



# CONNECTIONS

*Connecting to Your World*

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## Is Spring Coming?

Is spring on the way? We are all so anxious for that first sign of spring. We are all so eager to hear the water starting to drip. The days have started to get longer, we are no longer getting ready for school in the dark or eating supper in the dark. It seems to have been a long, cold winter with a lot of snow and now we are ready for the next season. March break is right around the corner and we at the Adult Learning Centre are ready. Students are needing a break from their studies and projects. We have done computer classes and the First Aid Course is finished. Our Coffee House was held on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and it was a success. Now we are heading for Easter weekend and our last semester of school for this year.

We are in the middle of the beading class with Lorraine Meekis. The students in that class are making some beautiful moccasins.

If you would like some information about classes or obtaining your grade 12 diploma, call us at 727-3207 or check out our website.

[www.redlakeadultlearning.org](http://www.redlakeadultlearning.org)

## Adults & Computers

Technology is moving very quickly and adults find it very hard to keep up. Those adults that never did get a chance to get started with computers are almost terrified. Our feelings of fear are unfounded. Actually, computers are easier to use now than they were 20 years ago. We just need to make a start.

Friday mornings from 9:00 am to NOON is designed just for you. You can come in anytime during those three hours and get your feet wet. We have an instructor, Gene Vallee, and he is fantastic and he loves to demonstrate how easy it is to get started. And it is FREE!!! He can help you with your digital camera or set you up with an email account. You don't need to make an appointment, nor are there any prerequisites, just a desire to learn.

Gene also does some training for small businesses. There is a fee for this service. We have room for nine people at a time in our computer lab. He can catch your company up in Excel, Microsoft Word or Simply Accounting.

Just give us a call at 727-3207 or drop in on Friday morning.



## PLAR – Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

### Helpful Hint:

Get in the habit of giving books or magazine subscriptions as birthday gifts or on other special occasions. Encourage reading as much as possible.

### Spring Basket Draw

Watch for our Spring Basket, it is full of goodies and tickets are still just \$1.00 each. Draw will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Trade Show.

### You're Closer Than You Think!

You could earn your Grade 12 Diploma in less than a year through PLAR – Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition.

PLAR is a process used to evaluate learning received outside the education system. With PLAR you can fast track your Grade 9 and 10 credits. Motivated students are able to complete Grades 9 and 10 within a 2 month time frame.

In addition, PLAR allows you to earn up to 10 equivalent credits from your work and life experience – get learning outside of school recognized for Grade 11 and 12 credits.

The PLAR Program is for you if..

- You are 18 years of age or older
- Have been out of high school for a year
- You didn't finish Grade 9 or 10

And, if you have a lot of work and life experience you can move ahead even faster.

## How It Works

In order to offer the fastest possible service, your course work, assessment documentation and other student data is transmitted electronically (scanned and emailed) from your local adult education site to Lakehead Adult Education Centre for marking and processing.

Information systems are in place between the two school boards to promote student-teacher interaction. Students can use a computer or the toll-free help line to access their subject teacher from the local classroom or at home.

At the time of registration, all students are assigned an email account to use if they are comfortable with this technology. Some course materials are also available in e-version and can be completed electronically.

For more information, please contact us at 727-3207



*Recipe Corner*

Lemon Garlic Pork Roast

3 to 3½ pound boneless pork loin roast

¾ tsp. lemon zest (grated lemon ring)

½ tsp salt

½ tsp ground cumin

¼ tsp pepper

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 cup chicken broth

Trim excess fat from pork. Stir rest of the ingredients except the chicken broth together well and rub evenly over the pork.

Place pork in small roasting pan or casserole and add broth to the pan. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes.

Turn pork over and bake for an additional 35 minutes or until a meat thermometer registers about 160° .

Serve, making pan juices into a gravy if desired.

This would make a lovely Easter dinner with mashed sweet potatoes and green beans.

10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COFFEE HOUSE

We held our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Coffee House on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It was very well attended and everyone seemed to really enjoy it. With over 20 performers and 300 guests, it warmed up a very chilly evening and provided a welcome break at the end of a long winter season. We had some wonderful sponsors and we appreciate them as they made it possible for us to offer this program to the public at no charge. Coffee was hot, dainties were delicious and the performers were fantastic. Joe Paishk did a fantastic job of Master of Ceremonies as always, keeping us entertained with stories between acts.



Because we are an Adult Learning Centre, we make it our aim each year to give adults a place to show their talents. As children there are many places for them to perform, but adults are sometimes forgotten and we have found that it is a good experience for a lot of adults to be able to get on a stage of their own. We have a lot of talent in our area and we strive to help out the adult group.

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## Sponsors for 2011/2012

"It is not how much you give or do, but how much you put into giving or doing." ...and we are very grateful for those people in our lives.

Here is a list of this year's Corporate Sponsors.

- Balmer Motor Hotel
- Contact North
- Dr. Matthew Walkiewicz
- Ear Falls Royal Canadian Legion
- Forever Green Gift Boutique
- Goldcorp – Red Lake Mine
- Hamel Accounting and Income Tax
- Harmony Centre for Community Living
- Keewatin Patricia District School Board
- Lakeview Restaurant
- New Starts for Women Inc.
- Oakview Builder's Inc.
- Red Lake Career & Employment Services
- Red Lake District Lions Club Inc.
- Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre
- Russel S. Smart, Barrister and Solicitor

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2010/11 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.

### Writing Corner

**Cold nights  
dark and frozen,  
surrender to the sun's  
caress by day  
until, little by little  
March persuades the  
rough-barked maple  
to yield its treasure.  
The tree's hard heart  
thaws drop by drop,  
melting into the patient  
barrel.  
embracing the steaming  
cauldron,  
the sweet sap bubbles  
passionately,  
without regret,  
until it is transformed  
To liquid gold.  
.....F. Charette**

## St. Patrick's Day in Canada

**St Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador on the nearest Monday to March 17 each year.**

**This event commemorates the life of St Patrick, a missionary who worked in Ireland and is said to have died on March 17 in the fifth century. He played an important role in converting the inhabitants of Ireland to Christianity. Now, his feast day is an opportunity to celebrate Irish culture.**

**Also, don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.**