

Early Childhood Education news

Child and Family Development Most parents come to Head Start because they want to do something good for their children. Head Start needs to support each parent in the roles of primary educator, caregiver and nurturer. This motivation to improve the lives of their children is a critical strength that can be built upon to provide meaningful experiences for each family.

Relevant Performance Standards: *Provide opportunities for parents to participate in the classroom and other program activities as paid employees, volunteers and observers.

*Provide opportunities for parents to work with their children in cooperation with Head Start staff.

*Involve parents in educational activities of the program to enhance their role as the primary influence in their child's education and development.

*Identify and reinforce experiences which occur in the home that parents can utilize as educational activities for their children.

*Assist parents in understanding and using alternative ways to foster learning and development of their children.

*Include parents in curriculum development and have them as resources.

*Enhance parents' knowledge and understanding of the educational and developmental needs and activities

of children by:
1. Parent participation in planning the education program, and in center, classroom and home base activities;

2. Parent training in activities that can be used in the home to reinforce learning and development of their center;

3. Parent training in the observation, growth and development of their children in the home environment and in identification of and handling special developmental needs;

4. Participation of staff in staff-parent conferences and home visits; parent training focusing on child development and behavioral developmental problems of pre-school children.

*Provide parents information about all available health resources.

*Encourage parents to become involved in their child's health care and to accompany their child to health appointments.

*Involve parents in planning and implementing individual mental health needs of their children.

*Help parent groups work with other neighborhood and community groups with similar concerns.

*Involve parents in health, mental health, dental and nutrition education.

NEW PARENT CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Delson Suppah
Vice President: Carlos Calica

Secretary: Josie Redfox
Treasurer: Barbara Swiderman
The program would like to thank those parents who were not selected and would like to encourage those parents to be classroom representatives during upcoming Parent Club meetings.

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to vote.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

One of Head Start's goals is to meet the needs of the people. Some of the needs currently identified are "Coats, hats and gloves for Children", clothing, food, and Christmas gifts for those who might not receive one from Santa. Warm Springs Head Start is sponsoring a "Coat Drive", "Food Drive", and a "Christmas Giving Tree".

Miss Warm Springs applicants wanted

Miss Warm Springs Pageant will be held on December 29, 1995 at the Agency Longhouse. This is an opportunity to be an ambassador for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. It is an experience one will never forget. If you are searching for a challenge, this is one. There is travel involved, attendance and involvement at community activities, representing the Tribe at pageants and conferences, knowledge of Tribal Council and Executive Committees.

We are seeking females from 18 to 25 years of age, as long as the female reaches the age of 18 before the Miss Warm Springs pageant.

Single and no dependents. A member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a resident of the reservation for at least one year. She

will be required to maintain residence on the reservation for at least one year after winning the title unless attending college in area, will be taken into consideration. She will maintain and present herself in an appropriate and reliable manner throughout her term. If she cannot meet her obligations and expectations an alternate will represent the tribes.

You can pick up your applications at the Administrative Services Center. The deadline date for applications to be received is December 18, 1995.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the pageant and supporting your candidate! If you have any questions, comments please contact Myrtle Snowden at 553-3257.

Calica attends AISES meet

Local area student Direlle Calica, currently attending Portland State University, was awarded a sponsorship by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) to attend the 17th annual AISES National Conference in Detroit, Michigan November 9 to 12. Selection by the AISES national office and by the student's college AISES chapter was based upon education, leadership and commitment to strengthening Indian community. The sponsorship covered hotel room, conference meals and registration fee.

More than 500 American Indian college students from 145 colleges and 155 tribes, as well as 1,500 Indian professionals and government, business and university representatives also from across the nation, attended the event.

The theme of the Conference was "Spirit, Knowledge, Vision: Many Roads, One Direction", and recognized the diversity and abilities among American Indians and called for those strengths to be used for

their common good. As the nation's largest gathering of American Indian scientists, engineers, professionals and students, the Conference drew attendees from hundreds of US and Canadian tribes.

Keynote speakers included Vine Deloria, Jr., Wilma Mankiller and Gloria Steinem. In addition, several speakers from corporations, tribal organizations and federal agencies also shared their knowledge on various topics.

General Motors Corporation was the major sponsor of the event. Other Conference sponsors included Ford Motor Co, The Dow Chemical Co, the US Department of Energy, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and many more. Over 100 corporations, organizations and universities recruited students and professionals during the Conference's career fair and recognized AISES members for their skills and commitment to technical excellence in their chosen careers.

1st Annual Conference on Elder Abuse

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Lodge, Warm Springs, OR
December 6, 7, 1995



Facing the secrets - the hidden abuse of our Elders/Seniors. Join us as we touch upon the realities of life, what's really happening, what can be done about it.

Registration 8:00 a.m. - No fee required
For more information contact: Warm Springs Senior Program, (541) 553-3313, Wilson Wewa, Jr.

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WSE Winter Music Program

This year the WSE Music Program will include kindergarten through fourth grade students. The program will be held at the Community Center beginning at 7 p.m. remember to be patient. This program is very important to the children who have been practicing, practicing, practicing...

Winter Carnival December 14th, 6-9 p.m.

The Winter Carnival was such a success last year that, here we go again. Please come and bring your family to enjoy the activities and food. Come to the school office to buy tickets for twenty five cents each. The tickets are exchanged for the games, food items and prizes.

Some of the games you can expect to see are the cake walk, fish pond and the bean bag throw. Food items available will be hot dogs,

chips, soda pop and fry bread.

Please bring your very much appreciated donation of baked goods to the office on the day of the carnival.

Part of last year's proceeds went toward purchasing half of the picnic tables located behind the office on the playground. This year we would like to start saving money for a new curtain for the stage or a P.A. system.

If you would like to volunteer to help with a booth, please contact Helena Jackson at 553-1128.

SMART Program begins

Tuesday, November 28th, the WSE SMART program volunteers officially started their duties spending time with and reading to students. It's a good feeling to know how excited the kids get when you make special time to read and talk with them about books. Every little bit of one-to-one attention you give makes a difference in the life of a

Senior Outlook...

Don't mess around in school and try as hard as you can

Seventeen-year-old, Vanessa Langley is the daughter of Stella and Larry Langley. Her grandparents are the late Ernestine Stevens, Tony Fuentes, Sr., Allen and Louise Langley.

Langley has two brothers; Andrew Smith who is 23, and Aaron Langley age thirteen.

She is from the Wasco and Warm Springs tribes.

Activities that she has been involved in include Journalism her junior and senior years, SMILE Program while in Jr. High, and Native American Student Union (NASU) her freshman and senior years.

Hobbies she enjoys include writing, reading, cooking, shopping as well as being with friends.

Journalism with Colleen Hetcher and Civics with Matt Henry are her favorite classes at Madras High School.

Langley's outlook of the past school years, she feels she had lots of fun times as well as hard times, although would have liked to have done better.

She feels very excited about this being her last year in high school. When she leaves Madras High School she will miss writing for the White Buffalo most.

Her career choice is Journalism,

and she would like to attend the University of Oregon.

Langley would like to comment to the remaining lower classmen; "Try as hard as you can, because schools pretty important. I messed

up a lot, but got my act together, and am very glad that I'm graduating this year."

In five to ten years from now Langley sees herself having a fun job that she enjoys as well as enjoying



Vanessa Langley, Vanessa Knight

Third annual
**Warm Springs Elementary
Christmas Carnival**
Thursday, December 14
from 6 to 9 p.m.
Game booths will be in the gym.
Food and prizes will be in Building 1.
Hot dogs, fry bread, chips and pop will be available.
Donations are still being accepted for the popular *cake walk*. Baked goods can be delivered to the school office during the afternoon of December 14.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

AFS changes noted

Attention Warm Springs Food Stamp and ADC recipients. Adult and Family Services will be changing our office procedures starting 12/04/95. Food stamp applicants are encouraged to apply for benefits at the Madras office located at 678 NE Highway 97 Suite A.

Questions, please call 553-3315 or 475-6131 for more information on where and how to apply for food

stamps.

Ongoing food stamp cases can call our toll free number for up to date info. 1-800-895-9871.

Those people who have ADC cases (cash grants) or want to apply for ADC can contact the local Warm Springs Adult and Family Services branch for details about the application process t 553-3315.

Title IX committee to meet Dec. 12

The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on Tuesday, December 12, 1995 at 7 p.m. The 1996-1997 budget proposal will be finalized and the revised Constitution and By-Laws will be distributed.

Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The Committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

Reception to be held for Doctor

A reception to recognize Roy Nakamura, M.D., who is leaving the area, will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 21 at the Mountain View Hospital District multipurpose room.

Dr. Nakamura, his wife Anne and two children, Mallory, 8 and Andrea, 5, will be moving to Maine, where Anne's parents reside, after the New Year.

"Arrangements are being made for temporary physicians to staff the Mountain View Family Care Clinic until a permanent replacement can be hired to fill Dr. Nakamura's position," assured Barnes.

The reception for Dr. Nakamura and his family is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

December 9 & 10 (Saturday/Sunday)-Move Buff & Junior High

December 11 (Monday)-No school grades 5-8. Unpacking

December 12 (Tuesday)-Classes resume. 5-8 grade students need to report to their old school (Buff or Jr. High) to pick up their personal things from their desks and lockers. The buses will return and transport the students to their new school around 9 a.m.

December 15 (Friday)-No school for Westside Elementary students. Packing

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