

Week of The Young Child celebrated with many activities



Smokey The Bear helps greet Head Start children during Career Day at ECE.



Now walking, crawler room kids try out the obstacle course during the fun run sponsored by Community Center Staff.

Spilyay Tymoo photo's by Bob Medina



"Get your own ride" ECE Toddler's during Literacy Day Thursday, April 22. This year's parade theme "Our Books Come To Life" was a big hit.



Zoo day at ECE included ducks, chickens, dogs, cats, a horse, a calf, snakes, and other animals for viewing and touching. ECE Children were invited to bring photo's of their pets or a favorite stuffed animal.



The ferret was a favorite touching animal for many toddler's during Zoo Day on Friday, morning April 23.

The Early Childhood Education of Warm Springs, was host to "Week Of The Young Child" on April 19-23. Events during the week included cultural displays, story telling, a carnival, a parent appreciation luncheon, a book exchange, a parade and zoo day.

During the Cultural Day, the Madras Middle School's Spanish Dance Group came to ECE and performed for the staff and children.

Cultural exhibits were brought in and displayed throughout the day. On Career Day, vehicles from local agencies were in the parking lot of the ECE and kids were able to walk through and visit with Smokey the Bear, McGruff, Sparky and other representatives.

There was an information fair during the parent appreciation luncheon with booths from ECE, C.H.E.T., and a number of booths from Indian Health Service. The parade was a big hit with the theme, "Our Books Come To Life." The Bridges to Peace Art Museum, visited on Thursday evening. During the final day of Week Of The Young Child, there were a number of animals at the ECE zoo. There were snakes, ducks, chickens, guinea pigs, a puppy, a cat, a ferret, a horse and a cow, along with various stuffed animals that the children brought in.

Ballots were cast during the Week Of the Young Child, to choose a Hero of Young Children Award winner. People were asked to vote for others in the community that they felt had worked above and beyond their job to improve the quality of life for our community's young children.

This year's winner is Dawn Smith, Principal for Warm Springs Elementary School. Bernice Mitchell, Julie

Quaid, and Adeline Miller were all runners-up. Also nominated were Carol Allison, Gladys Squiempfen, Nancy Seyler, Wanda Berry, Sue Matters, Judy Budd, Jane Kirkpatrick, Johanna Martin, Teneasha Adams, Sammy Allen, Captain Moody, Dr. Donnell, Joni David, Nola Queahpama, Lucinda Green, Leo Hulm, and Rosa Graybael. The Outstanding Volunteer Award went to Sue Matters of ECE.

Warm Springs Early Childhood Education would like to thank everyone that participated in this voting. Especially those who worked hard to improve the lives of our community's young children! ECE, and staff members would like to thank the following businesses and departments for their help during the Week Of The Young Child: Madras Middle School's Spanish Dance Group, Warm Springs Forestry Department, Warm Springs Police Department, Madras Police (D.A.R.E.) Department, Warm Springs Fire and Safety, Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery, Spilyay Tymoo, Utilities, IHS: RAD, Nursing, Dental, Pharmacy and MCH, C.H.E.T. Housing department, KWSO radio, Community Wellness Center, WOYC Planning Committee, individual classroom effort, Warm Springs Market, Indian Head Casino, Green Tree Ranch of Terrebonne, Bi-Mart of Madras, Indian Trails Restaurant, Bridges to Peace Art Museum, and The Museum At Warm Springs.

ECE would also like to thank all the volunteers who assisted during Week Of The Young Child...you know who you are! Last, but not least, thanks to all donors of food for the Parent Appreciation Luncheon and to everyone I may have missed. The Week Of The Child was a great success! Our best one yet!