



# CONNECTIONS

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## Winter is Here!

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Winter is here, the days are getting very short and the temperature is dropping. It is so nice to stay in at night and read a good book. A lot of our students are busy in their books. They are into the middle of their courses and heading for exams soon. It has been a busy year and it is nice to have all classrooms full and activity going on everywhere.

Our regular students have been working diligently on course work, but they have also been doing a computer course on Friday mornings. They are having a lot of fun with that. Other people from the community have been joining them and it is a very relaxed course.

They are also doing some fantastic things in the kitchen. The smell of apple

and cinnamon have been wafting through the office every once in awhile. Cooking on a budget is a good thing for all of us to learn. Making healthy choices is a learning experience too.

We celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October. We had some guests in and took great pride in showing off our newly renovated building. Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding the renovations.

We have recently completed a first aid course. Currently running is a Simply Accounting course, an Excel course and a Word course.

For more information, feel free to contact us at 727-3207, drop by or visit our web page at [www.redlakeadultlearning.org](http://www.redlakeadultlearning.org)

## A New Face at the Centre

We have a new smiling face at the Centre some days. Eugene Vallee has joined our staff and we are so happy to have him. He teaches our computer classes on Friday morning, every week. If you are interested in learning about computers, be it turning it on, to typing, learning the internet or emailing. Most things are in Eugene's scope of expertise and he is willing to

share his knowledge. There is no charge for this class offered every Friday from 9:00am to noon.

He has also been teaching Excel and Word 2007 in the evening. This round of courses are coming to a conclusion, but are probably going to be doing a second batch of classes in the new year.

If you are interested in anything to do with computers, call us @ 727-3207.

## Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

...Antole France (1884-1924) French writer

If you can read this, thank a teacher.

...Anonymous

October 21, 2009 was the day we celebrated being incorporated in the Red Lake District for 20 years. We originated in the 1970's as an "English as a Second Language" program in the Red Lake Public School. We soon became the Red Lake Adult English Centre in 1989, when we purchased the building that we are now in.

Many changes have taken place, but we are still the place to go for Adult Education in Red Lake. Basic Skills and Literacy is still our main concern, but we have branched out to help adults obtain their grade 12 diploma by partnering with KPDSB. We have developed computer programs to meet the ever increasing demand in that field. We get a lot of use from our computer lab downstairs. We have an office in Ear Falls as well to assist that community. They provide the same array of services.

Celebrating our 20 years also gave us a chance to show off our newly renovated building. We had construction going on all summer long making our building more energy efficient. Those renovations were made possible by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

New windows and siding will no doubt make the building a little easier to heat. The new flooring, new carpet and fresh paint makes it a much more enjoyable environment. We are very pleased with the out come.

Our celebration brought Howard Hampton, MPP for the Kenora-Rainy River constituency, Red Lake Mayor, Phil Vinet, co-founder of the Red Lake Adult English Education Committee, Audrey Anderson, and Executive Director for Literacy Northwest, Annemarie Wesolowski to our podium for a few words of congratulations.

Following the ribbon cutting and cake cutting ceremony, with refreshments in hand, we all spent some time reminiscing and checking out old albums.

We hope that you will come and visit us to see the new building for yourself. Check and see if there is something that you would be interested in.



## Recipe Corner

### Creamy Cauliflower Soup

Serves about 8

1 tbsp Olive oil

1 Cup Onion, chopped

½ Cup Celery, chopped

3 Cloves garlic minced

1 Cup Carrot chopped

2 Cup Potato chopped

2 Cup Cauliflower, chopped

4 Cups Chicken stock

¼ tsp. Dill

¼ tsp Dry mustard

¼ tsp Black pepper

1 ½ Cup grated cheese

1 Can Evaporated milk

Salt to taste

In a large stock pot, sauté onion, garlic, celery, and carrots until tender. Add water or stock and potato cubes, and cauliflower. Bring to a boil and simmer 20 min. Add seasonings, except salt. Add milk and heat to a slow simmer. Now, add cheese and stir in until melted. Now salt to taste and serve.

## Ear Falls News

Our Ear Falls office is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with an instructor present at all these times. You can find us at 14 Spruce Street, Ear Falls. Our phone number is 222-2413 and our email address is [eflearn@northone.ca](mailto:eflearn@northone.ca)

## Online Workshops

***Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre is currently hosting online workshops.***

**Idioms and Common Sayings** – Exploring the meanings of common sayings and their uses in everyday life.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 & 25 1:30 – 3:30

**Facebook** – you've heard about it, come see what it could mean for you.

Intro – Thursday, Nov 26 1:30 – 3:30pm

Advanced – Monday, Nov 30 1:30 -3:30 pm

**Stretching Your Dollar** – Budgeting

Tuesday, Dec 08 9:30 – 11:30 am

**Being a Smart Consumer** – How to use a flier and classified ads

Thursday, Dec 10 9:30 – 11:30 am

**Understanding Credit** – the good and bad of credit cards

Tuesday, Dec 15 9:30 - 11:30

**Internet Banking** – an overview and to stay protected

Thursday, Dec 17 9:30 – 11:30 am

**These workshops are free, but you must register two days before.**

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## Sponsors for 2009/10

"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.

- Copperfin Credit Union
- Ear Falls Lions Club
- Goldcorp –  
Red Lake Gold Mines
- Hotel 105 Bar & Grill
- Lundy Foods
- Red Lake Career &  
Employment Services
- Royal Canadian Legion  
– Red Lake
- Red Lake Lions Club
- Red Lake Marine Products
- Sobeys-Red Lake

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.

## Christmas is Coming!

### Christmas Basket:

Again this year we have put together a big basket of goodies for our draw on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the Centre at 232 Howey Street. This basket is worth \$300.00 but your ticket will only cost you \$1.00 each. Tickets cannot be purchased by, for or on behalf of persons under the age of 18 years. Tickets can be obtained from the Centre or from any of the staff members.

The Centre will be closed for the Christmas Break from December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

We would like to take this time to wish our sponsors, board members and students a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years. We would also like to thank Orville Gentes, and the Haneys for going the extra mile for us and wish them a great holiday. Drive safe and have a good Christmas break. See you in 2010.