

TONASKET GEAR UP

8TH, 9TH & 10TH GRADES

MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

Administration

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Program Hours:
Monday - Thursday
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

After School Schedule:
2:30 - 4:00 library, tutoring,
homework assistance, computers

Match:
Sept. \$
YTD \$

Tonasket High School ASB embraces "M.E.Ch.A."



What is MEChA?

MEChA is primarily a Latino group at high schools and colleges. Its goal is to help Latino and other minority students get into and succeed in college. MEChA stands for Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (Chicano student movement of Aztlán). MEChA promotes and recruits students into higher education, while retaining their cultural identities and preserving and studying their history. MEChA at THS will be inclusive of all students who wish to attend and be a part of the group.

MEChA was founded 35 years ago after a conference at UC Santa Barbara. The Mexican American Student Confederation, United Mexican American Students and Mexican American Students Association united and became MEChA. The symbol is an eagle with its wings spread holding a club-like weapon called a macahuitl, a dynamite stick and a lighted fuse in its beak.

STUDENTS COME TO M.E.Ch.A. TO LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR EACH OTHER

During regularly scheduled gatherings for food, fun, and fellowship, students commit themselves to return to their cultural history, and together, work through struggles.

M.E.Ch.A. Goals:

- ◆ Raise Academic Standards and expectations. Insure academic preparation, social support, and guidance necessary to succeed in college and in life.
- ◆ Increase access to information for parents and students regarding the benefits and accessibility of post secondary education.
- ◆ Raise awareness of financial opportunities for university and college study.
- ◆ Provide a forum for discussion and an opportunity to share goals and dreams.

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UP-COMING GU EVENTS.....

TONASKET & OMAK TEAM UP TO WORK WITH WVC

The Native plant garden at WVC will soon be sporting the new permanent signs created by a combined effort of Tonasket and Omak GEAR-UP after school programs, and the welding and art departments at OHS. Students are creating hand written ceramic tile signs which we will place in the garden before going on a nature hike along Boulder Creek and enjoying a BBQ at Conconully.

STUDENTS PRESENT POWERPOINT TO THE TONASKET SCHOOLBOARD ON "GEAR-UP DAY IN OLYMPIA"

Summer Camp

Let GEAR-UP help put you on a "Path to Success"!



Tiger Pride



College is not a dream, It's a Plan !