



Oglala Lakota College



Head Start/Early Head Start Program

From the Administration...



bReady South Dakota

The Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety launched a campaign encouraging South Dakotans to prepare for emergencies in their Homes, Businesses, Towns, and Cities. The bReady campaign encourages individuals to have an emergency bReady kit, Make a family emergency plans and learn more about the different threats that may affect them from natural disasters to epidemics. Learn more about how to prepare for emergencies at www.bReadySD.com in this issue you will find more on how to bReady



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Special points of interest:

1. **bReady South Dakota**
2. **Winter safety tips**
3. **Winter safety for schools**

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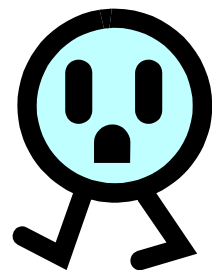
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From the ...Facilities Manager



Winter Safety Tips

1. Protect neighborhood homes this winter. Keep your nearest fire hydrant clear of snow.
2. After holiday parties, check wastebaskets and furniture for smoldering cigarettes.
3. Place holiday decorations well away from heat sources. If you have a tree, water it daily.
4. Do not burn holiday wrappings in a fire place; it may cause a chimney fire.
5. Pay attention when cooking. If a pan is on fire, cover it with a lid. Water will spread the fire.
6. Turn off and unplug lights and decorations before going to bed or leaving your house. Buy electrical decorations that have been approved by a national testing laboratory, don't over load outlets.



From the ...Transportation Dept.

Winter Safety for Schools

Children can be especially susceptible to the dangers associated with winter weather. Their youthful enthusiasm often takes over when common sense and safety should prevail. Even if they are cold, wet, or exhausted, they often are not conscious of the potential impact these conditions pose.



School administrator and principals need to be sensitive to the dangers winter weather can pose to children and be prepared. Winter weather procedures and practices need to be established before the onset of the winter season. When formulating a winter weather plan consider the following.

1. All schools need to have functional plan in regard to closures due to snow, ice, or extreme cold.
2. During winter months, guidelines need to be established regarding outside recess periods. Temperatures and wind chills need to be monitored and criteria set as to when outside recess will be allowed.
3. School bus drivers should receive extra training on driving during winter weather. Snow and ice can often accumulate quickly and unexpectedly on roads creating dangerous driving conditions.





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What is Head Start? What is Early Head Start?

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs which serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant woman, and their families. They are child-focused programs, and have the overall goal of increasing the social competence of young children in low-income families.

By "social competence" is meant the child's everyday effectiveness in dealing with both his or her present environment and later responsibilities in school and life. Social competence takes into account the interrelatedness of social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

What is the Oglala Lakota College Head Start Program?

Our goal is to provide a full range of services to meet the needs of Lakota children from 0-5 and their families addressing cognitive, emotional, physical, nutritional, mental health, and Lakota language and culture development of children and the development needs of families.



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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 HS/EHS Christmas Dinner	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 HS/EHS Christmas Vacation begins	24 Christmas Eve
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve