

## Visit from Santa Claus

Melissa Melting Tallow invites families to visit the Event Center in Madras during the holiday season.

Melting Tallow is manager of the center, located at 180 N.W. B Street, Madras, past the Best Western Motel on the right hand side of the road.

The center features many vendors with items that would make great Christmas gifts.

Also in December, Santa will be at the Event Center. He will be there from 1-5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19.

The center is also hosting a toy drive.

And vendors are encouraged to set up their booths at the center.

For more information, call Melting Tallow at 541-604-4106.



Eva Dove Newsom and Belen Orozco visit with Santa at the Madras Event Center.

## Round Dance at Simnasho

Simnasho will host the Third Annual End of the Year Round Dance on Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Masters of Ceremony are Kenneth Scabbyrobe and Carlos Calica. Stick man is Lyle Sangrey. All singers invited.

Dinner at 6 p.m. Round

Dance will start after the meal.

Everyone is welcome to join. Come as you are and dance the night away.

This event is sponsored by members of the Simnasho community. For more information contact Captain at 541-553-2242.

## Donations for those in need

The tribal community is gathering donations of non-perishable food and winter clothing at drop sites around the reservation.

Canned and non-perishable foods could make a big difference for those in need.

Donations of winter

clothing such as coats, hats, and gloves will be accepted new or used if they are cleaned.

Drop boxes are located at the administration building, Warm Springs Market, IHS, Fire Management, and Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

Check out the Spilyay Tymoo's Web site:  
**wsnews.org**

## Help CPS make wards comfortable

Child Protective Service employees are preparing for winter but need items to make things comfortable for tribal youth under their care—and immediately after youths move in to foster homes.

There is a need for socks, mittens, hats and scarves as well as long-sleeved shirts and pull-on sweaters in all sizes. Also needed are teen-appropriate personal items, such as soap, deodorant and hair-care products.

With the holidays fast approaching, several children are expected to be staying with CPS during Christmas. Donations of new toys for children ages 5 months to 13 years old would allow the children to know others care about them.

Donations of money also are welcome, but must go through a specific tribal delivery procedure. Call CPS at 541-553-3209 for details about how you can help these tribal youths.

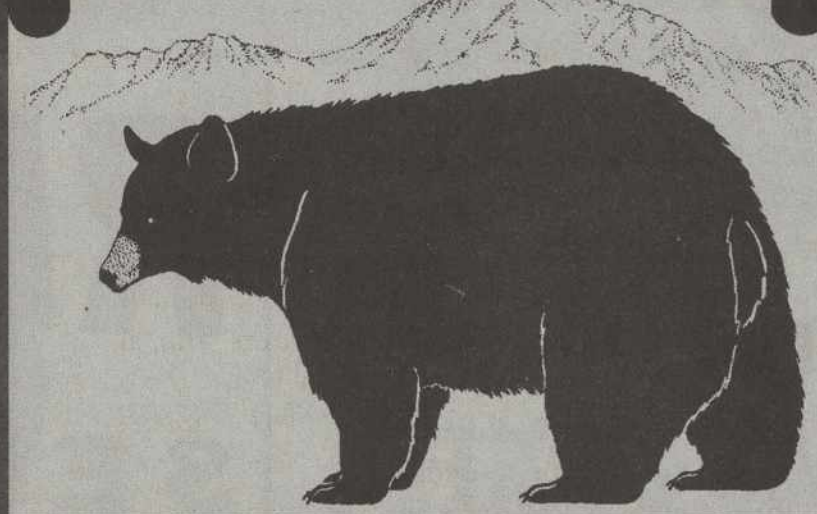
### Advertise in the Spilyay Tymoo

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### High School Students Graduate Using Online Learning Program

This month, four Madras High School students have successfully completed the Bridges online learning program to earn their High School credits. All four students will be recognized for their accomplishments next week and will receive their high school diplomas and the opportunity to walk with their graduating class in June.

"You can finish high school if you try," said graduate **Efren Ortiz**, the first in his family to earn a high school diploma. "I would not have graduated if this program wasn't here. Don't be afraid. Just push it," he added.

The Bridges program allows students to work and study outside of the traditional classroom setting and is offered at the Madras Annex building and the Education Building in Warm Springs.

"We're really glad to have the Bridges program and proud to see these students take advantage of it and earn their high school credits," said **Gary Carlson**, principal for Madras High School.

Annex teacher **Camille Harris**, who started the Bridges program three years ago, added, "These students have overcome some serious challenges and obstacles to achieve their goals."

For more information about Bridges or other alternative learning programs, contact Madras High School at (541) 475-7265.

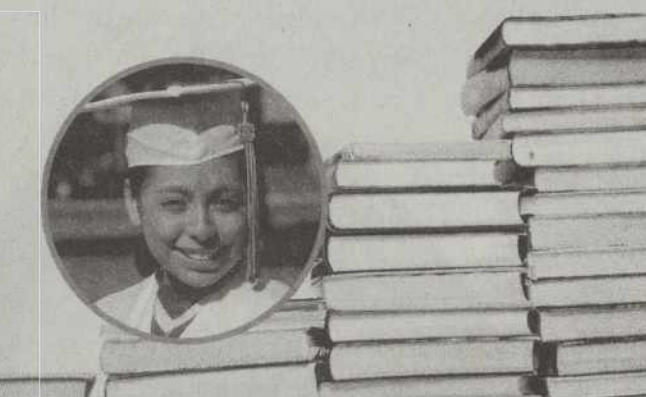


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— **Efren Ortiz**  
Madras HS Graduate



### Fun Ideas for Staying Sharp During Winter Break

Winter vacation is a great time for students to relax, refresh and re-charge after the first several months of the school year. Allowing your kids a break from school work is essential, but it's also important not to let school skills like reading, math and writing slip completely off the radar. Finding fun and festive ways to practice can help prepare children for a smooth transition back into the classroom in January.

#### Here are a few ideas:

- Read holiday or other stories together during the break – just for fun.
- Plan holiday meals and grocery lists together and have your child write or draw the items you need.
- Shop together for groceries and gifts and have your child help with the math along the way.
- Ask your child to write thank you notes for gifts they receive. This is a great way to show appreciation while keeping those writing skills fresh.
- Have your child help write or address holiday greeting cards.
- For a gift idea, have your child write a short story for someone special. It is free and worth so much more.
- Cook together and involve your child in measuring and reading recipes.

### Calendar

#### December

- 12/15 JC Middle School Winter Concert  
6 p.m. Pie Social for Parents (Title 1)  
7 p.m. Concert
- 12/16 Warm Springs Elementary Family Craft Night  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Madras High School Winter Concert  
7 p.m.
- 12/20-31 Winter Break -- No School
- 12/6-12/17 Buff Elementary is collecting canned food to share with needy families

#### DISTRICT-WIDE CALENDAR CHANGE January 2011

- 1/11 Teacher In-Service Day  
No School

**The no school day planned for teacher in-service on February 3rd has been changed to January 11th.**

**THERE WILL BE SCHOOL IN SESSION ON FEB. 3RD**

- Play family games that involve numbers and words.
- Use driving/travel time to play games with numbers and letters along the way (license plates, signs...etc.).

Another important tip for winter break is to maintain reasonable bedtimes and to transition your child back into the school schedule a few days before school starts again. Coming back to school rested will help your child be successful and confident.