



# CONNECTIONS

*Connecting to Your World*

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## Welcome Back!

We are back and ready for another fun and exciting year of learning! We have welcomed back returning students as well as new ones. We have several students working on various courses and learning a variety of skills. It is never too late to register. Our office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the classroom is open from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m. You can come in any time to register or see what we offer. We are also open to suggestions if there is something you want to learn.

If you are interested in English as a second language you are welcome to join the ESL class on Monday evenings. You can call 727-3207 for more information.



## 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.

## Literacy Myths

**Myth:** There are millions of illiterate people in Canada.

**Fact:** There are very few people who are "illiterate", meaning that they cannot read at all. There are about nine million Canadian adults age 16-65 who are challenged by low literacy. However, most can read to some degree. These individuals simply need additional tutoring to raise their literacy skills to a level where they can engage fully and confidently in regular work and life activities.

## Graduation 2014

The 2014 Adult Education Graduation started with a pipe ceremony and drumming by Brian Smith and Saagichiwe as the graduates marched into a full gymnasium. A welcome address was given by Delbert Horton, CEO of Seven Generations Education Institute followed by greetings from Sean Monteith, Director of Education KPDSB. The awards ceremony began with welcoming the Adult Education Teachers and representatives coming forward to accept awards for students that were unable to attend. The Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre accepted the Student Recognition Award for a well deserving student from our class of 2014. The Student Success Award went to a student in Kenora. This student actually started his journey with us here in Red Lake. We are very proud of these students' success and accomplishments. There were 41 Adult Education graduates in Northwestern Ontario. Three of those were local graduates from Red Lake. This year's Valedictorian was a student of Dryden who gave a very moving speech about the obstacles and trials she faced. She talked about how she pressed on with the support of her dedicated teachers, family and friends. She spoke inspirational words to show us that we can set a goal and work hard and with determination, we can reach those goals.



### Recipe Corner

#### Slow-Cooker Chicken Tortilla Soup

##### Ingredients:

- 1 pound shredded cooked chicken
- 1 can stewed tomatoes
- 1 (10 ounce) can enchilada sauce
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chili peppers
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups water
- 1- 14.5 ounce chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen corn
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 7 corn tortillas
- Vegetable oil

##### Directions:

Place chicken, tomatoes, enchilada sauce, onion, green chillis and garlic in slow cooker. Pour in water, chicken broth and season spices listed in ingredients. Stir in corn and cilantro. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours in crockpot. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Brush both sides of tortilla with oil. Cut into strips and spread on baking sheet. Bake till crisp (about 10-15 minutes) To serve, sprinkle tortilla strips over soup.

Enjoy!



## Sponsors for 2014/15

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

- **Gillons' Insurance Brokers Ltd.**
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- **Lakeview Restaurant**
- **New Starts for Women**
- **Red Lake Career and Employment Services**
- **Red Lake District Lions Club**
- **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 238 – Ear Falls**
- **Rubicon Minerals Corporation**

**Thank you for your support**

### Literacy Myths

**Myth:** You can either read or you can't read.

**Fact:** Having low literacy does not mean that you "can't read". Reading comprehension is not like an 'on-off' light switch. The vast majority of people with literacy issues can read to a certain degree, but not at a literacy level required for full engagement at work, at home and in the community

### Quotes and Facts

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

Jacqueline Kennedy

*"To teach is to learn twice."*

*Joseph Joubert*

#### Adult literacy fact

**Adults who engage more often in literacy and numeracy-related activities have greater proficiency in literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving skills, even after accounting for educational attainment.**