

KWAHNESUM YOUTL

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Kelso Indian Education Program 360-501-1655
410 Elm St. Kelso, Wa. 98626

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Culture Classes 6:00-8:00 pm

The schedule for this year's Culture Classes is as follows:

Oct. 20, 27
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Dec. 1, 8
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Native American Club

Nov. 24, Dec. 8 Jan. 19, Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 9, Apr. 20, and May 11, 25. We will meet at Coweeman in Room B-1. Be sure to arrange a ride home.

Parent/Powwow Committee

Our next parent committee meeting will be on Nov. 16th at 6:00 PM here at Wallace School. We are so thankful to have a committed group of parents to help plan our program objectives. We welcome any new members to join us.

Our next "In Honor of our Children" powwow meeting will be held on Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm in the Indian Education Classroom. Please come to help plan this wonderful event.

Indian Education Title VII Program Staff 2009-2010

Coordinator:
Shelley Hamrick

Tutors:
Julie Earls
Jennie Porter
Don Sturdivant
Cheryl Tamani

Parent Committee:
Chairperson: Linda Downing
Vice-Chair: Shannon Gilman
Secretary: Jody Farmer
Culture Class: Marie LaMere
Powwow Representative: Mike Brock
Teacher Representative: Carlos Mendoza
Student Representative: Crista Farmer

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Greetings and welcome back to a new school year from your coordinator. This is just a little late in coming as my family experienced a great sadness this last month with the death of my mother. I am so thankful for such a wonderful staff and supporting parent committee who helped me during this difficult time.

I know that for many of you who have experienced such a loss, it is so much easier to go through difficult times when you have those around you to give you comfort when needed. Our parent committee and caring staff have been there for many who have such times, so I want to encourage you to plan to participate in our many wonderful events throughout the school year to allow for our "Family" atmosphere to become part of your family.

I want to thank our new supervisor, Mark Hottowe, for being personally willing to help cover any of our program needs while I was needing to be with my family. I also want to commend our staff of tutors who began their school year with very limited support from me during this time. I also want to thank such a wonderful school district and especially our caring Superintendent, Glenys Hill, for all the kind words, cards and flowers that were shared with me. I cannot think of any other special place in which I would want to work than our school district during this time.

During the last school year, there were many difficult situations due to budget cuts that occurred within our school district and those around us. I am so thankful to say that our Kelso Indian Education Program was and is able to maintain the high quality of tutoring staff, cultural component staff and supervision staff that we have held for at least the 20 years that I have been with Kelso School District. I am also glad to say that our program location for the last 12 years at Wallace Elementary School is again the wonderful resource center where our Culture Classes are held, our parent and powwow committee meets, our resource library is accessed, our children's library is frequented and our wonderful artifacts are housed. Please come by for a visit.

During this time of year, we always have the opportunity to sign up new students for our program to help promote pride of your Native Culture. November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month, so what better month to have students complete the required form. If you aren't sure the form has been completed, please contact our office at 501-1655.

Most importantly and in closing, I want to take this time to thank Our Creator for the encouragement and comfort that He gives during such a time of loss. My hope is for each of you to feel the same.

Blessings,
Shelley Hamrick, Indian Education Coordinator

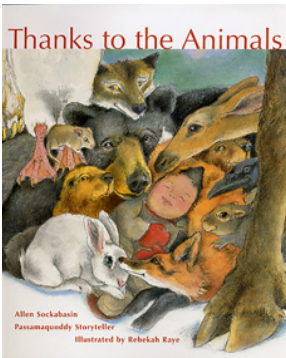
*The loss of one Culture is
a loss to all Cultures.*

*Chief Edgar Brown
Coos, 1975*

Super Students:
Catlin:

*Jerome Worden
Eduardo Corona*

Carrolls:
Macey Farnsworth



Thanks to the Animals
Is a wonderful book
from our Children's
Library. Bring your
students in to check one
out!

We also have many
interesting books in our
adult reference library
for parents, teachers,
and community
members.

Come in for a visit!

Native American Tribes in WA***

Word Search

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LUMMI
MUCKLESHOOT
NOOKSACK
QUILEUTE
SAMISH
SHOALWATER
SNOQUALMIE
SQUAXINISLAND
SWINOMISH
UPPERSKAGIT**

**COLVILLE
HOH
YAKAMA**

***We have learned in Culture Class about the 29 Federally Recognized Tribes. Come join us to learn more about November – Native American Heritage Month

Parents:
Please share our newsletters with your children!
Have a good time reading together.

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http://www.kelso.wednet.edu/indian_ed/index.html

Check out some other educational websites:

www.education-for-kids.com

www.learning-without-tears.com

www.time4Learning.com

Another important website for information about low cost health insurance & food assistance:

www.parenthelp123.org

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How the Fawn Got Its Spots

Long ago, when the world was new, Wakan Tanka, The Great Mystery, was walking around. And as he walked, he spoke to himself of the many things he had done to help the four-legged ones and the birds survive.

"It is good," Wakan Tanka said.

"I have given Mountain Lion sharp claws and Grizzly Bear great Strength. It is much easier now for them to survive.

I have given Wolf sharp teeth and I have given his little brother, Coyote, quick wits. It is much easier now for them to survive.

I have given Beaver a flat tail and webbed feet to swim beneath the water and teeth which can cut down the trees. I have given slow-moving porcupine quills to protect itself. Now it is easier for them to survive. I have given the birds their feathers and the ability to fly so that they may escape their enemies.

I have given speed to the deer and the rabbit so that it will be hard for their enemies to catch them. Truly it is now much easier for them to survive.

However, as Wakan Tanka spoke, a mother deer came up to him. Behind her was her small fawn, wobbling on weak new legs.

"Great One," she said. "It is true that you have given many gifts to the four-leggeds and the winged ones to help them survive. It is true that you gave me great speed and now my enemies find it hard to catch me. My speed is a great protection, indeed. But what of my little one here? She does not yet have speed. It is easy for our enemies, with their sharp teeth and their claws, to catch her. If your children do not survive, how can my people live?"

"Wica Yaka Pelo!" said Wakan Tanka. "You have spoken truly; you are right. Have your little one come here and I will help her."

Then Wakan Tanka made paint from the earth and the plants. He painted spots upon the fawn's body so that, when she lay still, her color blended in with the earth and she could not be seen. Then Wakan Tanka breathed upon her, taking away her scent.

"Now," Wakan Tanka said, "your little ones will always be safe if they only remain still when they are away from your side.

None of your enemies will see your little ones or be able to catch their scent."

So it has been from that day on. When a young deer is too small and weak to run swiftly, it is covered with spots that blend in with the earth. It has no scent and it remains very still and close to the earth when its mother is not by its side.

And when it has grown enough to have the speed Wakan Tanka gave its people, then it loses those spots it once needed to survive.