

# Top JCMS students visit U of O



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Students who went to the University of Oregon recently were (from left) Jasmine Reese, Rosebud Whipple, Valerie Gonzales, Camisha Smith, Kiana Adams, Soraya Mendez (in front of Dalton), Dalton Herkshan, Kalan Wolfe, Gavin Begay, and Keeyana Yellowman.

For the first time, Native American students from the Jefferson County Middle School attended the Reach for Success program of the University of Oregon.

The ten eighth-grade students who attended were those with the best grade point averages, said Butch David, middle school liaison.

All of the students came away from the two-day program with great impressions of the university.

The students found the university liaison Lindsey

Watchman, from Umatilla, to be very helpful and encouraging.

The students toured the U of O campus, attended Ducks softball and baseball games, and heard a performance by the University of Oregon Gospel Singers.

"The people we met made us feel very welcome," the students agreed.

The Reach for Success program is sponsored by the university Center for Multicultural Academic Excellence.

In previous school years, Butch David would bring JCMS students with outstanding grades to a Portland Trail Blazers game. This year, with the shortened NBA season, this became a problem.

Instead, David learned about the Reach for Success program, and pursued that idea. The program has existed for some years, but 2012 is the first year that the Native American students from Jefferson County Middle School participated.

David is glad the 10

JCMS students, and family members, were able to attend: The U of O, he said, is a great and sincere advocate of bringing in more Native American students to the university.

Next year, he said, the plan is to take 15-20 Native students from the middle school.

About 350 minority middle school students attended U of O Reach for success this year.

— by Dave McMechan

## Print with the sun at museum

Come learn to print with the sun this Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The museum will host a solar printing class. All community members ages 13 and up are welcome to attend this free workshop.

The class will be taught by Pat Clark of Atelier 6000. All materials, snacks and beverages will be provided. Spontaneous and easy, solar plate etching is a non-toxic printing process that uses light and water instead of the traditional acids and grounds.

## Rodeo at county grounds

The Inaugural Tom Green Memorial Ranch Rodeo is set to buck on Saturday, May 5 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Events are ranch bronc riding, muley team roping, team branding, calf doctoring, and cowboy rescue race.

There will be live music and dance following the ro-

deo. All proceeds go to the Tom Green Memorial Youth Livestock Fund, benefiting the Jefferson County 4H and FFA members.

For information call Tony at 541-480-9425; or Sammee at 541-604-0738. Admission is \$7; twelve-years and under, free. Rodeo starts at 5:30 p.m.

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## Birth announcement

Catherine and Winter Selam of Nespelem are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Dorla Lois Carol Selam, born on April 19, 2012.

Dorla joins siblings Alexia,

16, and Nelly, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Lottie Atkins and Paul Jo Hanway.

Paternal grandparents are Lois Knight and Phillip Selam.

The Community Center and Recreation Department Present

## ~ Spring Yard Sale ~ Saturday, May 19, 2012

~ Set-up time 8:30-9 a.m. ~ Sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~

Community Wellness Center Front Courtyard

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## Leadership Corner A Message from Rick Molitor Superintendent



It's hard to believe that May is here and we have less than two months left before Summer break. You have most likely heard that this month, residents of Jefferson County will vote on the school bond measure designed to fund a number of construction and upgrade projects within our school district.

Our goal has been to provide you with as much factual information as possible so that you can make an informed decision when you complete your ballot. At this point, the most important thing is for the residents of our communities to remember to vote in the upcoming elections. Your vote is your voice and ballots are due by mail on May 15th. Tribal members will also be voting on a referendum that would contribute to the cost of construction for a new K-8 school building in Warm Springs. The referendum vote will take place on May 14th.

If you have questions about the school bond, don't hesitate to contact me at (541) 475-6192 or [rmolitor@509j.net](mailto:rmolitor@509j.net).

Thank you for your interest in JCSD 509J. I look forward to hearing from you.

## District State Test Scores are on the Rise (again)!

### Madras High School

Round two of State testing at Madras High School is complete and the results are astounding! Reading, math and writing scores are up from last year. Here's a snap shot:

	2010/2011	2011/2012
READING	74% passing	78% passing
MATH	56% passing	58% passing
WRITING	19% passing	57% passing*

\*Oregon state average for writing is 60% passing

*"We are thrilled with this progress on test scores. Our teachers, staff and students have been working so hard. Every day, we are learning new ways to teach and engage students in the classroom. We still have a lot of work ahead, but it is so encouraging to see this kind of success."*

— Melinda Boyle,  
Director of Curriculum and Development, JCSD 509J



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### Warm Springs Elementary

WSE students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade are also making great progress on the DIBELS assessment which tests sound, word and reading fluency, accuracy and memory of reading materials.

In the second round of OAKS testing for students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, WSE students are showing a 3% to 6% increase in the number of students meeting or exceeding the state standard scores. More than 25% of students are also "on the bubble" or nearly meeting reading and math standards.

"Our teachers continue to fine-tune instructional strategies that best meet the needs of their individual students," said Dawn Smith, principal for WSE. "We still have a lot of opportunity for growth, but we are excited to see the growth in the students' self-motivation to succeed."

### Calendar

May	
5/7	Late Start/2 hour delay
5/14	School Board Meeting - JCMS New Teacher Orientation Work Session at 6:00 p.m. General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.