

September 11, 2009

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Thanks for coming!

... to everyone who braved Tuesday's lousy weather and joined us for Meet the Teacher night – there was lots of action in every classroom, and we sent home lots of books from the Free Book table (below, left). It was great to see so many of you here!



Diversity of Life

This morning Ms. Tweedie's **6T** class went out for a special science walk with community birding expert **Mr. Gary Vizniowski** (above, right). On the way out along the river the emphasis was on wildlife; on the way back students concentrated on plants and fungi.

Cadets begin Monday

The Hay River Army Cadet Corps will hold their first meeting of the year on Monday, September 14, from 7-9 p.m. upstairs at the Legion. The Cadet Program is open to youth aged 12 to 18, and has helped to prepare over 800 Hay River youth for adulthood since 1971. Cadets provides youth with opportunities such as: air rifle marksmanship; drill training, competition and parade; navigation and orienteering games; cold weather field training exercises; summer camp experiences; and travel opportunities. Girls and boys are encouraged to enroll as soon as they turn 12 years old. Adult volunteers are also welcome. More information is available in the school office.

It's Elks Soccer Time!

The Elks Soccer Tournament is next weekend. Our Predators will be in action Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 18-20. Come on out and support our teams!

→ *Players, please make sure you bring the \$15 registration fee with you on Monday.*

...over, please

Exploratories Start Next Friday

Our signature Exploratories begin next Friday afternoon. Activities offered during this first of four sets include Mancala; Geocaching; Bowling; Geography Challenge (part one); Handbells for Beginners; Art Explosion; Library Cruise; Soccer; It's All About Berries; Yoga; Japanese 101; P.A. Green Team (recycling); Sports Galore; DS/PS2 Bonanza; Bush Tucker 101; and Behind the Scenes at Super A. Exploratories are a great way for students to take advantage of challenging enrichment opportunities to try something new, or pursue a special interest.

Looking Ahead: Cross-Country is Coming Up!

The NWT Championships will be held on Friday, October 2, at Chief Jimmy Bruneau School in Behchoko (Edzo side). Further information for our runners will be available soon.

Digital PA Letters

This year we will be sending the *PA Letter* out in digital form to every family for whom we have an e-mail address (though it may take a while to get them all entered). The digital version has two advantages over paper: photos look much better, and parents are spared having to excavate the depths of student backpacks to get the latest news. If you would like to be included on the distribution list, just e-mail to gberger@ssdec.nt.ca and we'll be glad to add your e-ddress. If you should miss one, back issues are also online at http://www.ssdec.nt.ca/pa/PA_news.htm.

DEA Fees Reminder

Please have your child bring in her or his required \$20 DEA activities fee as soon as possible. We have received only about half of the fees due. This fee helps support programming at school.

Congratulations...

...to this week's PAS draw winners: **Kjel Crook** in grade 7, **Darwin Lawrence** in grade 6, **Ahmer Sipra** in grade 5, and **Michaela Crook** in grade 4. **Ms. Tweedie** won the teacher's draw, so her 6T class received a special treat at snack today. Keep up the great work!

All PA'S in!

Sincerely,



Geoff Buerger
Principal