

Early Childhood Education students perform various dances for senior citizens



Tribal elders Nettle Shawaway and Fannie Waheneka watch the children dance during the Early Childhood Education powwow.



Ashton bruisedhead adorns traditional buckskin dress.



Elyse Lillie Bagley according to her grandma Nola, "she loves to dance."



Dressed in full regalia including "hand made" head dress. Left to right, Douglas Gilbert, Andrew Lujan, Bryson Spino, Cyril Frank.



Wovakia, Roy Heath, Johnson Heath, Greg Arquette, Wilbur Johnson, Sr., Yahteen Frank, drum for the little dancers.



Nola Queahpama dances with the little "butterflies", the Head Start students practice dancing once a week.

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The Early Childhood Education Center hosted their annual Thanksgiving pow-wow at the Agency Longhouse Thursday November 23, 1999.

The pow-wow was rescheduled from an earlier date in order to coincide with the Thanksgiving Senior Citizen's Luncheon.

Almost every student in the Headstart Program was dressed in a traditional outfit. The outfits were put together by the students and by members of the Parents Club. Materials have been donated to the headstart program. According to "teacher Nola" this was started because not all the kids were able to dress up for the pow-wow and wanted to have their own outfits.

The Parents Club has provided many opportunities for parent involvement through a variety of workshops such as windress making, cradleboard making, cooking and other workshops. Anyone interested in becoming a member or volunteering should contact staff at the

Many of the Warm Springs Elders attended the pow-wow which preceded their luncheon. They were entertained by the kids performing the Butterfly dance and boys traditional dance. Gene Harvey and his wife volunteer their time once a week to teach the children how to dance.

"Rockin' Ron," Ron Belgarde made his debut as the Master of Ceremonies. He entertained the audience with anecdotes and called for each drum, three in all to sing songs to keep the pow-wow running smoothly. Eagle Thunder, Wovakia and Red Hawk Canyon were in attendance. The ECE held their annual fundraising bake sale at the pow-wow and Rockin' Ron made sure everyone knew he would have no problems eating a whole pie!

Following the pow-wow, the Senior Citizen Program put out a buffet of ham, turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberries and fruits and desserts to make a perfect ending to the day's



Drummers sing & bless the meal for the senior citizens Thanksgiving luncheon. Left to right, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Willford Sooksoit, Jr., Joe Henry, Sacred Heart Suppah, Nathan Shike, Wilbur Johnson, Sr. and Ron Belgard.