

Education Division

Elementary, Middle and High School Youth Education

Native American club:

This newly formed club with Lisa Leno's direction affords local Native American children an opportunity to gather to learn about their heritage, to participate in local pow-wows, to form a governing body and practice the rules and regulations needed to operate club activities, and to provide activities (at this time they are planning a dance). The Native American club meets once per week.

Home work club:

A once per week club formed to give youth an opportunity for assistance with their homework before they go home. The club meets on Thursdays. Students are taken on a weekly rotation at this time due to individual students needs.

Additional services:

In addition to these club activities and in a collaborative effort with Willamina school district Indian Education program, we provide in-room tutoring at both Willamina and Grand Ronde elementary schools. We also assist with the Special Education program of Willamina Middle school. Tutor Candi Koehler works both in the classroom with our students and assists with craft classes and special education classes. She is a great resource for any native children who need tutorial assistance.

At the beginning of each school year families who meet the "needs based" criteria are able to receive free of charge school supplies for their children. Applications can be picked up in August and supplies are given away the first week of September.

Family Math and Science classes are given quarterly for all K - 5th grade students. Special classes are also given at both the Before and After Care program and the Tribal Pre-K program.

As you can see the Youth Education Division has continued to grow and expand each year and we are very excited to see where opportunities may arise this coming year. Please come and visit our office or call if you have any questions regarding any of our programs. Enrollment forms for all of our programs can be picked up from Wendi Spencer, Youth Education Coordinator, located at the Training Center 28840 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, Or. 97347.

Johnson O'Malley (Indian Youth Education)

Johnson O'Malley in conjunction with CCDBG funding and tribal assistance provide the base for all Youth Education programs. Program funds require that our student base be residents of the Willamina, Sheridan, Grand Ronde area. We hope through expansion and other funding options to be able to expand services to other areas in the future. At this time programs include Youth culture (Native American club for Middle and High School students and craft classes for Elementary students); home work clubs, in-room and individual tutoring services, guided study halls, field trips and other leadership programs, Tribal history demonstrations, assistance with school supplies, Pre-Kindergarten and Before and After school care programs. An over view of these programs follows.

Before and After School Care

Tanoos Tumtum operates at the Grand Ronde Grade School for children K - 5th grades.

The program has really grown the past two years with site supervisor Janice Hansen and assistant Kaileen Rouse giving the children quality care before and after school Monday through Friday, and full days through Spring and Christmas breaks.

Children can use the gym and outdoor equipment for activities, and have a variety of puzzles, crafts, games and other materials at their disposal.

Although the area they have assigned them is small, the program has adjusted allow everyone to have a good time. Children receive a snack in the afternoon portion of the program.

The Education Department with the Wellness division provides two field trips, one during spring break and one during Christmas break. This year the children went to Omni-max and Sky theater during Christmas break, and to the Benton County Museum for Spring break. While at the museum they prepared cedar bark and wove it into mats or bowls.

Early Childhood Development

The Youth Education division provides service in Early Childhood Development through Twa Sunchako Learning Center, a pre-kindergarten readiness program for children 3 - 5 years old.

We have been in operation four years, and the program continues to grow and expand with each new year. Head teacher, Teressa Olson has been with the program since its inception and is now in the process of gaining National Accreditation. Assistant teacher Yvonne Hoopengartner also brings her EMT experience to the program. Students' take educational field trips each month. This year they visited the Dental Clinic, Pumpkin patch, and were guests on the Ramblin Rod show. (Mandy Mathena and Shylo Dyzik were smile winners).

Each year special guests have helped to enrich the program. This year Lee Butler sang and helped the children drum and dance; Michaelle Kimsey gave a Tribal History demonstration, and the program coordinator read a special story to the children.

Tribal member Carol Olson made regalia (ribbon shirts and dresses) for the dramatic play area. The children have many hours of fun, dressing in regalia and "playing pow-wow." This is a wonderful opportunity to share traditions while the children are having fun, and to remind them of their rich heritage.

The educational goal of the learning center is to prepare each child for Kindergarten. Children learn to print their name, count to 10, recognize and say the ABCs, and recognize basic shapes. Classes are also presented on Chinook Jargon, through music and stories. Most children learn the jargon name for several animals, colors, and numbers.

Twa Sunchako Learning center operates Tuesday - Thursday from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.; following Head Start. The Learning Center will also provide a Summer program beginning in July and continuing through August. Full days will offer morning Pre-K classes and afternoon recreation and field trip activities. The charge for summer camp will be \$200 per month payable by the 10th of July (for July) and the 10th of August (for August). The Youth Education division will be accepting applications beginning May 1. Enrollment will close June 15th or when 25 children have been accepted for enrollment whichever occurs first. If you have any questions about the Summer program please contact Youth Education Coordinator Wendi Spencer at 879-2280.



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