Total Eclipse

Northwest Earth & Space Sciences Pipeline hosted eclipse activities for the Warm Springs Native American Community, including

- 8 tribal teams of middle and high school students to fly high altitude balloons (4 teams cancelled last minute due to fire concerns) – these teams included about 100 students from Oregon Washington and Idaho. White Swan was one of these teams!

- Sunday Aug 20 involved day time student activities including robotics, water rockets, solar viewing, portable planetarium, fish hatchery visit with about 300 Native American students from the teams and local students participating;

- Sunday Aug 20 night involved a star gazing party with about 300 Native American Community members participating;

- Monday Aug 21 involved launching 4 high altitude balloons with student payloads into the eclipse. A total of about 700 people came to the site (many from overflow from Madras) to watch the balloon launches and eclipse

Credit: Robert Winglee of UW

September Words of the Month:
Respect
Tma’áakni
Respeto
Mrs. Tenney: On to State!

We are so proud of our very own Mrs. Tenney. She was selected as the ESD105 Regional Teacher of the Year. This month she traveled to the state competition. She did a fabulous job of representing our community!
In other news:

1. Mr. Castilleja is making a recommendation to augment the current high school graduation requirements. This year, White Swan High School implemented a new class called “Freshman Seminar”. This is a course aimed at inducting freshmen into the high school culture. They learn things such as the importance of GPA, attendance, and study skills. This course is designed to increase success in courses taken as freshmen. This is aligned with ESSA and new Washington state accountability measures. This requirement would be a .5 credit requirement, and is waivable by the principal for students that do not begin their freshman year at White Swan High School.

2. Benchmark #1 is now complete. We used the Scholastic Reading Inventory and the Scholastic Mathematics Inventory.

3. PBIS has us off to a great start with student behavior. Students are being taught expectations in classrooms, advisory time, and in common areas around campus. Referral data will be reported out next month.

4. A new parent email newsletter subscribe option is available on the high school and middle school web sites. These newsletters will be going out in a simple text-only format to get timely information out to the community. Things like assemblies, events, and important dates will be shared.