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Springing into a new year!

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2009 is off to a great start here at the centre. As you can see, we have our new logo design and are excited to have a new website as well. Check it out at

www.redlakeadultlearning.org

Watch for more changes over the summer as our building is in for some renovations. The Ontario Trillium Foundation has generously provided funding to us for these renovations. We are hoping to improve energy efficiency with new windows, insulation and siding. The renovations will also include a

ramp into the building and an automatic door to increase the accessibility of our building to the public. There will also be some updating to the interior at the same time.

2009 also marks our 20th anniversary of incorporation. On October 21, 2009 we will be hosting a Grand Re-Opening to celebrate our anniversary and to show off our completed renovations. More details about this event will be available later on this year.

Academic & Career Entrance (ACE) Certificate

In an effort to continue to expand our services, we have recently begun the ACE program in both our Red Lake and Ear Falls offices. This program is geared for those learners who would like to continue with college or university studies or an apprenticeship program in Ontario, but need their high school equivalency for entry requirements.

We have also adjusted our hours to suit the schedule of those who may work during the day. The ACE instructor is available in Red Lake from Monday to Thursday from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

If you are interested in registering for this program or would like more information, please contact us at 727-3207 or 222-2413.

Family Literacy Day - World Record Attempt



Students at Golden Learning Centre participating in the World Record Attempt on January 23

You make the world a better place by making yourself a better person.

-Scott Sorrell

On January 23 2009 students in the Red Lake area had the opportunity to do something astonishing - attempt to break a work record!

In 1999, ABC Canada and Honda Canada created Family Literacy Day to promote the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Each year on January 27, families from across the country participate in literacy activities and events to celebrate Family Literacy Day. This year in celebration of Family Literacy Day, ABC Canada organized a nationwide event to attempt to break the Guinness World Record™ for "Most Children Reading With an Adult, Multiple Locations."

(The record is currently held by the United States with 78,791 participants, set in 2006.)

Diane Bennett, AHBHC Coordinator at the Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre, and Brenna Hochstetler, Special Projects Coordinator at the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre, came upon this wonderful opportunity to promote literacy and they decided to plan and host a World Record Attempt event. On January 23, 2009, 512 students and teachers from Golden Learning Centre, Red Lake Madsen Public

School, St. John's Catholic School, and Ear Falls Public School joined thousands of other students nationwide to attempt to break this record. Students listened to their teachers read five books by the acclaimed children's author, Robert Munsch. The five books were read, in order, from the *Munschworks 2* collection; *Pigs; Mortimer; Purple, Green and Yellow; Murmel, Murmel, Murmel;* and *Something Good*. Officers from the Red Lake and Ear Falls OPP detachments attended to act as witnesses for the event.

Witness statements and registration forms have been sent to ABC Canada, who will send the final copies on to Guinness World Records™ for their approval and final count. Official results will be published later on this year.

For more details about this event or to get the final World Record Attempt results, go to the Family Literacy Day website at

www.familyliteracyday.ca

(As of February 24, 2009, over 104,000 participants had been documented and counted. Check the website to see if that number has grown!)

Recipe Corner

Ham Jambalaya

Serves about 8

2-1/2 cups water

2 cups sliced celery

2 cups cubed fully cooked ham

1 can(14 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 cup uncooked long grain rice

¾ cup chopped onion

2 tablespoons butter

½ teaspoon dried parsley flakes

½ teaspoon dried thyme

½ teaspoon minced garlic

¼ teaspoon pepper

2 Bay leaves

In a Dutch oven or large stock pot, combine all ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until rice and vegetables are tender. Remove bay leaves before serving.

Ear Falls News

Ear Falls is also running the A.C.E. program. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Robinson at 222-2413 or by email eflearn@northone.ca .

Evening hours are also available on an “as-needed” basis. If you are interested, please let Kathy or Mary know.

Don't Forget!!!

Daylight savings time begins at 2am on March 8. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

First Aid Course

We will be offering a St John's Ambulance First Aid Course on March 21-22 from 8am - 4pm. Cost is \$120 per person. If you would like to register, please contact our Red Lake office at 727-3207.

March Break

The days are getting longer and spring is quickly approaching. March Break will be from March 16 - March 20. There will not be classes during this week, but we will be open for administrative purposes and for the ACE program from March 16 - March 19.

Have a wonderful week!



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"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.

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- Royal Canadian Legion
– Ear Falls
- Royal Canadian Legion
– Red Lake
- Stems 'n Such

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2009/10 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.

Our Learners

From time to time, we like to bring attention to the achievements of our learners. Recently, Martha Kakekagumick, a learner at the centre for 1½ years, participated in a film about prescription drug use and the native community. In this film, she describes how she began using drugs, her decision to stop using and get help, and the thoughts and feelings that came along with her choices in the past and present. This film has brought with it the opportunity for Martha to do some traveling in the region, including sharing her story at the Chiefs meeting in Thunder Bay earlier this year. She has plans to do some more traveling in the near future, including a proposed trip to Round Lake. Martha attends the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre whenever she is not travelling and is working towards obtaining her high school diploma.

If you would like to watch Martha's film, please go to

<http://media.knet.ca>

and watch *Answering the Call for help: Martha's Story*