

Lutsel K'e Dene School Newsletter January 2010



CAMMY BOUCHER shows off the beautiful purse she made in Aboriginal Language class. The project for the Gr. 7,8,9 class started in December. Purses are made using hide, stroud and various decorations of choice.

WELCOME Back. Term 2 ends on January 25th and students should make sure they have all their assignments done in the next two weeks to ensure they have some good work for teachers to assess. Parent Teacher Interviews will be happening on January 29th Friday afternoon—make sure you book an appointment!

We are having the Take a Kid Trapping Program again this year—we will be arranging for students to go out on the land for a few days at a time to trap for rabbits, martens etc.

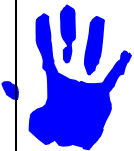
We got some funding for a “Calcium Program” that will be a great addition to our Breakfast Program. We will be posting soon for a co-ordinator to assist with the Breakfast program and help organize a Nutrition Fair in March for the Community!

JANUARY Calendar

Literacy Night January 27

7 pm School Gym

Lots of Family fun!!! Everyone welcome!



ARCTIC WINTER GAMES Regional Trials

January 22-24th, 2010

Students will be going out to Yellowknife January 22—24th to try out for the NWT Regional teams for the Arctic Winter Games. The games will be in Grande Prairie in February. We have students trying out for the NWT teams in hockey, volleyball, basketball, badminton and soccer, Dene Games—wish them good luck!

TRAPPING Program

Trips will begin in January with James Lockhart, Tommy Lockhart. We are looking for several community members who trap who would be interested in helping the students in this program. Call the school or drop in!

PARENT-TEACHER 3-way Conference

January 29th 1—6 pm

The school will be calling to book you appointment or call and book a convenient time for you. We will be having a draw for a big box of groceries—every parent who attends will go into the draw!

SKI NORTH WORKSHOP

Weekend of January 15th—17th, 2010

All students and community members who are interested in cross country skiing are invited to attend. Ski North is looking to train several community people to coach the young people for competitions. If you are interested drop by the school or call—or show up at the workshop. Posters will go up later this week when we have the times.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2009

The concert was a huge success and all the staff and students worked really hard to practice the songs and dances and plays for the concert. We thank again Bernice and Paul for cooking the main meal and the trimmings; and Berna Catholique for taking care of fresh buns, bannock, cake and pies. All the students were dressed up and great performers!



We are very proud of our High School students who show great confidence, leadership and excellent public speaking skills when they take on the role of MC for the Concert. Congratulations! And of course all the students love it when SANTA comes!!!



WATCH for RECYCLING CENTRE START!
Save your cans—drop off at the school or wait for pickup. Cans for money or donate your cans and bottles to the school for fundraising!!

Message to Parents!

We are back again—for another NEW YEAR! This is the time to start fresh, commit our lives to things we feel are important. We would like to ask you all to think about your child's education and how important it is in today's world. Students need to know their aboriginal language and values, they need to learn about the land, the water, the animals and how to survive in the traditional way. They also need to know how to read, write and speak English, have good math skills, learn science, geology, history.... to get a good job to support their family, to have the skills they need to be able to defend the land, to negotiate and work with the wider world.

Your child needs to attend school regularly—if they don't they will fall behind. If they have poor attendance or are late every morning after just two or three years of school your child can fall a year or two behind if they are not in class to learn! IF a child gets proper sleep at night and a good breakfast they are naturally more awake and ready to learn in the MORNING! What do you want for your child this year????

PLEASE

1. Take some quiet time to sit and read with your child.
2. Make sure they got lots of sleep and healthy food.
3. Spend lots of time outside in the fresh air playing —go sledding, skidooing, hiking, looking at animal tracks, bake cookies, make crafts, take pictures, paint, sing, play guitar....
4. English language and math are taught in the **MORNING**. If your child misses school every morning they are missing the most important part of the day and will fall behind in their reading very quickly!!
5. Playing violent video games or watching too much TV interferes with a child's learning anytime—not just before bed.
6. Make sure your child gets to school on time every day!
7. Help them feel LOVED!



Troy Marlowe's Message to Chief and Council!



Above left: Troy with Kyle Enzoe, Christy and the High School class last spring on a field trip to the mini-hydro site outside Lutsel K'e. Troy standing in front of the falls on the Snowdrift River. Below is Troy's letter to the Board and the hearing into the Taltson Hydro expansion project which will see hydro lines going across the Lockhart River above the Lady of the Falls.

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Chief Steven Nitah
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Dear Chief Nitah:

If the mines are only going to be 20 years before they shut down then why are they making the power lines if its only 20 years? I don't like the idea of power lines on the East Arm because it disturbs the Lady of the Falls. Meaning that it is supposed to be quiet for people to pray and respect the land.

Sincerely

Troy Marlowe