



## Multicultural Center Resources & Services 2008-2009 Summary Report

### **Multicultural Center**

The EOU Multicultural Center provides a variety of resources for everyone to utilize, which includes the following:

- ❖ Lounge/Meeting area equipped with tables, chairs and couches available for meetings, mini-workshops/focus groups or just a hang out spot for people to visit with other each other, work on home work, or get extra help in classes. Also provided in the space is an entertainment center with a television, a DVD player, a VCR, AM/FM stereo with tape deck.
- ❖ Kitchen space, furnished with a microwave, a refrigerator, and other household appliances for use
- ❖ A Computer Lab with 5 computers, a printer and office supplies for student use on individual or group work

A daily count of the number of people who utilized the space and the Center services from January 7 through June 30, 2008. Below is a total monthly tally that was recorded. A breakout of the day is also attached (see Appendix A).

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>NO. # OF PEOPLE SERVED</b>
January	115
February	1,602
March	1,802
April	1,264
May	1,665
June	626
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,074</b>

### **Multicultural Awareness Week**

Multicultural Awareness Week celebration was held on October 15 through October 19, 2008. The purpose of the week long celebration promotes global understanding of various cultures and traditions of the world in an effort to broaden our understanding of diversity and multiculturalism.

Presentations, panels, workshops, and discussions on cultural understanding and the challenges of cross-cultural communication took place. Opportunities were provided for participants to learn about the experiences students, faculty and community members in our local area who have traveled to other countries and the knowledge they have acquired as well as shared about themselves and others they encountered in their journeys.

Approximately 300 people participated in the weeks activities. See Appendix B for a detailed schedule of the week.

#### **Breakout of Participants:**

Faculty & Staff Volunteers	10
Student Volunteers	13
La Grande Middle School Students	60+
La Grande High School	30+
EOU Community Members	8

### **International Children's Day**

EOU Multicultural Center and Student Council partnered in celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Children's Day on May 1, 2008. The theme of the celebration is "Saving the Children" and activities will be geared toward raising awareness of the ideals, objectives and welfare of children around the world.

Island City Elementary School students were invited to come to EOU and celebrate the event. Highlights include a "Passport to the World" presentation by international students at EOU representing seven different countries: Japan, Nigeria, Ghana, Mexico, Germany, Taiwan and Palau; an art competition and the breaking of a piñata, a traditional game played in Mexico. Students learned about different cultures and traditions as well as what other children who live there like to do for fun.

Approximately 60 elementary students, their teachers and some campus members participated and assisted in the success of the event. See Appendix C for a detailed schedule of the day.

#### **Breakout of Participants:**

Staff Volunteers	4
Student Volunteers	20
Island City Elementary School Teachers	8
Island City Elementary School Students	60
EOU Community Members	11