



CTS Courses Popular at Conklin and Father R. Perin

The Grade 7, 8 and 9 students from Conklin Community School and Father R. Perin School in Janvier enjoy meeting every second Friday for various CTS courses. Classes include topics in Industrial Arts and Home Economics: learning to use wood shop machines, basic safety and making projects. Home Economics classes involve cooking, home management skills, health and safety and sewing.



Kandice Peddle shows Jordan Bone and Savannah Advy how to make Chinese stir-fry.



Brandon Cardinal works on his carpentry project.

Cross Country Alberta Holds Workshop at Conklin

Conklin students were treated to an outdoor cross country skiing workshop on January 21, 2010, sponsored by Statoil. Andrew Urton, from Ski Fit North Alberta, captured the enthusiasm of the children as he gave them a hands on workshop on the sport. All students participated and were caught up in the day's event.



Students Excel at Mathletics

Conklin Community School students excelled at Mathletics last week. Nine students earned a bronze certificate and two earned a silver certificate. Mathletics has become a huge part of the students' day both at school and home. We were especially pleased with Tiarra Tremblay and Hayley Quintal who both reached #1 in Canada. In the world they placed # 74 and # 93 on the same day. We congratulate them and encourage all students to sign in and have fun while learning math!



TRIBES Professional Development

Awiyak Kiskinohamakosi—Improving Student Learning

The TRIBES program is a community building process in which stakeholders engage in active learning pedagogy learned through authentic experience.

Building a Community for Learning

TRIBES basic training is geared to prepare teachers, administrators, and support staff to develop caring school and classroom environments. Through training, school staff will promote student development, motivation, and academic achievement. Basic training is a 24-hour workshop seminar.

School Participation

Within Northland School Division, AISI Cycle 4 project, all schools will participate in TRIBES training. Although

there are some schools that will be continuing community building initiatives such as Safe and Caring Schools and Lions Quest, it is hoped that elements of TRIBES programming will compliment or enhance school initiatives already in place. Each school will send one administrator, teacher, and support staff for training. Middle and larger schools will have the opportunity to have more participants.

"Through TRIBES training, schools reported significant decreases in student behavior problems, increases in student self-esteem and self-responsibility, and improvements in school climate. Schools also reported increase in teacher collegiality and parent involvement, improvement in

teacher-student relationships, and an increase in student motivation and improvement in academic learning."

Specialized Training Opportunities

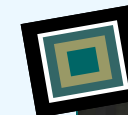
In the second and third year of AISI Cycle 4, there will be opportunities for additional training seminars:

- Discovering Gifts in Middle School
- Engaging All by Creating High School Learning Communities
- Artistry for Learning
- Collaboration: The Art Form of Leadership
- Implementing After School Tribes
- Training of District Trainers

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TRIBES Workshops



Safety Officer Joins Northland Staff

OH & S Reminder of the Month

Don't forget that everyone is involved in Occupational Health & Safety. Encourage participation and questions. Re-enforce the benefits for everyone that communication is the key. Speak up if you see something that looks unsafe. Be pro-active. Hazard assessments are a great way to do this!

Meaghan Sutherland moved to Peace River six years ago from Red Deer. She has most recently been working for the Town of Peace River for the Public Works Department. Part of this position was to coordinate and implement health and safety related items for the department and participate as an active member in the Joint Health & Safety & Risk Management Committees.



"I have always enjoyed helping others and my involvement in health and safety has given me the tools to further this ambition," admits Meaghan.

Meaghan looks forward to working with everyone and furthering her skills in Occupational Health and Safety in the education sector. She is thrilled to be part of such a welcoming team!

Mistassiniy School: Baby Think it Over Program

*Real Babies are:
Approx. 3.5 kg.
Anatomically correct
And make sounds that
have been recorded from
real infants*

The Baby Think It Over Program is in operation at Mistassiniy School. It provides students with a realistic infant-care experience using infant simulators. The RealCare Babies are programmed by a trained instructor who sets the 'Babies' at levels of difficulty ranging from normal to colic behavior. All infants are equipped with sensors which are designed to detect rough handling, improper support, neglect, and total cry time.

At random intervals, the baby will cry when he or she needs care. If the baby is crying to be fed, for example, the student will hold the baby in a normal feeding position, and simulate feeding with a bottle. Like real babies, feeding can be anywhere from 5 to 35 minutes.

Students are given the simulated babies over a period of a weekend to care for.

The parenting simulation is designed to assist young adults in understanding three important facts about infants:

- Demands are unpredictable and must be met properly
- Infants require a great deal of time and attention
- Infants change a parent's life profoundly

The appeal of this program is that young adults have the opportunity to explore the emotional, social, and financial consequences of parenthood in a safe and caring manner.



Mistassiniy students, caregivers of RealBabies, return to school from a night of "parenting" responsibility!

A McKay Minute Christmas Spirits Run High at Fort McKay

Once again "Giving" to the less fortunate was at the top of the list for the Fort McKay School in December. Fort McKay School's annual six week "food" and "sock drive" were again very successful this year! Students and staff brought in nonperishable food items for the food bank in Fort McMurray. Several baskets were filled and greatly appreciated by the Food Bank. Staff and students also brought in socks for the "sock drive," which were delivered to the "Center of Hope" for distribution to the homeless of Fort McMurray.



The Fort McKay School Choir sing "Lean on Me"

Fort McKay School also had a busy month raising money for the homeless shelter in Fort McMurray. Prizes were donated to the school by local businesses and staff. A "desirable," framed hockey jersey was donated which created a lot of interest in the raffle. The raffle raised \$3000.00 for the Center of Hope. The thank you letter from the Center noted how appreciative they were and that they couldn't believe the students' cared enough about them to do such a wonderful deed. This act of kindness touched their hearts at a time when they needed their "spirits uplifted."

This year's Christmas Concert theme was "Rock 'n Roll" Christmas. The students in the concert really took their parts seriously and played drums and homemade guitars. The classes were very creative and performed their own versions of traditional Christmas carol with a "rock n' roll," twist. They sang and danced with enthusiasm and entertained the crowd with spirit and vitality.

St. Theresa School Library Named After Late Teacher

The St. Theresa School Library will be named after a former teacher, Heather Hamilton, who passed away suddenly last year of a brain aneurysm. "She was a photographer too and well liked by students, says Vice-Principal, Edgar Bailey. She liked to read Robert Munsch books to her students so the school is fund-raising to buy the collection of Munsch's 42 books with Hamilton's name in them as a dedication. To date parents and staff have raised \$310 for the memorial effort.



During this past summer a number of brave young people, mostly lifeguards at Wabasca Water World, took the plunge at North Wabasca Lake to raise money for literacy. A total of twelve swimmers participated: Ashley Guild, Angie Rathbone, Jordan Weingarten, Travis Stretch, Devon Rathbone, Kelsey Rathbone, Stephanie Blakney, Wendy Zobot, Mathew Cardinal, Ross Zgierski, Rodney Zgierski and Carrie Nanimahoo.

The group endured the rough, cold water for three hours and raised a total of \$3605.00 for the library at St. Theresa School. The money came from individuals and businesses around Wabasca

who had sponsored the brave swimmers in their courageous undertaking.