Spring Break Changes

It was a busy week at ECE the last week of March with office rearranging, classroom shifts in the Infant Center and separation of Head Start and Daycare offerings for preschool age kids.

As the ECE Steering Group continues to advertise and hire for administrators for both the Head Start/Early Head Start programs, for Head Start Coordinators, and both Head Start and Daycare teachers, we continue to be shorthanded with just enough staff to cover existing classrooms.

Thank you to all our families for your patience as we realign our programs and work on compliance issues. We are getting there!

To recap recent changes - we have finalized teaching teams for the Head Start Program which operates Tuesdays thru Fridays 8am - 3pm.

Our Head Start friends who also utilize Preschool Daycare for after 3pm and on Mondays and no school days, they have new space in B Pod - in rooms they will remain in through the summer months. We continue to work on hiring staff for this rooms, but their current teachers are pitching in to help with the transition.

In F Pod - the babies moved to the Crawler Room, Toddlers that were in the Crawler Room moved to F4 in the Toddler Area - F5 Toddlers moved to F2 and the Striders remain in F6.

If you have questions, members of the ECE Steering Group include: Caroline Cruz (caroline.cruz@wstribes.org), TJ Foltz (taw.foltz@wstribes.org), Sue Matters (sue.matters@wstribes.org) or Tiana Northrup (tiana.northrup@wstribes.org)
Head Start Graduation Update
There are 33 students who will be graduating on June 7, 2024. The graduation will be held at the Old Warm Springs Elementary Gym with set up taking place the night before. Decorations are being ordered. Individual sashes with customized name are available for $12.99 and tassels can be purchased for $3.99. The Fire Management Bouncy House will be set up and refreshments will be provided. Next planning meeting is Monday April 15th at noon in C5.

Parents can have their graduate wear an ECE gown (available in Purple, Gold or White) or you can purchase one online in a color of your choice. Families can make their child’s caps, with supplies available in C Pod room C5.

Warm Springs Culture & Heritage is providing opportunity for families to make regalia for their graduates on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3-6pm in Room C5.

PARENT/GUARDIAN BACKPACK CHECK
Before coming in to ECE each day, please check your child’s backpack for anything that might be inappropriate for a classroom. Sometimes our kids find items at home that they stash in their backpack that are not safe. Please check for those types of items and talk with your youth about safety.

WARM SPRINGS CULTURE & HERITAGE
ECE FAMILY LEARNING NIGHTS
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 3-6PM
Join the Culture & Heritage Staff to Make Moccasins, a Ribbon Shirt, or other regalia for your child.
SNACKS & MATERIALS PROVIDED
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DEANIE JOHNSON OR ANG ANGIUANO 541-553-3290

Tuesday, April 9th
Emergency Go Kit Giveaway
ECE Lobby
Central Oregon Disabilities Support Network

Wednesday April 17th
Family Food Bank & STEM Kit Giveaway
ECE Lobby 3-5:30pm
NeighborImpact & Early Learning Hub

ECE CLOSED
Friday, April 26th
with staff attending the Early Learning Conference @COCC

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
April 6–12, 2024
THANK YOU TEACHERS!

2024 Warm Springs K8 Kindergarten Welcome
Thursday May 2nd 4-6 PM
- Families can sign up their children who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2024
- You can complete the registration paperwork, meet the teachers, and learn more about our kindergarten program at Warm Springs K-8 Academy.
- If you miss the WELCOME EVENT - you can register your incoming Kindergartener in the school office.