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Changes at the Centre

There have been some big changes at the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre! After 14 years of dedication to Literacy Rosalie Notter has chosen to retire. Staff and students will miss her at the Centre but wish her all the best as she enjoys her retirement. Rosalie has always been committed to the Adult Learning Centre and the success of the many students that have come through the door. A celebration of her 14 years of service took place at the centre on April 10th. A big thank you to all those that attended, wished her well and made the day a special one.

We would like to welcome Emily Bates to our staff, as she will be the new Administrative Assistant. She will be here to welcome you and assist you in any way she can.

Where is Spring??

Spring seems to be very slow coming this year. The snow is almost gone but the ice is still on the lake. There are some buds on the trees and those who have bulbs planted may see some small green sprouts starting. Spring is coming!

Graduation

With Graduation just around the corner, students are very busy trying to get lessons done. Hard work and dedication is paying off. Graduation is scheduled for June 17th, 2014 at 1:00p.m. in Kenora.

Spring Basket

The draw for our Spring Basket was drawn on April 16, 2014.

The winner of the Spring basket is Lucy Cianci and the ticket number was 040. Congratulations Lucy! Thank you to all who bought tickets in support of the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre.

Thank you to the Lakeview Restaurant for hosting the basket and selling tickets!

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.

Choose Achievement

The ability to achieve is part of your very nature. It's an ability you can tap into by the way you live your life.

If you're vague about what you intend to do, the results you get will be of minimal value at best. When, on the other hand, you are clear and specific about your goals, you will be able to work your way to stunningly magnificent achievements.

If you set your sights too low, your goals will fail to ignite your passion and you'll quickly lose interest in reaching them. Instead, follow the very best and most meaningful and compelling dreams you can imagine, and they will pull you powerfully forward.

When you expect to something for nothing, you can expect to be disappointed every time. Yet when you seek to give the best you have, then you will end up reaching the best you can imagine.

When your thoughts and actions are scattered, you will find your efforts getting nowhere. Discipline yourself to focus all your energy in a consistent direction, and there's no limit to how far you can go.

Do you wish to choose achievement? Then choose to be clear, passionate, respectful, productive and focused, and the achievement will surely come.

--Ralph Marston

Recipe Corner

Baked Teriyaki Chicken

1 tbsp cornstarch
1 tbsp cold water
½ cup white sugar
½ cup soy sauce
¼ cup cider vinegar
1 clove garlic, minced
½ tsp ground ginger
¼ tsp black pepper
12 skinless chicken thighs

In a small saucepan over low heat, combine the cornstarch, cold water, sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, ginger and black pepper. Let simmer, stirring until sauce thickens and bubbles.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Place chicken pieces in a greased 9x13 baking dish. Brush chicken with the sauce. Turn pieces over and brush again.

Bake for 30 minutes Turn pieces over, and bake for another 30 minutes, until no longer pink and juices run clear. Brush with sauce every 10 minutes during cooking.

The History of the English Language: Part Two

How Shakespeare and Science influenced the language.

Modern English owes a great deal to its most celebrated writer of all time, William Shakespeare, who lived between 1564 and 1616. It is during his lifetime that the language developed into Modern English.

William Shakespeare invented over 2000 words and expressions that are still in use today. Some of the simpler words Shakespeare invented were “eyeball”, “puppy”, and “anchovy”. He also devised more complicated words, such as “dauntless” (meaning fearless), “besmirch” (which means to stain or make dirty), and “lackluster” (meaning something uninspiring or not impressive).

Unfortunately, many students of the English language are intimidated by Shakespeare’s writing, and find it very difficult to understand. But there are several reasons why English literature professors remain so amazed by Shakespeare’s writing. For example let’s take a look at a verse from one of Shakespeare’s most famous plays, Romeo and Juliet:

But soft! What light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun.

In this verse, as Juliet appears in a window, Romeo compares her beauty to the soft light of the morning sunrise. But even more amazingly, every single word of the play is written to follow a specific rhythm or pattern that scholars call “iambic pentameter.” To show the rhythm, we’ll divide the verse into syllables:

But / Soft! / What / light / through / yon / der / win / dow / breaks? / It / is / the / east, / and / Ju / liet / is the / sun.

Now, read and stress every second syllable, until we get to the end of each line, then start again. You will find that there are exactly five stressed syllables in every single line of the play. The combination of artistic and technical perfection is the reason why, nearly 400 years after his death, he is still considered the greatest writer in the history of the English language.

And lastly, Scientific discoveries required new words to be invented into English. In 1660 the Royal Society was established in England as a place where scientists could meet and share knowledge of the latest discoveries being made. These meetings were conducted in Latin, but since members of the Royal Society were all from England, they soon decided it simply made their lives easier to hold their meetings in English.

Scientists at the time were making discoveries faster than they could name them, and many new scientific words were introduced such as “acid”, “electricity”, “gravity”, and “pendulum”. Medical science was also advancing, and new words were needed to describe parts of the human body, “tonsil”, “ovary”, and “sternum” are some examples.

Over the next two centuries, English would gradually replace Latin as the international language of science.

Watch next month for Part 3 English Language evolves during the period of British colonial expansion, the Industrial Revolution, and the rise of the United States as a world power.

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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