes

(wall hangings) For more information, please call Merle Kirk at 553-3243.

Other activities scheduled at the Warm Springs Recreation Department are:

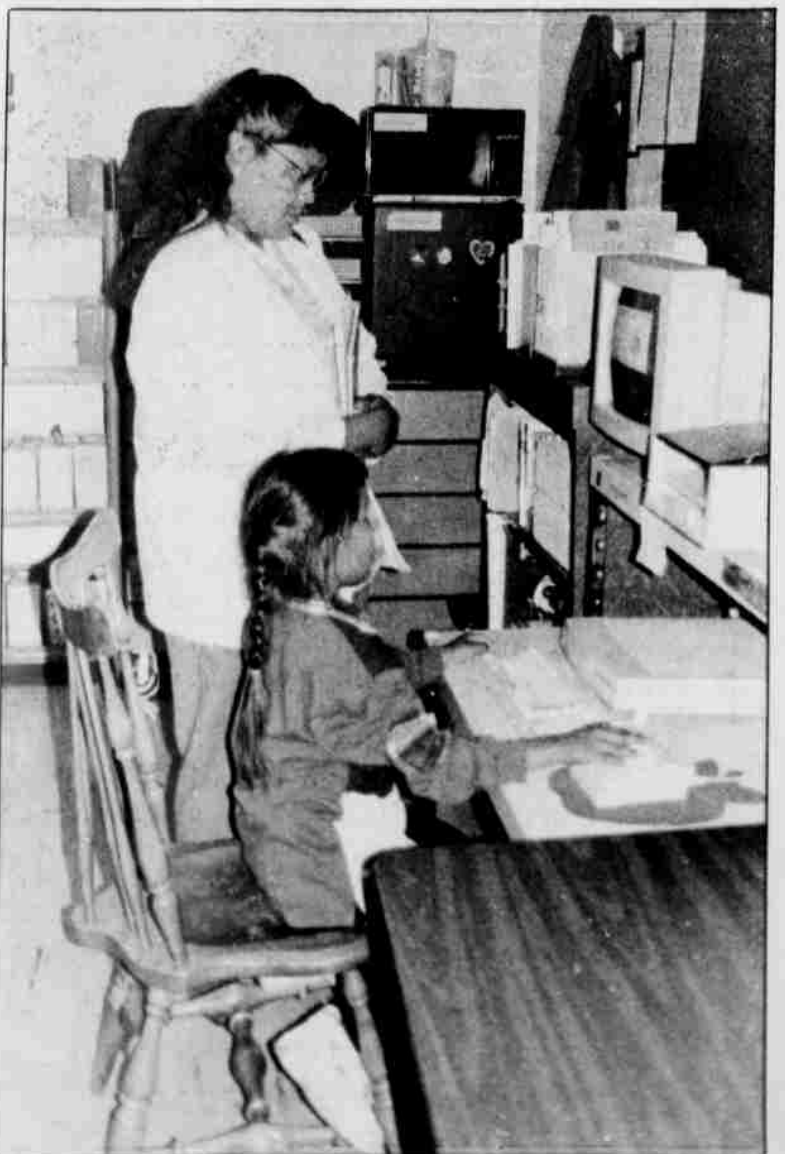
November 27-30 - Family holiday crafts, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

December 4 - Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:00 p.m.

December 9 - Annual Christmas Bazaar, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

December 20 - Last Minute Bazaar, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Carol Allison at 553-3243.



Priscilla Squiemphen-Yazzie watches her daughter Teri Jo as she shows her the classroom computer.