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First semester at k-8 Academy



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Students who ride the bus arrive at school. Buses pick up kids who live more than a mile from the academy.

More than 600 students arrived at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy for the fall semester.

The first week went well, said Glenna DeSouza, principal. The lunch schedule had to be adjusted during the first

couple days, and an addition was made at the playground. Otherwise everything went smoothly, she said.

There are 465 students in grades k-5, and 163 in grades six through eight. There are 27 classroom teach-

ers, plus physical education teachers, special education teachers, media, music and other specialized teachers.

The doors of the school open at 7:50 a.m., and the first bell rings at 8:05. In the morning the k-5 stu-

dents have breakfast in their classrooms, while the older students have breakfast in the commons area. Parents should check in at the front office if they are visiting.

Grand re-opening planned at HR department

The Confederated Tribes' Human Resources Department recently welcomed Elizabeth Asahi Sato as the new director. She brings her unique leadership experience and enthusiasm to the department.

The changes at Human Resources are enough to warrant a grand re-opening, Elizabeth says.

"We're going to have a new way of doing business," she was saying recently. "We want to provide complete service, and work with the community with open arms."

The department should be a resource for everyone, from teenagers looking for their first jobs to elders and everyone in between.

Leadership, experience

Elizabeth has years of experience working in the private sector. She is the founder, president and chief executive officer of Rise to Excellence.

Rise to Excellence provides technical assistance, training and advice to entrepreneurs, emerging businesses, nonprofit organizations and ministries in the Northwest.

Elizabeth was born in Yokohama, Japan. She is half Japanese and half Native American. Her father is of the Ho-Chunk nation. He was stationed in Japan when he met Elizabeth's mother.

Elizabeth went to the University of Oregon, earning a bachelor's degree in Political Science, and a certificate in ethnic studies. She attended the prestigious Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. Elizabeth is working on a thesis to earn an Executive Master's in Public Administration from Portland State University.

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Tribal Council approves off-reservation hunting regs

Tribal Council in August adopted regulations for off-reservation hunting. Tribal Council has authorized off-reservation hunting on lands ceded pursuant to the June, 1855 Treaty. Tribal members this year need just the tribal tags, plus tribal identification, to hunt on the ceded lands.

The tribal hunting area is limited to federally managed lands (primarily National Forests and BLM lands); private land hunting is sub-

ject to all state hunting laws and requirements.

Tags for off-reservation hunting are available at Natural Resources. Regulations are for deer, elk, bighorn sheep, antelope, black bear and cougar.

There will be four bighorn sheep tags available this year. Bighorn tags are on a lottery system. You can sign up at the Natural Resources office. The drawing for big horn

tags will be on Friday, September 20 at noon.

Having just the Warm Springs tribal tag for off-reservation hunting is a new development this year. In previous years members had both a tribal and a state tag. The Tribal Council found that use of a state tag was inconsistent with self-regulation of hunting under the 1855 Treaty. Additionally, the off-reservation seasons are longer for

than they have been for decades, providing for much more subsistence hunting for members.

The tag limit is two per member, although additional tags can be issued after the first two have been filled and reported to the Natural Resources Branch. If you have questions, you can reach Natural Resources at 541-553-2001. (See page 11 for resolutions and regulations.)

Tuning Up at ECE

The Early Childhood Education center opened last week for the fall season. A total of 126 children enrolled in Head Start this year.

This Wednesday evening, Sept. 17, starting at 5:45 p.m. will be family night at ECE. Parents are invited to come by and participate in the fathers' group, the Parent Committee, and the Policy Council, said Jodi Begay, ECE family partnership coordinator.

The center held an open house earlier this month, with 90 families coming through for orientation to all the services provided at the ECE.

Arthur Miller Jr., Kelissa Smith and Julian Stwyer check out the keyboard.



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Bend Film Festival showing in W.S.

Next month the Warm Springs community will welcome the people from the Bend Film Festival.

They will show two Native-theme movies at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

On Friday, October 10 they will show the documentary *Return of the River*. This is about the removal of the dam on the Elwa River in Washington state. The showing will be at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, October 11 they will show *Winter in the Blood*, produced by Sherman Alexie, from the book by the Native American author James Welch.

The showings will be free to the public. The trailer for *Return of the River* is on Facebook and Vimeo.



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