

EDUCATION

Financial Aid Workshop held at Chemeketa

By April Campbell

The Tribe's Education department hosted the annual 2001 Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop on Thursday, January 18 at Chemeketa Community College. There were a total of thirty students that attended the all day event. The majority were Willamina High School juniors and seniors.

Len Edholm, Advisor and Counselor from Chemeketa Community College spoke about the admissions process when applying for college.

Dan Preston and Crissane Werner, from Linfield College, emphasized the importance of completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with a step-by-step instruction.

Sherrill Kirchhoff, from the Student Aid Commission, enriched each student with scholarship information. From addresses to websites each student was provided with packets of information to access scholarship applications.

Though attendees spent most of their day absorbing information about financial aid and the various types of scholarships available, students did enjoy a pizza buffet and free gifts from the Education department. Students also entered into a drawing to receive various prizes with the grand prize winner being awarded a Pendleton blanket.



Photo by Justin Phillips

DEADLINES

APPLICATIONS are REQUIRED prior to approval or eligibility for funding in the Tribe's Education Division programs.

The deadline dates are as follows:

- Higher Education Program**
 - July 1, 2001
Fall Term or Semester
 - November 1, 2001
Winter Term or Semester
 - February 1, 2001
Spring Term or Semester
- Education Trust Fund Scholarship Program**
 - Applications are due April 30th of each year.

For other Education program application information contact:

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Zoo Visit, Skating, Movie and Pizza Keep Students Busy

By Matt Bucknell, Before & After School Care Lead

For the students at the Before & After School Care program, (K-5th grade), the last few weeks have been very eventful. From making crafts for the holidays to going on several field trips — their time has been busy and full of activity.

During the holidays Tribal member Connie Graves came to the school to help the children create Christmas decorations. The students made small clay adobe houses and miniature sleds to hang on their Christmas trees. The students also crafted reindeer gift bags for putting presents in. Recently the kids have been cutting paper snowflakes to decorate the classroom. The children claim this might bring some more snow to Grand Ronde.

With two weeks off for Christmas break and no public school on Martin Luther King Day, the students have been fortunate enough to spend several days exploring our local area.

During the holiday break the kids enjoyed a number of field trips. They visited the Gilbert House Children's Museum in Salem; the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport; learned about preparing as well as making and cooking their own pizzas at Figaro's Pizza in Sheridan; the Oregon Zoo in Portland; and went to see the movie "The Grinch That Stole Christmas."

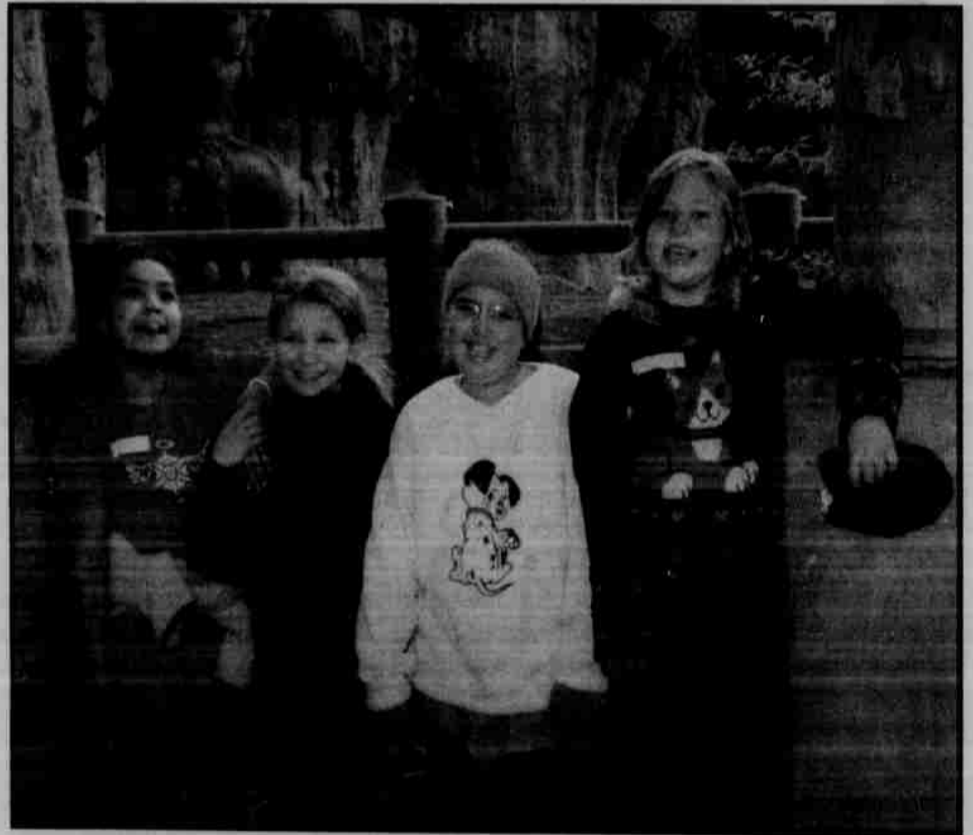
On Monday, December 18, the mobile planetarium STARLAB visited the school and gave the kids a look at the stars and planets that are in our skies. While they were "exploring" space the instructor told stories and legends about the stars and our solar system.

During the visits to the Gilbert House and the Aquarium the students took part in several classroom labs. At the Gilbert House the K-2nd grade students learned about dinosaurs, while the 3rd-5th grade students learned about Kalapuya Tribal history. The information at the museum's Kalapuya class was obtained from the Tribe's Cultural Resource department. When the museum puts on this class for all of their outreach programs the same material is used. At the Aquarium the students participated in a hands-on lab about tide pool and rocky shore creatures.

Over the last few months the students have been honing their skating skills at St. Michael's Gymnasium in Grand Ronde. Some kids roller-skate while others use their roller-blades. This practice was put to test on MLK Day as the students went to the Sherwood Ice Arena to go ice-skating. Upon arrival at the ice arena the students took part in a quick lesson from the arena pro and then they were off. All of the kids did a great job skating with not to many spills or wipeouts.

Not only do the students keep active during their days off from public school they have plenty of activities during the After School program to keep them busy. Every Tuesday the students participate in drumming with Vernon Kennedy and Dustin Harmon. On Thursdays the Tribe's Language Specialist Tony Johnson visits the school to work with the kids on their chinuk-wawa.

As one can see, our Tribal youth are on the go. With 24 students attending the Before & After School Care program and over 40 students being tutored in the Willamina and Grand Ronde Elementary Schools, the program's influence is far-reaching.



OREGON ZOO

Above (from left):
Synon Allen,
Lela Williams,
Justine Colton and
Carley Trammell.

SHERWOOD ICE ARENA

Jade Colton and
Ukiah Lomboy.

Photos courtesy of the Tribe's
Before & After School Care program.