



CONNECTIONS

Connecting to Your World

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Schools In!

It is September already and we have unlocked the doors and dusted off the blackboard. We are ready to go. We have quite a few returning students as well as new ones; all are eager to get going on this year's goals.

Our primary purpose is Literacy. We want every person in Red Lake and area to be able to read and write at a higher level. Then after that, we would like them all to graduate Grade 12 and we can help you with that too.

We also like to help you master those computer obstacles and we also enjoy interest courses, jam making, iPad courses, journaling and just about anything that peaks your interest.

Drop by sometime to 232 Howey Street and visit and check us out.

Liane Ross-Buckler

We would like to welcome Liane Ross-Buckler to the Ear Falls office. She is the new instructor for the Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre. Liane received her education in a University in southern Ontario. She then taught Kindergarten, her first job there. She returned home and taught at the Northern Eagle High School in its final 2 years. She is an artist doing both portrait and landscapes, enjoys golf, gardening, cross country skiing and music. You may have seen her performing at Theatre 105 or The Trout Forest Music Festival. We are very fortunate to have Liane as part of our team. The office hours at the Adult Learning Centre in Ear Falls are Monday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. so do drop in and say hello and make her feel welcome.

ESL

We are starting up ESL class again. (English as a Second Language) It will be held every Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. starting September 23, 2013. Call 727-3207 for more information.

Jam Making

Here are a couple of our students receiving instructions on how to make blueberry jam. Gabriela Jimenez and Joe Paishk are bottling up the succulent jam, made from blueberries picked right here in the Red Lake area. Preserving is becoming a welcome art in the home again and we are having to re-learn just how it is done.



Graduation in Dryden in June

We had a beautiful graduation ceremony in Dryden this past June. There were 44 Graduates from the Northwestern Ontario area; 3 of them coming from Red Lake. The Partnership between Keewatin Patricia District School Board and the Seven Generations Education Institute seems to have had a very successful year. The students were drummed into the auditorium by Saagichiwe Daweigan. A very heart warming ceremony followed with speeches from the Valedictorian and several award winners. A beautiful lunch followed with cake cutting. It was an inspirational afternoon conveying the message that Education changes lives.

Recipe Corner

Blueberry Jam

4 cups prepared fruit (about 1½ quarts fully ripe blueberries)

2 tbsp. lemon juice

1 box powdered fruit pectin

5 cups of sugar

First, prepare the fruit. Crush completely about 1½ quarts of fully ripe blueberries. Measure 4 cups into a very large saucepan. Add lemon juice.

Then make the jam. Add powdered pectin to fruit in saucepan and mix well. Bring to a hard boil over high heat, stirring constantly. At once stir in sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and skim off foam with metal spoon. Then alternately stir and skim for 5 minutes to cool slightly and to prevent floating fruit. Ladle quickly into glasses. Cover with paraffin.

Poverty

As stated in last month's newsletter, here are more facts and figures concerning the essential skills in the area of

Poverty

- According to Statistics Canada, people from impoverished families, people who have been unemployed for a long time, seniors, Aboriginal people, prisoners, people with disabilities and racial and cultural minorities all have lower rates of literacy and higher rates of poverty. They have fewer choices in jobs, education and housing. (Statistics Canada)
- In Canada, relative poverty rates are highest among single parents and even more pronounced among non-working single parents. Across the OECD, non-employed families are the most economically disadvantaged, which means job creations strategies are an integral part of tackling poverty (Conference Board of Canada)
- Adults who score at levels 1 and 2 on the numeracy scale are more likely to obtain social assistance payments from the state. Sixty-five percent of social assistance recipients have low literacy skills. (Literacy in Ontario)
- Adults living in low-income households receive less job-related training and education and engage less frequently in activities (both on the job and in the home) that favour the development of literacy abilities. (Literacy in Ontario)
- Many barriers keep low-income adults out of literacy and job training programs. Only a small fraction (estimated at 5-10%) of eligible adults have ever enrolled in a literacy or upgrading program and among those who do enroll, drop out rates are of support for child care, transportation, and attendant care for disabled persons, long working hours, family needs, poor health, discouragement and lack of confidence – not to mention programs that just don't fit their needs. Also, poorer adults don't have the literacy skills they need to get into job training programs.

Watch next month for facts and figures on the impact of literacy on Justice.

Sponsors for 2013/2014

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

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- Dr. Matthew Walkiewicz
- Forever Green Gift Boutique
- Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- Harmony Centre
- Lakeview Restaurant
- Red Lake Lions Club
- Red Lake Career and Employment Services

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2013/14 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.

Important Dates

October 14th—Thanksgiving Monday

October 16th—Bosses Day

October 31st—Hallowe'en

November 1—All Saints Day

November 3rd—Daylights Saving Time Ends

November 11th—Remembrance Day

Did you know.....

Literacy and Children

As the education level of adults improves, so does their children's success in school. Helping low-literate adults improve their basic skills has a direct and measurable impact on both the education and quality of life of their children.

Writing Corner

September Poem

The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
The air is full
Of smells to feel-----
Ripe fruit, old footballs,
burning brush,
new books, erasers,
chalk, and such.
The bee, his hive
well-honeyed, hums,
and Mother cuts
chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean
with suds, the days
Aare polished with
a morning haze.

----John Updike