

High school meets enrollment goal

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The Willow Creek Community High School met its target goal for enrollment: to have cultural representation with near equal numbers of Native American, Caucasian and Hispanic students.

Principal Julie Lafayette said, "I am very satisfied with the number of applications and of those that applied."

She added, "We really hit our target as far as having cultural representation, having a variety of academic levels and interests, so we're pretty excited."

Enrollment for the school's 2007-08 academic year closed on March 1. While the school will still be accepting applications, those applicants will be part of a waiting list, and will be considered for the second year of enrollment.

The school aims to enroll students who will benefit from individualized learning and project-based learning.

In the near future the school will conduct a lottery drawing to determine which 60 students will be enrolling in the school next year.

As for the lottery draw, Lafayette said, "We're putting together a selection team and hope to have it done within a week—that's the goal, but it may take longer."

The next step, Lafayette said, is readying the school for the students next school year.

"We're just really working hard on the curriculum to get that ready and set up," she said.

"We'll be hiring teachers in the near future."

Of the 83 completed applications 20 are ninth grade students and 63 are eighth grade students.

Also, 29 are Hispanic, 24 Native American, 29 Caucasian and 1 black.

Forty-one applications were received from male students, while 42 were received from female students.



Dave McMechan/Splyay

Young people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs sang songs in the traditional languages of the tribes at the gathering at Celilo this past weekend.

Study program at Fairgrounds

Students who wish to have some help with their homework, or who want a good place to do school work away from school, can study at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

The study sessions are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Snacks are provided.

Warm Springs students should take the no. 2 bus to the fairgrounds. An activity bus is provided for the ride back to Warm Springs.

Call Butch David at the middle school, or Lana Leonard at the high school for more information.

Weight sessions offered to middle school students

Attention students of the Jefferson County Middle School:

Weightlifting sessions are available from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Madras High School.

An activity bus is provided to Warm Springs for students who are interested.

Contact Butch David at the middle school for more information, 475-7253.

Hatfield Congressional Fellowship offered

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announce that applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship are now available. Each year, a Hatfield fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's Congressional delegation.

The Hatfield Fellowship is selected from adult Native American applicants who are enrolled members of a federally

recognized tribe of Oregon.

The candidate will intern in Washington, D.C. for nine months and will receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on April 20. Applicants will then be notified in they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application packets may be obtained by contacting Louis King at Spirit Mountain Community Fund (503) 879-1462, email at louis.king@grandronde.org, or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for accomplishments as a U.S. Senator, a former governor of Oregon, and for his mentorship of many leaders.

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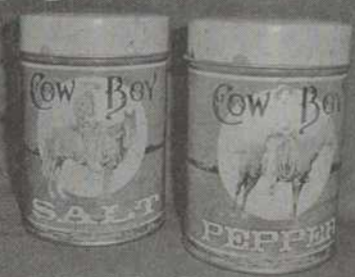
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