



CONNECTIONS

Connecting to Your World

Here we are again!

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Well we are back! We're glad to be here in expectation of another great year. We have rested well over the beautiful summer that Red Lake enjoyed. We are ready for another year of learning and furthering the education of many individuals.

We have new hours this year. Our office is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The main classroom is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upgrading instruction and credit course facilitation remain our core focus. Drop by and see how we can assist in making your academic dreams a reality. English as a Second Language class will be offered on Monday evenings.

Check the "Upcoming Classes" section on the last page of this newsletter for a listing of our upcoming computer classes. You'll find Microsoft Excel and

Simply Accounting have time slots. We are hoping to squeeze in a digital photography class. We have ordered the new Microsoft Office 2010 and it should be installed in time. If you would like to see other Office offerings (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook) please give us a call and express your interest.

Back by popular demand is Celtic Whistle. A mere \$50 gives you 6 lessons and a whistle!

First Aid is a requirement for many employers. Call and reserve your spot before they are filled. We have three sessions planned with dates listed in the back section.

So you can see we have a pretty full year coming up. Hope you will be part of it.

See our website:

www.redlakeadultlearning.org



Family Literacy

Young children are heading off to school for the first time meeting new friends in their pre-school and Kindergarten classes. ABC Life Literacy Canada is working with Energizer Canada in the promotion of their new program, ***The Power of Reading***, launched during Life Literacy Month, September 2011.

The Power of Reading enables parents and children to work together to create personalized digital stories. The Power of Reading brings together today's digital technology with the simple pleasure of reading a story together. Inspiring a love for words and reading starts at an early age. This initiative brings parents and children together during story time in a new and creative way.

Parent, teachers and caregivers can log on to <http://promotions.energizer.ca/poerofreading> and access five fun stories to read with children anytime. For added fun, visitors can select from five one-of-a-kind story builders where they can then customize the story and share their new adventure with other friends and family online.

Visitors will also be able to download and print all the stories and colouring pages to enjoy later.

Learning together as a family is vital to a child's future success. Parents are a child's first teacher and by introducing reading at an early age, children can become more engaged and excited by the learning journey.

Writing Corner

Apple Season

Applesauce and apple jelly
Bubble in the pot.
Apple juice in icy mugs
Is ready when I'm hot.
There's apple pie with ice
cream,
A dessert that can't be beat,
And candied apples on a
stick,
Is anything more sweet?
Apple fritters in the morning,
Apple pancakes by the
stack,
Or rosy apples with some
cheese
To nibble for a snack.
And did I mention cider?
Apple muffins, crisps and
cake?
September's here, it's apple
time,
We've yummy treats to
make!

St. John's Standard First Aid

We will have three courses for St. John's Standard First Aid this year. This is a Level B – CPR Adult and Child. The courses will run from 8:00am to 4:00pm each day and they will be held on

October 15th & 16th

January 14th & 15th

March 31st & April 1st

The cost will be \$140.00 and your cheque, cash or money order will reserve you seat. Fees must be paid 2 weeks prior to course start date.

Precision Reading

We will be hosting a new and exciting program this year. We have received funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to implement Precision Reading. Precision Reading is a new, inexpensive, short, daily, research-based reading activity that quickly improves students' abilities in reading automaticity, word recognition and comprehension and passage comprehension.

Precision Reading was developed by Dr. Rick Freeze, Professor of Inclusive Special Education at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Education, in collaboration with inclusive special educators and classroom teachers. The method has proven effective for reluctant readers, low achievers, at-risk students, non-readers, and students with attention, learning, and intellectual disabilities.

The Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre would like to assist their students in achieving their academic goals. With the financial assistance of the Trillium Foundation we have hired Gene to assist our learners with their education in making reading more enjoyable and as such promote reading within their homes and to their children.

There are ten components to Precision Reading.

- A student profile to assess who needs Precision Reading and to track student progress over time.
- Three levels of reformatting to adapt classroom reading materials without sacrificing vocabulary, content, or relevance to classroom instruction and the curriculum.
- A core reading strategy, used at every daily session to build reading fluency.
- A word practice procedure to build a large sight word vocabulary through a visual memory strategy.
- A choice of three retelling comprehension strategies to teach and support students with reading comprehension and information retention problems.
- A variety of support strategies to engage students to expand their sight vocabularies and read passages fluently with comprehension.
- Graphing of daily progress.
- A system of long term record keeping monitoring progress and contributing to student evaluation.
- Achievement reinforcement to initiate, maintain, and enhance positive attitude, commitment, and engagement.

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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
- Gillon's Insurance Brokers (Red Lake) Ltd.
- 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

Upcoming Classes

Sept. 19th - ESL Classes - English as a Second Language, Monday 5 to 7pm
No Cost

Sept. 21st - Computer Class - 1:00 to 3:00pm
No Cost

Sept. 21 - Celtic Whistle Classes - Time 5:00 to 7:00pm runs for six weeks
Cost: \$50.00 includes Celtic Whistle

Sept. 26th and 27th - Let's Can It - 2 Options, either at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm
Cost: \$40.00

Sept. 29th - Excel Level I - 5:00 to 7:00pm for 5 weeks
Cost: \$50.00 and \$40.00 for manual (optional)

Nov. 2nd - Simply Accounting - 5:00 to 7:00 pm for 5 weeks
Cost: \$50.00 and \$40.00 for book (optional)

Nov. 3rd - Excel Level II - 5:00 to 7:00pm for 6 weeks
Cost: \$60.00 and \$40.00 for manual (optional)

