

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Student Spotlight: Jayce Jackson

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This month's Student Spotlight is about Jayce Jackson, who is currently a third-grader at Willamina Elementary School.

Fellow peers and teachers describe Jayce as active, funny, helpful, determined and friendly.

"He likes to be helpful and is eager to lend a hand," says K-5 tutor Kyla Evenson. "I've known Jayce for many years now and it has been a pleasure to see him growing into such a kind young man."

Jayce's teacher in Willamina, Kylieen Draper, also believes he should be recognized for his kindness.

"This year I have seen Jayce show great empathy toward his classmates," Draper says. "He is a very caring and kind young man. Having empathy is a key ingredient to becoming the best person you can be."

When asked about his favorite subjects in school, Jayce does not hesitate to answer. "Reading is my favorite. I like reading about Dracula and the 'Believe It or Not' books," he says. "In math I like doing addition and subtraction."

Jayce's love for reading is apparent to K-5 tutor George Neujahr. "Jayce is usually one of the first kids on task during our after-school academic time. He always has a book in his hands and is ready to go," he says.

Jayce's favorite activity during K-5 is when students are allowed free time.

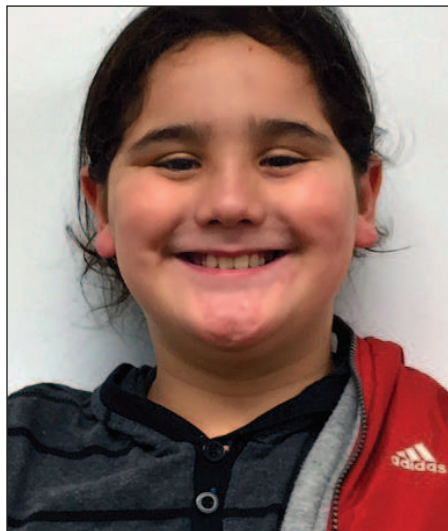
"I like playing games on the computer and taking stuff apart," he says. The taking-stuff-apart is a popular activity with the K-5 group and consists of breaking apart old, broken appliances, using tools found in the classroom toolbox.

Jayce is involved with the Grand Ronde community and regularly dances at powwows. "My favorite dance is the Chicken Dance. I like dancing at powwows and during dance class at K-5," he says.

Dance class takes place every Tuesday after school and during K-5. Youth are given the choice of attending and Jayce attends every time.

Watching him dance is rather impressive and notable, not just because he is very good, but because it seems to come so naturally to him.

"I've seen him come in late to dance class and he bursts through the door and without any hesitation is able to jump in to whatever dance is taking place," says Evenson. "He goes from being playful and silly to focused and intent as soon as the drums start beating. It's pretty mesmerizing to watch." ■



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Oregon University System admissions and scholarship deadlines

The OUS schools have their own priority deadline for admissions. This is also their university scholarship deadline. Don't miss your opportunity to attend your top school choice and a chance to receive a scholarship.

- Eastern Oregon University: March 1
- Oregon Institute of Technology: March 1
- Oregon State University: Feb. 1
- Portland State University: Feb. 1
- Southern Oregon University: Feb. 15
- University of Oregon: Jan. 15
- Western Oregon University: Feb. 1

College Placement Testing offered

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.
 (closed Monday - Friday: noon – 1 P.M.)
 Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

The Tribal Library will host Christmas stories and a craft exercise at the Tribal Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

New: The Tribal Library is purchasing board and card games for youth and families to play in the library. The games will be available in mid-December. Beginning in January, the Tribal Library will host a game night once a month and this will include a gaming system with video games in addition to the board and card games.

New Books in the Library: "Little Elliot BIG Family" by Mike Curato (kids); "The Thing About Jellyfish" (elementary fiction); "Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer" by Kelly Jones (elementary fiction); "Love May Fail" by Matthew Quick (adult fiction); "Pretty Girls" by Karin Slaughter (adult fiction); and "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates (adult nonfiction).

The 2015-16 Oregon "Battle of the Books" titles are available for checkout at the library.

Saturday Movie Time at Noon: Third Saturday of the month:

- Dec. 19: "Snow Buddies"

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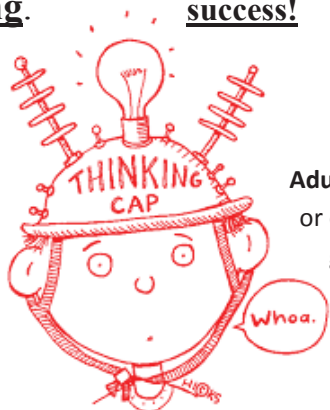
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