

The 1997-98 school year has begun, students and teachers are numerous



There are fifteen teacher assistants for this school year. Not pictured is Esther Culpus.



There is so much to say to you about my summer vacation.



Students at Warm Springs elementary are glad to see their friends after summer break.



After the first bell all the students go to their new classrooms.

Warm Springs Elementary welcomes three new teachers

As with each new school year new teachers are welcomed into the community and school. This year three new teachers, Chad Monson, Sara Bennett and Anne Jasa, have come to the Warm Springs Elementary School to teach.

Monson just finished school at the University of Montana where he

received his BA in Education with emphasis on Elementary. He did his student teaching in the Mission Mountain Valley teaching first grade.

He will be living on in Warm Springs at "teacher row." He received a lot of help from the teachers and family who helped him move here.

"Everyone's been really nice and welcoming. I'm looking forward to a good year with the children," says Monson.

Sara Bennett moved here from

Vancouver, BC.

Bennett received her degree from Eastern Oregon State University in LaGrande after 4 1/2 years.

Her teaching experience includes Special Education and Preschool before coming to Warm Springs Elementary to teach second grade.

She will be living on "teacher row" on the campus area.

"So far it's been great, Dawn and some teachers helped me move in. Everyone's been real welcoming," says Bennett.

She would like parents to feel free to stop by her classroom.

Anne Jasa is no stranger to Jefferson County. She was born and raised in Madras and will teach fourth grade at Warm Springs Elementary.

She attended Eastern Oregon State University for 4 1/2 years and did her student teaching at the Middle School with Sue Morrison.

Jasa is filling the position vacated by long time teacher, Harry Phillips, who will be a school counselor this year.

Jasa's message to parents, "Can't wait to work with them and have their children in my classroom. I'm real excited about being new here and bringing in new ideas. I'm excited for the kids to come and learn. I hope I could be a big part of their lives here and help them out."



Chad Monson

Monson moved here from Missoula, Montana to teach the second grade. "Oregon was one of my top picks as far as location, and I feel very lucky to be here," says Monson.



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Title IX to meet

The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on Tuesday, September 16, 1997 at 7 p.m. There will be a discussion on Summer School and a Culture Camp Update.

Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm

Springs Elementary on the second Tuesday of each month except this one. 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 for more information.

Madras High School Open House

Monday September 15, 1997

at the High School Cafeteria

6:30-7:00 p.m. pass out schedules

7:00-9:00 p.m. Visit rooms & teachers

Agenda:

Meet new teachers & staff

Visit your student's room

Meet your student's teachers

Have questions answered

For more information call 475-7265

From teaching to counseling, Phillips continues to help students

After 34 years of teaching Harry Phillips decided to become a counselor for the 1997-98 school year at Warm Springs Elementary to try something new.

At his new job he will be working mainly with kids and families. If kids have problems in school he will



Harry Phillips, Counselor

help them through the rough spots. "I had some real good models with Dawn Smith who was a counselor before she became the principal. One of the things she did was to create a dream in each child of what they want to become in the future. They would obviously change their minds but the kids thought about the future and what they could become. I would like to continue doing this with the children. And I'd like the fourth graders to feel better about going into the fifth grade and meeting other kids of other races and feel it's more of an adventure rather than fear," Phillips said.

Phillips is starting to go into every classroom and continues to work with a group of students that Juanita Carnegie was working with before she left to go to the Middle

School. "I'm getting to know them and they're getting know me." Phillips says.

Another part of his job is to improve attendance working with Helena, the Community Liaison, and Mariam Tias of the Police Department. If kids were to miss school too much they decide if there is a problem and what they can do to help. There will be open communication with parents about improving attendance. Phillips goes on to say, "What has worked in the past is to reward children for improvements in their attendance and that may continue."

"Why did I become a counselor? I thought it was time to try something else after 34 years. When Mrs. Carnegie left to go to the Middle School and there was an opening, I thought it would be interesting to

try something different. To see if I can make a difference. And I thought, well, I know most of the families, most of the kids. I could help some of the kids with that transition into the fifth grade and if they are having trouble in the classroom.

"I'm having trouble trying to remember the names of 450 kids here at Warm Springs Elementary. I can remember faces to the names, I can't always put the right names to the faces. I can always remember which family they're from. Since they're all wearing name tags, that helps. I watch the cross walks and learn they're names that way, too. They get Mr. Belveal mixed up with me, I think it's because we both have gray hair."

When Phillips began teaching, he taught sixth grade for eight years. Then

when the Simnasho school opened he taught third and fourth at Simnasho for three years. He came back to Warm Springs Elementary and taught sixth until they were moved to Madras then he taught fifth grade until they were moved to Madras, then he taught fourth grade until he his present title as counselor.

Other employment Phillips has had was while in college he paid his way through school working in the State Highway Department. He plowed roads in the winter and worked on roads. Beginning about 1967 Phillips worked the summers at Forestry, Fire Control as a dispatcher and Engine driver. He did this for sixteen summers. He enjoyed being able to learn more about the reservation and can share that knowledge with the

children in the school. Because of fires and logging, the number of beautiful places is limited.

Phillips went to school at COCC for three years when it was night school at the old Bend High School. His classes started at 4:00 p.m. and went on until 2:00 a.m. depending if he had biology lab, or other lengthy courses. He worked during the day and went to school at night so he wasn't a full-time student. He then went to get his degree at what used to be called Oregon College of Education, now Western Oregon State College, in Monmouth, Oregon. He has also gone to summer school at University of Oregon and Western Oregon State. He continues to take courses through community education almost every year at Portland State University to keep up. The district usually sponsors him for this.