

# 509-J Schools in Action!

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## Sharing Warm Springs Culture

Madras High School has been partnering with the Culture and Heritage Department of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to learn and pass on Numu, the Northern Paiute language. The project began this summer with seven of our high school students who worked with language program developer, **Evan Gardner**, and tribal elders to learn the language and the skills to teach it to other students. The students are now teaching to their peers as part of the high school's Culture of Warm Springs class taught by **Becky Dudney**.

According to Dudney, the classroom is transformed into a Language Learning Lab every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and it's getting a lot of attention from students. Paiute Language teachers **Shirley Tufti** and **Gerald Danzuka** attend each session to ensure that the Numu language is being taught and spoken accurately. Many curious students stop by to check out the activities and find themselves getting sucked into playing a language game. Other students say they have taught



their friends and family members some Numu language skills.

"This group of seven MHS youth went on a journey of self-discovery and language learning. In the end, they all became teachers of community development, leadership and language" Becky Dudney, MHS teacher. "The most exciting thing about it all is to see young people building a community while linking to their cultural heritage. They are having fun while they learn so many skills, both academic and social, all at the same time. They want to be in class!" said Dudney.



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## Inventerprise Contest K-12

Many of our students have been working hard to prepare for the Inventerprise Contest sponsored by Bend Research, Inc. The academic competition focuses on writing and problem solving. This year's theme is turning your fears into devices or processes that protect people. Using their imaginations, students may come up with new ways to make things such as tornados, spiders, climate change, or traffic less scary. Participating students work collaboratively with teachers. Cash prizes are awarded to contest winners.

For more information, contact Courtney Lupton at (541) 475-7253.

## Families Go to School Too!

JCS D has launched a Family University program for parents and family members interested in learning or practicing Spanish, English or computer skills. There is also a class for those who want to learn skills to prepare them for the GED exam. The classes are offered in the evenings at Westside School. Child care and student tutoring is available for children of the class participants.

For more information, contact: Susan Chamberlain at 475-6192.

### Spanish Conversation for Parents

Mondays, October 3 to November 14  
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Dave Engel, COCC

### English Conversation for Parents

Mondays, October 17 to December 12  
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Instructors: JCS D Teachers

### GED Preparation

Mondays, October 17 to December 12  
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Jennifer Hatfield

### Introduction to Computers

Wednesdays, October 5 to December 14  
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Ramiro Rico

## Calendar

11/7 2-Hour Late Start  
11/14 School Board Meeting  
at Westside School Building

### MHS Parent Conferences

11/15 4:30-8:00 p.m.  
at Warm Springs Community Center  
11/16 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
in MHS Commons - Arena Style  
11/17 4:30-7:30 p.m. in MHS classrooms