

# Spring Fitness Day



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

A fun-run was on the agenda for Warm Springs Elementary School students last week. Alex Smith Morales and James Katchia (above at left and right) make the first lap; below at right are the fourth-graders starting; and below left, Nathaniel Hawley and Eli Lopez finish the run.



## Education Department denies grant application

Warm Springs Elementary School was not among the schools chosen for an Oregon Department of Education School Improvement grant.

This was the expected result, said school Principal Dawn Smith. Other schools in the state are in more of a need of the grant funds, she said.

"We already have so many programs in place, the depart-

ment couldn't give us grant money that is supposed to go to schools that really are in need," Smith said.

The School Improvement Grant money went to six schools:

Two in Portland, one in Woodburn, one in Albany, one in Beaverton, and the Kalapuya High School.

## Cultural Classes beginning this week

The 8-week Cultural Class began this week. Classes are held in the basement of the Education building from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Wasco language is the focus on Mondays; Warm Springs on Tuesdays; and Paiute on Wednesdays.

The first hour of the class is for language, and final half-hour is for tribal history, culture and tribal practices.

There will be a one-week break between the current series, and the next 8-week series.

The classes are progressive, but adapted to newcomers. Well-behaved children are welcome.

The classes are a program of Parole and Probation, and the Culture and Heritage Department.

Leona Ike is the supervisor of Parole and Probation. The classes, and other efforts to preserve tribal culture, are increasingly important, she said.

"It was the belief of our elders that one day Indian people would lose their way in this lifetime due to the lack of our traditional and cultural teaching in the homes and in the community... It was the belief that the Creator's teaching, and living by the sacred unwritten laws, would lead Indian people in all avenues in life, allowing them to prosper forever."

Check out the Spilyay Tymoo's Web site: [wsnews.org](http://wsnews.org)

## Indian activist Banks to visit University of Oregon

Native American activist Dennis Banks will speak at 7 p.m. on May 13 at the University of Oregon, as part of his effort to raise awareness of the prevalence of diabetes among Native Americans.

Banks' visit to Eugene is sponsored by the university's Northwest Indian Language Institute (NILI), which provides training to Native American language teachers and community members.

NILI Director Janne Underriner said the opportunity to bring Banks to the EMU Ballroom was one "we don't want to miss."

Banks helped create the American Indian Movement in

1968, and was a leader of take-overs at Alcatraz Island and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs offices in Washington, D.C., and the 71-day occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D.

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### Leadership Corner

#### A Message from Rick Molitor

Superintendent



Budget cuts in education continue to challenge the state of Oregon. My pledge is to keep you informed about our situation within the Jefferson County School District as we know more about how the cuts will impact us. I hope you are finding these updates helpful and informative and I welcome your feedback or questions at any time.

#### The Good News

Careful planning and budgeting for JCS 509-J over the past several years has helped minimize the negative impact of the current budget situation. As a result, we are able to maintain our current student days with minimal impact to our class sizes. We are also proud to keep a well-rounded program in place and continue our efforts to improve instruction and academic achievement.

#### The Challenging News

Unfortunately, our student enrollment has dropped, resulting in staff reductions in administration and support areas as well as our elementary, middle and high school buildings. Most, if not all of these reductions, will impact the temporary positions within our school district. While it's never easy to make decisions that impact the lives of our team members, we recognize our role as stewards of education at a time when school funding is the lowest it's ever been.

#### Upcoming Changes

Beginning in September of the 2011-2012 school year, Craig Morgan will move to Metolius Elementary school where he will serve as principal. While he has enjoyed his middle school leadership experience, his long-term career interest is to serve our communities at the elementary school level. Simon White will take over as principal for Jefferson County Middle School. These changes reflect the personal and professional goals of our dedicated principals who continue to enhance our school district with their skills and expertise.

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### State Testing

Our students and teachers in grades 3 through 9 have been involved in state testing for the past several months. The Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) tests help us understand how individual students are doing in comparison to standards set by the State Board of Education. Our teachers and instructional coaches have been working hard to help students reach their full potential and meet state standards.

"We encourage parents and family members to ask their children about the state testing," said Melinda Boyle, Director of Curriculum & Instruction. "Ask which tests they've taken and how they felt about them. It's important for them to know that you're interested and it also gives them an opportunity to talk about areas they are proud of or things they might need extra help with."

For more information, contact your school or visit this link:

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=169>



### Help Make Jefferson County a Healthier Place for Kids

Parents and families can help improve the health status of Jefferson County by encouraging healthy eating and lifestyles.

#### Here's a tip from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention:

#### REDUCE SEDENTARY TIME

In addition to encouraging physical activity, help children avoid too much sedentary (inactive) time. Although quiet time for reading and homework is fine, limit the time your children watch television, play video games, or surf the web to no more than **two hours per day**.

Additionally, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) does not recommend television viewing for children age two or younger.\* Instead, encourage your children to find fun activities to do with family members or on their own that simply involve more activity.

\*This physical activity recommendation is from the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005.

### Calendar

#### May

- 5/5 Blood Drive at MHS 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 5/9 School Board Meeting 7 p.m. - Support Services Bldg.
- 5/13-14 MHS Play "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" 7 p.m.
- 5/15 MHS Play "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" 2 p.m.
- 5/16 2-hour Late Start
- 5/19 Multi-cultural Event at Buff Int. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.