

THE WEEKLY MEMO

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OUR AGENCY VALUES

- Transparent Respectful
Communication
- Compassionate Inclusivity
- Teamwork
- Integrity & Accountability
- Safe & Responsive Culture

OUR MISSION:

Southern Oregon Head Start prepares all children and their families for success in school and throughout life.

WEEKLY MEMO SUBMISSIONS:

If you would like your submission to be shown in the following issue please submit any pdf's, jpegs, and text to

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by Thursday at 12 p.m.

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Why did the scarecrow
win a Nobel Prize?

He was outstanding
in his field

woman's day

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Fun Facts: American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month



The Start of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Heritage Month

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, rode horseback from state to state to get endorsements from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994, and we now refer to this celebration as "American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month."

What's the Age?

Roughly 32 - Median age of the American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2022.

Educational Attainment

Of American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and over, approximately...

- 16% have less than a high school diploma
- 28% are high school graduates (includes equivalency)
- 33% have some college or an associate's degree
- 15% have a bachelor's degree
- 8% have a graduate or professional degree



AIAN-Owned Businesses

0.69% or 40,392 businesses were owned by American Indian and Alaska Natives. (This number only represents employer businesses.)

Some of the American Indian and Alaska Native-owned businesses were:

- Construction - **9,660**
- Professional, scientific, and technical services - **5,203** (includes architectural, engineering and veterinary services)
- Healthcare and social assistance - **3,295** (includes dentist and doctors' offices)
- Retail trade - **3,416** (includes clothing, shoe, and book stores)
- Accommodation and food services - **3,718**



Total Population of AIAN Origin

2.2% or 7.2 million - The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States in 2022. These states have among the highest percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native residents:

20.6%
Alaska



14.2%
Oklahoma



Largest Tribal Groupings



574 - The number of federally recognized Indian tribes in 2023.

3 largest American Indian tribal groupings*

- Navajo - **320,037**
- Cherokee - **250,072**
- Mexican American Indian - **220,162**

3 largest Alaska Native tribal groupings*

- Yup'ik - **34,953**
- Inupiat - **30,421**
- Alaskan Athabascan - **16,126**

Tribal groupings refer to the combining of individual American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, such as combining Fort Sill Apache, Mescalero Apache, and San Carlos Apache, into the general Apache tribal grouping.

*2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Note: All of the data on this page, except the business data, is for AIAN alone or in combination with other races.

Sources: Vintage 2022 Population Estimates; Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2023; 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates; 2017-2021 ACS, Selected Population Detailed Tables, 5-Year Estimates; 2020 Annual Business Survey.

Merlin's Family Day

Celebrating and connecting with our families at Merlin.

Starting with our parent meeting the families were able to have time to connect with one another. They were able to experience and learn some conscious discipline techniques and were given an I Love You Ritual kit to take home and create as a family. Once the meeting ended parent meet with their children and enjoyed a delicious family meal time. Rosa made the yummiest spaghetti with salad, breadsticks and mandarin oranges. We ended our day enjoying and engaging throughout the class with fun activities and hanging with our families. It was a beautiful turn out.



Submitted by: Tiffany Heller

Merlin's Family Day

Just one big school family!



Pumpkin Painting
and Family Wreaths



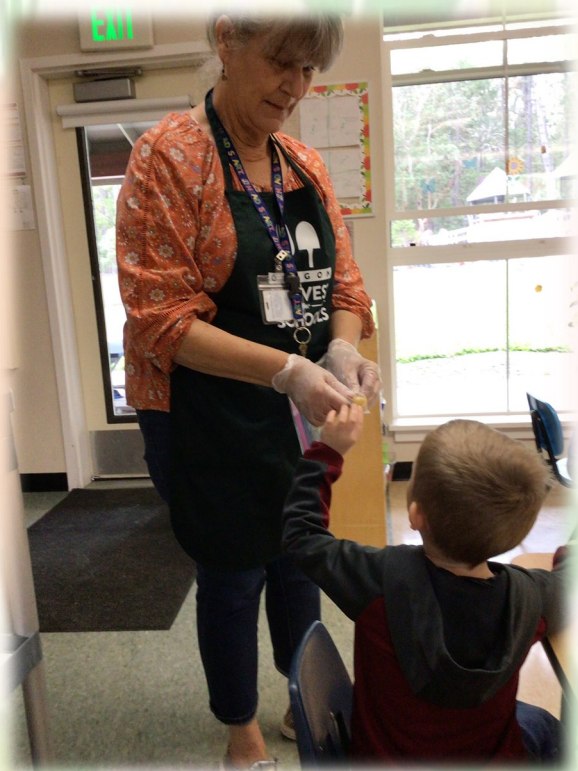
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CRUNCH DAY

We participated in a "Crunch Day" that was put on by the Oregon Farm to School program. It is to help kids make healthy eating choices. We purchased some farm fresh liberty apples from a local farm in Williams, White Oak farms, and got them out to every center.



A special shout out to Redwood, Rogue River, Eagle Point, and IV! Those centers all went above and beyond for this event. RR even had the whole classroom make thank you cards for the farm we purchased from! :)



Submitted by: Jamie Griffin

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CRUNCH DAY



The beautiful setup that Dori made to present to the classes for crunch day. From an actual apple tree branch, to different kinds of apples, what the inside of an apple looks like, and the seeds. She even explores shapes, stating that all apples have stars when you look for them!

Submitted by: Tiffany Heller

Central Point Family Day

Pumpkin volcanoes, guessing the seed count, face painting with teacher Maria, family photos, and family engagement (egg carton scavenger hunt)!



Central Point Family Day



Submitted by: Erynn Hoie

10/30/23

The October in-person parenting program sessions are in full swing! Thank you to Mallori Woodall, Andrew Kaufman, Gabrielle Becraft and Kelee Baker for excellent facilitation and childwatch at the Medford location. We know families are really enjoying this special time!



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First Five Years™



Find more free parenting programs and workshops at:

thefamilyconnect.org/families-parents

Welcome to SOHS!

A warm welcome to Southern Oregon Head Start!

We are delighted to have you be a part of our Head Start Family!

ALAN
GRACIANO

HS Teacher Assistant

ALLISON
BERRY

EHS Teacher

ANAHI
RODRIGUEZ

Cook

ANGELICA
WHITE

HS Teacher Assistant

BENJAMIN
JACKSON

Cook Assistant

BLAKE
PENDERGRASS

Listo Bilingual ESL
Instructor

BRIANNA
LEWIS

Center Assistant

CASSIDY
KLISE

EHS Teacher Assistant

CHRISTINA
CAMPBELL

HS Teacher Assistant

CHYNA-NOEL
CROSSETT

Cook Assistant

DESIREE
TALLEY

HS Teacher

ELIZABETH
HERRERA-
SANCHEZ

HS Teacher Assistant

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**EMILY
DAUGHTREY**

HS Teacher Assistant

**EVELIA
HERNANDEZ
MARTINEZ**

EHS Teacher Assistant

**HAILEE
PARKER**

HS Teacher Assistant

**HAZEL
KRUSE**

Service Area Assistant
Health

**HEATHER
CRUM**

HS Teacher

**JAMIE
ELICK**

EHS Teacher Assistant

**JESSICA
WHIPPLE**

EHS Teacher Assistant

**KAREN
WIRTH**

Family Advocate

**LEIYA
ARTHUR**

HS Teacher Assistant

**MICHELLE
TWEEDY**

HS Teacher Assistant

**NATALIE
WYMER**

HS Teacher Assistant

**NATASHA
ELKINS**

Center Assistant

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**NATASHA
NEWMAN**

Center Assistant

**NOEMI
THORNTON**

HS Teacher Assistant

**NORMA
SALAS CARLOS**

Center Assistant

**RACHEL
GONZALEZ**

Family Advocate

**RACHEL
REEL**

Center Assistant

**SAMANTHA
FELIX**

EHS Teacher Assistant

**SHAWNA
LOVSNESS**

EHS Teacher

**SOFIA
DE SOUSA**

HS Teacher Assistant

**SUMMER
SMITH**

EHS Teacher

**TAWNNI
IVERS**

Cook Assistant

**TERESA
MADRIGAL**

EHS Teacher Assistant

**VICTORIA
FOGELQUIST**

HS Teacher Assistant

Happy Birthday!



Feliz Cumpleaños!

NOVEMBER 4TH

Cindal D. Lamb

Megan L. Birch

Sarah L. Konecny

NOVEMBER 5TH

Dane T. Miller

Emily D. Jackson

NOVEMBER 6TH

Amber N. Lease

Christine F. Cox

Sarah E. Bollweg

NOVEMBER 7TH

Cynthia J. Hall

NOVEMBER 9TH

Glen M. Briggs

NOVEMBER 10TH

Brittanie K. Pratt

NOVEMBER 11TH

Anna M. Jordan

Vanessa M. Hopf

NOVEMBER 12TH

Makaila R. Carpenter

NOVEMBER 16TH

Yolanda Sapiens

NOVEMBER 17TH

Jazmin Chamul

NOVEMBER 19TH

Jordan A. Preston

Yesenia Reyes

NOVEMBER 22ND

Cindy L. Jensen

Nicole L. Janes

NOVEMBER 23RD

Genevieve L. Klam

NOVEMBER 27TH

Cecilia De La Torre

Katalin Bokor

NOVEMBER 28TH

Cindy R. France

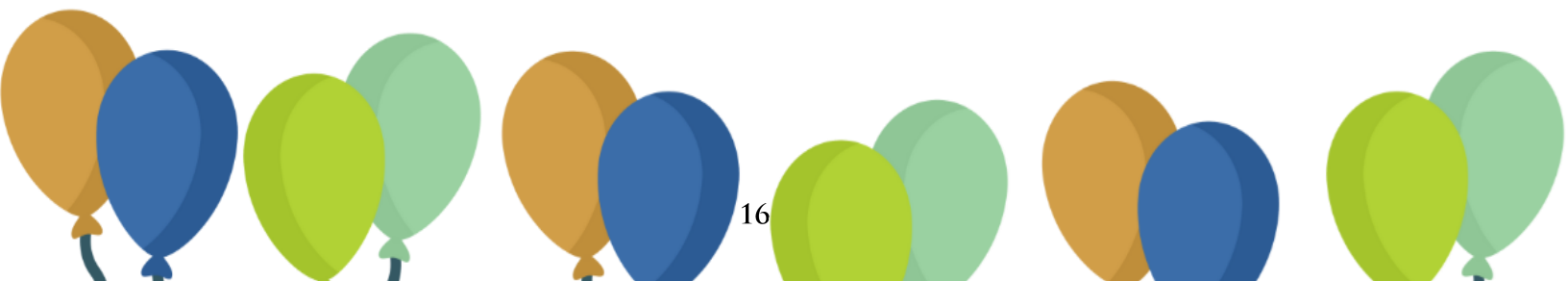
Stephanie D. Finch

NOVEMBER 29TH

Stacey Daniszewski

NOVEMBER 30TH

Hailey N. Boling



Happy Anniversary!



Feliz Aniversario!

1 YEAR

Gregory A. Peterson

Hebe V. Meraz

Lacy K. Teixeira

Makaila R. Carpenter

Sergio A. Torres

2 YEARS

Fabiola S. Reyes Lopez

3 YEARS

Bryan G. Gonzalez

Kayla A. Cunningham

4 YEARS

Ailym Pintero Requena

Alexis J. Allin

Rachelle Danielle Schaaf

5 YEARS

Jazmin Chamul

Linda Orlando

7 YEARS

Pamela L. Biegler

8 YEARS

Angela K. Kittson

Chrystal K. King

Griselda Santacruz

Melissa R. Gilmore

9 YEARS

Kathy J. Stassi

10 YEARS

Nikki S. Hill



Happy Anniversary!



Feliz Aniversario!

12 YEARS

Melissa C. Shultz

13 YEARS

Stephanie D. Finch

14 YEARS

Alicia Ayala

Marlinda Lucas-Meek

15 YEARS

David R. Witt

16 YEARS

Sharyl Byrne

Steve Kruchoski

18 YEARS

Ana M. Tovar

21 YEARS

Diana M. Lewis

23 YEARS

Steve D. Schultz

24 YEARS

Sheryl J. Harrington

25 YEARS

Mary L. McKenzie

27 YEARS

Katherine A. Clayton

29 YEARS

Lourdes P. Gutierrez

