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Madras High School state test scores recognized

This month, Oregon Deputy Superintendent Rob Saxton announced the end of the three-year School Improvement Grant (SIG) process for 10 schools across the state. Madras High School was among the schools recognized for making significant improvements including a 30% increase in the percentage of students meeting math scores and a 26% increase in the percentage of students meeting reading scores.

"I know that the additional resources make a difference. But these types of gains are not possible without the visions, passion, and determination of a whole team of people. Thank you all for the work you have done – and continue to do – to show us what transformational change truly looks like," said Saxton in a press release.

Madras High School state test scores jump

- 30% increase: math
- 26% increase: reading

Get involved with Warm Springs K-8

Warm Springs K-8 planning

The Warm Springs K-8 team has put together a group of parents, community members and teachers that will be meeting monthly to provide input into planning for the new school.

"We want to know what is important to our families, neighbors and staff and what they would like to see in our school," said Glenna DeSouza, Warm Springs K-8 Planning Principal. "We're creating a vision for the school and we need to include them in the process."

Desouza will have an office in room 303 of the Tribal Education Building during the construction year. The days and hours will be posted each week outside of the office. You can also learn more about Warm Springs K-8 School planning by visiting facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/K8-Warm-Springs-School/.



Glenna DeSouza, Warm Springs K-8 Planning Principal

Help design the new Warm Springs K-8 mascot and colors

Students from all grade levels are invited to create and submit designs for a new mascot and colors for the Warm Springs K-8 School! Winners will have their picture taken and displayed with the new mascot design. Designs must be submitted to individual school offices by October 18.

Size: 9" x 12" (construction paper)

Colors: No less than two colors and no more than four colors (can be drawn with colored pencils, crayons, marker or created digitally)

Options:

- You may use the current Warm Springs Elementary mascot (eagle) and colors
- You may submit individually or as a classroom

CONSTRUCTION ZONE



Thanks to Kiwanis, Rotary Club and community members, students have a new place to play!

School construction projects boost local economy

The construction projects funded by the school bond are creating jobs and supporting businesses in our Madras and Warm Springs communities.

"It is always our goal to support the local communities where we have projects," said Dave Fishel, Construction Project Manager for the District. "The Warm Springs K-8 project has been a great example of how we can partner with local community members to provide job training and boost local economies."

According to Fishel, nearly 45% of the team members working on the Warm Springs K-8 project are Tribal employees.

"This is above our initial goal and significantly higher than any other Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs project," said Fishel. "We've been working hard to reach out to local community members and follow stringent contract requirements."

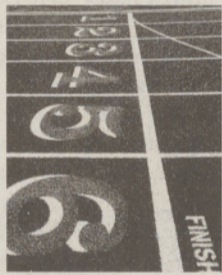


Fishel says that careful tracking and monitoring of the employment and training piece is an ongoing priority.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished so far and we will continue to build on what's been established," said Fishel. "We are also hopeful that many of the training, outreach and compliance tools we've developed for this project will be utilized by the Tribes on future projects to help ensure significant Tribal employment on all future construction projects."

New track and athletic field for JCMS

The 2013-2014 school year is off to a running start at JCMS with a new track and field funded by the school bond.



Madras Primary gets a fresh start

Madras Primary kicked off the 2013-2014 school year with a new principal, parking lot/drop off area and playground. Thanks to community members who voted to pass the school bond, and generous support from the local Kiwanis and Rotary groups, the students are climbing, sliding, playing and "hooping" it up hula and basketball style.

"I can remember what it looked like without grass, but I like it better with grass because if somebody fell, it would be nice and soft," said Rylee McCabe, grade 2.

According to teacher Margie Long, one student was excited about being able to do more cartwheels.

"It gives them another reason to come outside and play," said Long.

New Madras Primary Principal Deborah Hunt says that the new parking area, funded by the school bond, has made a big difference for students and staff.

"It's such a nice way to start the day. I can say good morning to most of the students and families every day," said Hunt.

Improvements at Madras Primary

School bond funding has made a new cafeteria ramp and classroom space possible for special education students and community members at Madras primary.



Satellite Cook Beverly Gallimore and Head Custodian Gina Goetsch show off the new access ramp in the Madras Primary cafeteria.



Madras Primary Eagle Eyes (left to right) Brody Chapanar, Rylee McCabe, Maikel Poland, Maija Poland, and Marcelina Zacarias get ready to visit the new playground.

Eagle Eyes: Madras Primary students help each other solve problems

A special group of 2nd graders at Madras Primary are working together to make their school a happier place. The "Eagle Eyes" are part of a new program where students help younger classmates solve small problems and feel comfortable at school.

"We called on 10 girls and 10 boys who are natural leaders in school and we are teaching them how to help their peers manage small conflicts," said P.E. Teacher Caron Smith who leads the Eagle Eyes program with School Counselor Brooke Thygeson.

"We use a program called 'Kelso's Choices' to help the Eagle Eyes students understand when it's important to get an adult involved," added Thygeson.

The students attended a three-hour training session during their summer vacation and meet weekly to talk about their responsibilities as Eagle Eyes.

"My name is Taft and I'm an Eagle Eye. I see that you're having some problems, would you like me to help you?" said one second grade student during the group's weekly role-play practice.

Posters and videos with Kelso the frog help students learn to negotiate during a conflict or when to apologize, ignore it, walk away or tell an adult.

The Eagle Eyes also help make younger classmates feel at home by helping with school tours for kindergarteners.

New ways for Madras Primary parents and families to get involved!

Madras Primary's new Principal, Deborah Hunt, is planning for a full year of parent, family and community involvement.

"We have an amazing school, caring staff and wonderful students," said Hunt. "The connection between school and home is so important for our children."

According to Hunt, the Madras Primary team's goal is to invite parents and families into the school at least one time each month through family learning nights and parent afternoon gatherings. They are also working to establish school routines and processes that ensure safety for children at school while allowing for maximum student achievement.

"We want to share what we're doing at school and talk about ways families can help their children at home with reading, math and social skills," said Hunt. "Coming to family and parent events is a great way to get to know us, and we also encourage volunteers to help out in the classroom and school office."

If you're interested in volunteering at Madras Primary, stop by the main office and fill out a volunteer form.



Deborah Hunt, Madras Primary Principal

Calendar

- October
- 10/09 2-hour early release
- 10/11 NO SCHOOL (Teachers in service)
- 10/14 School Board Meeting SSB; 7:00 p.m.

Metolius Elementary shines

The Oregon Department of Education recently designated Metolius Elementary a level four school based on academic achievement and academic growth. Schools are rated on a scale of one to five with five being the highest rating. Metolius Elementary has moved from level three to level four in the past year, which means our students' academic performance is above the state average! Congratulations to Metolius students, teachers and staff!