

ECE welcomes new administrator

Kirstin Hisatake is the new administrator of Warm Springs Head Start/Early Head Start.

Hisatake comes to the Early Childhood Education Center from the Warm Springs Children's Protective Services, where she worked for two years and a half years. At CPS she was the service coordinator.

Before that, she worked at the Early Childhood Center for eight and a half years.

She was a substitute teacher, then an assistant teacher, a teacher, and a Head Start home visitor for ECE. She also worked in the After School Program as an after-school teacher.

Hisatake is glad to be back at ECE. "I love being here, working with children and families," she says. "We have a very important responsibility to the community, teaching the children



Kirstin Hisatake returned to ECE earlier this month.

at a very young age, assisting our families, helping them access the services in our community."

She looks forward to meeting all of the families of the children who are enrolled at ECE.

Kirstin is a graduate of Madras High School. Her mother is a substitute teacher in the 509-J school district.

Kirstin has lived in Warm Springs since 2000. She worked at the Warm Springs Market before her first job at ECE. She is married to Harry Hisatake III. They have four children.

The Early Childhood Education Center has an enrollment of close to 180 young people. There are eight classrooms with two teachers each, and home visitors.

— by Dave McMechan

KWSO wins top honor

KWSO won the Non Commercial Radio Station of the Year Award this past weekend at the 2011 Oregon Association of Broadcasters conference in Bend.

This is the second consecutive year that the Station on the Reservation has earned this honor. KWSO has nabbed the award times since 2004.

More awards

At the conference the broadcasters association gave these additional honors to

KWSO:

Best single spot for the diabetes awareness public service announcement (the PSA was about numb feet);

Best Public Service Campaign, for winter car tips;

Best Service Project of the year for the Dangerous Decibels project;

Best Uniquely Oregon Program for the 100th Pendleton Round Up – Our People and Mother Earth; and, Best News Story, for a Warm Springs Program on the Cobell Settlement.

The first meeting of the year for Title VII Indian Education Program Committee is next Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The meeting, to be held at the Warm Springs Teepee Deli, begins at noon.

The meeting is open to parents of Native students attending the 509-J schools.

Steven Nelson with Education Northwest will be presenting the final evaluation report for the 2010-2011 school year.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT 21

Water aerobics class will be held this morning from 10:15 to 11:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta pool. A diabetes walk will start at noon at the community center.

THURSDAY, SEPT 22

GED math classes are every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the education building. Cost is \$20.

MONDAY SEPT 26

Today is a **2-hour late start** for all 509-J schools.

There will be a **glucometer class** this afternoon from 2 to 3:00 in the clinic Kitchen Conference Room.

The fifth session in the **Financial Skills for Families** class will be held today from

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Action Team office on campus.

Wasco Cultural Class will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Education Building.

Victims of Crime will hold its weekly **women's support meeting** this evening from 6 to 8:00. For more information, call 541-553-2293.

TUESDAY, SEPT 27

A **Healthy Breakfast** will be this morning at 9:00 at the clinic's Kitchen Conference Room. The topic will be "Sick Day Management" by Jeri Kollen, R.N.

A **diabetes class** will be held from 11:00 to noon at the clinic. They will discuss

being active and coping with diabetes.

Positive Indian Parenting class will be in the Family Resources Center conference room from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The topic is Harmony in Childrearing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28

Water aerobics class will be held this morning from 10:15 to 11:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta pool.

THURSDAY, SEPT 29

The final session in the **Financial Skills for Families** class will be held today from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Action Team office on campus.

There will be a **"Relapse/Anger Resolution"** meeting today at Community Counseling. This is a five-

session group for adults that will meet Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. To earn the certificate, you must attend all five group sessions. For more information, call 541-553-3205.

FRIDAY, SEPT 30

The annual **Gathering of Basket Weavers** will begin today in Suquamish, WA. For more information, call 206-962-7248.

SATURDAY, OCT 1

This is **water delivery day** for Simnasho residence. Please set empty bottles outside.

MONDAY, OCT 3

Legal Aid Services of Oregon will be in Warm Springs from 1:30 to 4:00

p.m. at the Community Action Team office on campus. For more information, call 541-553-3148.

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TUESDAY, OCT 4

Warm Springs Credit will have a free workshop this evening at 6:30. Space is

limited for the class, **"Build a Strong Credit History"**. Reserve a seat by calling 541-553-3201.

A **Childbirth Refresher Course** for those with babies (due by December 24) will be held in Warm Springs. This course is a review and is not recommended for first-time parents. For more information, call Janet at 541-553-2460.

The **Land Use Planning Committee** will meet today from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the tribal administration building.

Positive Indian Parenting class will be in the Family Resources Center conference room from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Today's topic will be Traditional Behavior Management.

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Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor, Superintendent

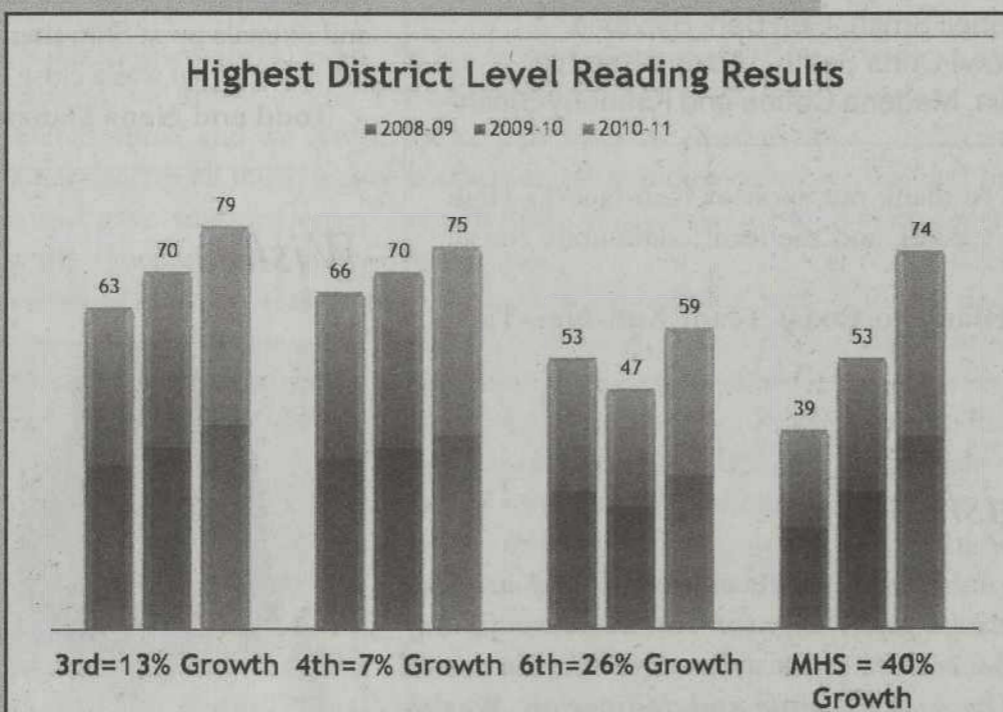
We're starting this school year with some great news. Our district reading scores are improving dramatically and we are so excited to see the hard work of our students, staff and teachers paying off. As most of you know,

Read-to-Succeed has been a major focus for us over the past several years. We've been working harder than ever to better understand reading instruction and provide the support needed to help each and every student learn to read at grade level or higher. While we still have a ways to go, our progress has been amazing. There are several reasons for this success: 1) our teachers and staff are focused on reading instruction and engaging students in the classroom; 2) our students are working harder; and 3) our School Board, parents and families are providing kids with the support and encouragement they need to be successful readers.

While most of our students are showing reading progress, we continue to identify our challenges and are focusing our attention on making the needed adjustments and improvements to succeed.

Not only have we seen growth in our reading levels, we are also using the success of our reading focus to improve in other areas such as Writing, Math and Science.

We thank you for your support and look forward to more success moving forward. As always, I welcome your input and feedback. Stop by my office or call anytime.



Music in our World

JCSD is proud to announce a new partnership to expand music education in our local schools. **Ethos Music Center**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of music and music based education for youth in rural communities, has been awarded an AmeriCorps and Oregon Volunteers grant. Thanks to the help of parent and community member **Jill Plant**, our district will have three AmeriCorps members bringing additional music instruction to all of our classrooms. Two Ethos AmeriCorp members are currently working in our schools. **Laurel Crafton** is working with students at Buff Intermediate and **Sarah Goff** is at Jefferson County Middle School. A third AmeriCorp member will be joining us soon. The intent is to provide general music to all of our elementary students, vocal music at our middle school along with possible support at Madras High School and the Kids Club. This is an exciting opportunity for our district.

Ethos was officially organized in 1998 by a dedicated group of volunteer staff and instructors. The first classes were offered in the basement of the University of Portland. Since that time, the organization has moved (and purchased) a North Portland location and has grown to become one of Oregon's largest arts education sources. Welcome and thank you to Ethos for giving us something to sing about!

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September	
9/22	Meotlius Elementary Open House (grades K-5) 6:00 p.m.
9/22	Madras Primary Open House (grades K-2) 6:00 p.m.
9/26	2-hour late start
9/26	509-J Board Meeting Buff Intermediate 7:00 p.m.