

# Lingering impact of covid school closures

Many young people in the are behind in school, yet the vast majority of parents think their own child is performing at grade level.

The disconnect is not new, but after the Covid-19 school closures, the stakes for children have in many ways never been greater.

Opportunities to catch up are available in some places, thanks to federal pandemic aid, but will likely dry up in the next few years.

A 2022 Learning Heroes survey of 1,400 public school parents around the country showed 92 percent

believed their children were performing at grade level.

But in a federal survey, school officials said half of all U.S. students started this school year behind grade level in at least one subject.

Looking at the most recent overall Report Card for the Warm Springs Academy, for the 2021-2022 school year, English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science test results were all below the state average.

Attendance was also lower than the state average.

Tony Cortazar works with families on attendance issues at the Academy. "Kids are

coming in late every day—some kids consistently, and some here and then," Mr. Cortazar said.

"I understand weather and transportation issues can be a barrier especially this time of year, but this is a problem especially for some of our younger kids in k- through third grade."

Cortazar adds, "They start off their day with reading. If they get here 10 or 15 minutes late, then they still need another 10 or 15 minutes to

eat breakfast. By the time they get into the swing of things, they may have missed the whole lesson, and that puts them behind academically."

Being late and leaving school early does impact learning with kids.

Families who need help getting their students to school on time can reach out to Tony Cortazar for assistance. Just contact the school office.

— KWSO news

## April show at museum featuring rez photography



Edward Heath reservation photos (above and below).

*An Eye for the Rez: Edward Heath Photography* will open at the Museum at Warm Springs on Thursday, April 6.

This exhibition is part of the museum's Thirtieth Anniversary lineup of exhibitions, public programs and special events.

*An Eye for the Rez* will feature photographs by renowned Warm Springs photographer Edward Heath.

Mr. Heath was born in Madras and grew up in the Simnasho area. He is the nephew of Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath.

His upcoming exhibit is curated by Warm Springs museum curator and exhibition coordinator Angela Anne Smith.

Mr. Heath had a solo ex-

hibition of his photography at the museum in 2016, and his work has been featured in other exhibits around the region.

Since his first show seven years ago, Heath has become known for his portraits, nature and wildlife photography.

"I do not specialize in any specific form of photography," Edward says. "I mainly try to capture things I find interesting along roadsides and trails."

"And I like to capture things that have non-obvious beauty, or things others take for granted."

Support for *An Eye for the Rez* is provided by a grant from the Ford Family Foundation. The show will be on display through May.



## Non-tribal salmon season closing early

The non-tribal salmon fishing season for most of Oregon and all of California could be closed this year, according to proposals from the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. In California, fall-run Chinook salmon are expected to have severely low numbers in the Klamath and Sacramento rivers, mostly because of drought.

Meanwhile, regarding ocean fisheries, federal regulators overseeing West Coast fisheries have effectively called off California's entire 2023 ocean salmon fishing season, in an effort to protect fish populations that have dwindled during the ongoing drought.

*The annual Redside Powwow at South Wasco County High School in Maupin is coming up on April 19. Dinner will be at 5:30. Social dancing and games begin at 6:30. The Black Lodge Singers are the host drum, and there's a Shell Dress Special open to all ages. All dancers and drummers are welcome.*



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