

## **Siskiyou School in Ashland puts student body in one spot**

### **Capital campaign raised \$615,000 for new buildings**

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After eight months of construction, students recently inaugurated two new buildings at Jackson County's largest Waldorf school in Ashland.

About 200 students, staff and family members from the Siskiyou School dedicated the new structures Friday in conjunction with the private school's annual May Day celebration.

The school, at 631 Clay St., is expected to grow by 25 pupils next year when it adds the eighth grade.

The school, which uses instructional methods conceived by Austrian scientist Rudolf Steiner in the early 1900s, now serves grades kindergarten through seventh.

For the past three years, two of its classes have been convening in leased space at Grace Point Nazarene Church.

The completion of the new buildings, funded largely by a capital campaign that raised \$615,000 in spring 2006 — consolidates the student body in one spot.

Each building consists of two classrooms with space for 25 pupils.

Students occupied the buildings the week of April 9.

The school's enrollment is flourishing in the primary grades, but the school is capped at 180 students.

Instruction focuses on nature, storytelling, physical exercise, art and music. Waldorf schools generally eschew standardized tests, preferring to allow pupils to develop at their natural pace.

Tuition is \$5,100 a year. The school dishes out about \$50,000 in financial aid each year.