



CONNECTIONS

Connecting to Your World

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ESL

ESL (English as a Second Language) class is held every **Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Call 727-3207 for more information.

Where is Spring?????

Are you getting tired of winter? It seems to have been an extraordinarily harsh winter this year. A lot of Red Lakers are darting off to warmer climates for a week or so, just to get a break. One good thing...there aren't any mosquitoes. It has been a good winter for the centre. It is nice and warm in here and our students are content to sit and learn. We have had a record month for lessons being turned in, 95 between Red Lake and Ear Falls. We have a few students that are just about ready for graduation, but even more exciting are the amount of people we have turned on to learning. They are getting pretty excited about the improvement in their reading skills and math skills and literacy skills in general. We have one student that is picking up a book just to read and is thrilled with his new skills. We have some students working on their resumes and cover letters. We have had mock interviews and these students are feeling much more confident about going out into the work force to apply for employment. We have also done some cooking, learning to eat healthier on a budget.

So when it is -30 and the wind is howling and it is not fit for man or beast outside, we are putting that time to good use. It is fun and interesting. Come join us. Call 727-3207 or drop by to 232 Howey Street. Coffee is on.

Literacy Myths

Myth: Canada's Low literacy levels are as high as they are due to increased immigration.

Fact: While a significantly higher proportion of immigrants have low literacy (60%, compared to 37% of native-born Canadians), and while immigration levels have increased over time, especially in certain urban areas, the overall percentage of Canadian adults with low literacy is 42%, a level that has effectively remained the same since 1994

A student, Neil Nummelin, in Ear Falls was asked for one of his lessons to write a news article based on a story they heard about discrimination. This one was about his grandpa.

Discrimination

A gas station clerk at the CaddyShack Gas n'Go located in Armstrong, ON, has spoken out about recent string of attacks nearby the gas station after a Native man by the name of Chris Ritch was allegedly attacked by two soldiers in the parking lot of the CaddyShack. The alleged attack took place on August 1st, 1955.

The clerk claims that the two soldiers were hanging out in his store when Mr. Ritch entered to purchase some milk. The clerk then heard one of the soldiers make a racial slur directed at Mr. Ritch, but he ignored them and made his purchase. At this point, the clerk claims the soldiers followed him out of the store and shoved him in the back, at which point Mr. Ritch turned around and defended himself by knocking both of the soldiers unconscious. Mr. Rich then fled the scene after some other soldiers nearby were spotted running towards the gas station. The clerk then told us that this was just one of the many assaults he witnessed by these two soldiers and that all the victims were of Native descent. None of the two soldiers, or the victims of these alleged assaults (including Mr. Ritch) were available to comment, but some of the local townspeople say that they have heard that some of the members of the local army base were discriminating against people of Native descent.

The gas station clerk told our reporter, " I was afraid to speak out about these assaults but I knew that one of these days these two men would meet up with a Ritch and get what's come to them."

Not much is known about what has happened to the two soldiers, as no Army Officials have disclosed any information on the subject, but local sources say that they have not been seen in the area and it is rumored that they have since been discharged and sent back to the U.S.

Recipe Corner

Baked Spaghetti Pie

1 lb ground beef

1 jar (26 ounces) pasta sauce

½ cup grated parmesan

2 eggs

1 cup heavy cream

1 cup 2% milk

½ tsp garlic salt

1½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat oven to 350, lightly coat a 9X13 baking dish. Brown ground beef 5-7 minutes. Add pasta sauce to meat and set aside. Place cooked spaghetti in baking dish and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. In small bowl whisk eggs and add cream, milk, garlic salt. Pour over noodles. Pour meat sauce over the top and sprinkle with mozzarella. Bake 45-50 min. until cheese browns and sauce bubbles. Let sit for 10 minutes and serve. Will serve 8

Person with Disabilities

- One in seven (3.4 million) Canadians aged 15 years and over has a disability (Literacy in Ontario)
- Approximately 50% of Canadian adults with disabilities experience literacy challenges. (Literacy in Ontario)
- 20% of adults with disabilities have less than a grade 9 education, as compared to 8.1% of adults without a disability who have less than a grade 9 education. (Literacy in Ontario)
- 50% of adults with disabilities have an annual income of less than \$15,000 (Literacy in Ontario)
- Persons with disabilities make up a disproportionate amount of the 48% of Canadian adults who function at the two lowest literacy levels. (Literacy in Ontario)

Dates to Remember

February 14th is Valentine's Day

February 17th is Family Day so the Centre is closed that day.

March 9th is when we turn our clocks ahead one hour to Daylight Savings Time

March 10-14 is March Break so the centre is closed that whole week.

Did you know?

- 11% of people are left handed
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain
- Most lipsticks contain fish scale
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries
- 8% of people have an extra rib

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- Lakeview Restaurant
- Red Lake Career and Employment Services
- Red Lake District Lions Club

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the upcoming 2014/15 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.

Literacy Myths

Myth: The school system should be able to address the issue of low literacy in adult Canadians.

Fact: Low literacy among adult Canadians should not be an issue for the school system to handle alone. Unfortunately, adults with low literacy are so challenged for a variety of personal reasons. To address the issue of low literacy in adult Canadians, there must be opportunities made available for adults in various circumstances to gain access to the literacy upgrades they require. It is therefore necessary for business, labour, government and schools to work together to achieve this goal.

Writing Corner

Winters First Snow

The winter winds are howling
There's a blizzard on the way
It's going to be our first big snow
I've been waiting for this day.

I feel like a child again
As I watch the swaying trees
They do the bidding of the wind
Our snow is on the way.

I listen to the howling wind
That now blows even higher
My world is safe and warm tonight
There is a blizzard on the way.

.... Joe Paishk
First Nation