

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Chinuk Wawa Language Program Seeks Tribal Member Educators

The Tribe's Cultural Education Program is seeking Grand Ronde Tribal members to help further the Tribe's successful language revitalization efforts. Over the years the Tribe has implemented a unique language immersion program for revitalizing Chinuk Wawa. Chinuk Wawa is the Tribe's community language and is the only surviving Native American pidgin-creole language.

Three language apprentices are being sought. They will be trained intensively in the use of the language. The apprentices will be hired to fill separate roles in future language programming. Two will be classroom teachers and are required to have K-8 Teaching Certification by December 2004. The third, a teacher's aide position, will require having an associates degree or at least 95 credit hours from an institution of higher learning.

"This is a great opportunity for Tribal members who want to give back to their community and become educated themselves in the Tribe's language and culture," said Tony Johnson, Cultural Education Coordinator.

The opportunity for this funding is made possible by a grant through the Administration for Native Americans' Languages Program.

Newly hired apprentices will interact daily in the Tribe's preschool immersion classroom to ensure a massive exposure to the language. They will also participate in linguistics trainings and will work to develop curriculum. Apprentices will eventually be tested under the Tribe's Chinuk Wawa teacher's assessment allowing them to qualify for language teacher certification as approved by the Tribe and issued by the State of Oregon's Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

Potential applicants should contact the Tribe's Cultural Education Coordinator Tony Johnson at 503-879-2084 or for current information.

### Portland Students/Vocational Rehabilitation Clients

Education staff will be available to meet with you on Tuesday, November 2 at the new Voc Rehab Portland office from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. If you are a current or potential student, please stop by to meet with us. We can answer any questions you may have about admissions, financial aid, Tribal funding, scholarships, academic advising, etc. Please call 503-879-2275 to reserve a time to meet.

### SENIOR CONFERENCE DAY

(open to seniors in high school)

Tuesday, November 9

9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Grand Ronde Education Building and Gymnasium

We will be holding several presentations on college preparation for seniors in high school including: Financial Aid, Essay Writing for Scholarships, Attitude is Everything, Goal Setting, OSAC Scholarship Applications, Academic Advising, etc. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Rich Shintaku from Oregon State University. Please call Rachel Warner, Counselor/Advisor if you are interested in attending, 503-879-1478.

### Library Events For November

#### Mystery Book Club

Saturday, November 13 — 12 p.m.

Monday, November 22 — 5:30 p.m.

Everyone welcome! Bring the mystery you are reading to discuss with everyone. We are always looking for new authors and want your suggestions. Coffee & goodies will be served.

#### Children's Fun Day

Saturday, November 27 — 12 p.m.

Children ages preschool - 12 yrs. This month's theme will be things we are thankful for. We will have videos, stories, puzzles and crafts. There will be light healthy snacks available.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie or Barbara at 503-879-5211 in the Education Department.

### Upcoming Cultural Education Classes Fall & Winter 2004

The following classes, sponsored by the Tribe's Cultural Education program, will be offered this fall and winter. They are offered on a first come first served basis. Please contact Bobby Mercier to register and for further info at 503-879-2084 or [bobby.mercier@grandronde.org](mailto:bobby.mercier@grandronde.org)

**Basket Classes:** Juncus — November 18, 30 and December 2

**Beading Class:** November 2, 4 and 9

**Carving Class:** November 23, December 7, 9, 14 and 16

The following lecture is planned for November 19. Further information will be available as details are confirmed.

**NW Coast Art Appreciation Lecture:** November 19

### CHEMEKETA PLACEMENT TEST

If you are a new student pursuing a degree or certificate, you will be asked to take a free placement test (ASSET) in order to be accepted for admission. Test results more than five years old are not valid. The purpose of the test is to determine your skill levels in reading, writing, and mathematics so you can select the entry-level classes that are right for you.

**Note: Next testing date is WEDNESDAY, November 10 at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. in the Adult Education Building.** Please call the Education Department at 503-879-2275 to reserve your spot.

### Scholarships

#### American Indian Services Scholarship

Full-time or part-time undergraduate students enrolled in a college, university, junior college or technical school can apply to the American Indian Services Scholarship. Must be enrolled at least 1/4 Native American blood. Applicant must have no more than 150 semester credits, or 210 quarter credits and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25. **Deadline Nov 15 for classes starting in Jan.** For an application, please contact the American Indian Services at 801-375-1777 or 1902 N. Canyon Road, Suite 100, Provo, UT 84604; or Luhui Whitebear, CTGR Scholarship Coordinator, 1-800-422-0232 ext. 1345, 503-879-1345, [luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org](mailto:luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org).

#### Gates Millennium Scholarship

Applications are available for the 2005 Gates Millennium Scholarship (GMS). This scholarship is open to anyone who has not yet attended college after high school or GED completion, is Pell Grant eligible, and demonstrates leadership abilities. The GMS is renewable for up to 9 years! For more information please call the American Indian Graduate Center at 1-866-884-7007, visit the website at [www.aigc.com](http://www.aigc.com) or call Luhui Whitebear, CTGR Scholarship Coordinator at 1-800-422-0232 ext 1345.

### Attention All Higher Education & Adult Vocational Training Students

If you will be a new or returning student Fall 2005, don't forget to apply for the 2005-2006 Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications will be available in December online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/) and at any college, university or library. It is a requirement for all Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training Program students to apply for the FAFSA.

Remember, **never** pay to have a FAFSA completed or submitted! It is free. If you need help filling out your FAFSA, please contact your financial aid office, high school counselor, or CTGR Education at 1-800-422-0232 ext 2275 or 503-879-2275.

#### Drum-Making Class, November 4

Youth Education will have a Drum-making class for 6th-12th graders, on November 4 at 10 a.m. Please call Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143 to RSVP. The class is limited to 10 participants.

#### Youth Leadership Meeting, November 5

On November 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Youth Education Building, the Youth Leadership meeting will be held. Students from numerous schools have been invited to attend. If you are a 8th-12th grade student and are interested in participating in Youth Leadership, please call Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143, for an application.

#### Family Night, Wednesday, November 17

**Reminder:** Family Night is on Wednesday, November 17, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy cultural activities with your family. Dinner will be provided and there will be door prizes for parents. All youth are required to be with a parent or guardian. If you would like more information, please call Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143.

#### Parent Committee Meeting, November 18

The Youth Education and K-12 programs will have a Parent Committee meeting on November 18, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., in the Youth Education building. Lunch will be provided. All parents of current or graduating Tribal students are welcome to participate. Your suggestions are important! For more information and to RSVP, please call Brian at 503-879-2101.