



# Acimonis

Hello, Tansi:

We extend a warm welcome to our school F.N.M.I. workers:

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Our schools' F.N.M.I. Coordinators are always looking for Elders, cultural experts, parents, and community organizations that are willing to come into the school for presentations, and are always on the look out for organizing partnerships. If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact your school coordinator, they will be more than happy to meet and talk with you.

Schools are busy preparing for Metis week activi-

ties, providing academic supports, and much more.

Our second F.N.M.I. Coordinators' meeting was held November 3rd.

Planning has started for the Division Cultural Hand Games on March 4th at Rosary School in Manning.

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## Elder's Meditation of the Day

***"Abuse and repression have no place in a traditional family."***

– Haida Gwaii, Traditional Circle of Elders

Traditional families guided by their culture were taught how to live. They were taught about relationships, respect, and spirituality. Only since alcohol was introduced to Indians have we seen physical abuse, sexual abuse and verbal abuse. These behaviors have no room in traditional families. The cycle of abuse must be broken during this generation. We do this by asking for help to quit drinking and abusing and return to our traditional culture and spirituality.

*Creator, plant inside of me the knowledge of the traditional family.*

Good Shepherd School

Our FNMI Program is well underway this year, we have had a few presentations already and more are planned for November.

Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our Resident Moshum, Dave Cummings visited our school, giving presentations to the Kindergarten classes as well as the 3s,4s and 5s. These presentations were on "How we learned and how

we played before there were schools". Mr. Cummings also brought in many artifacts, and they had a great time trying on the mukluks and playing with the toys and carvings.

On Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Grades 4 and 5 students enjoyed the interactive presentation "Tappers and

Traders" presented by Dunvegan Outreach, again an awesome presentation!

Metis week activities will be happening November 15- 19<sup>th</sup>, please ask your child how they enjoyed the presentations that they attended.

*Sue Dirksen*



St. Stephen's School

St. Stephen's hosted our first F.N.M.I. Stakeholders meeting in September with two parents in attendance. Both ladies had a lot of great ideas to infuse Aboriginal culture to the classrooms. Our next meeting is on November 24th and

parents are welcome to attend. We will be having activities for Metis week November 15th to 19th. We have invited a guest speaker to come in and talk to the students about Metis culture.

Historic Dunvegan presentations are on November 4th for Grades 4, 5 & 7 on "Trappers and Traders".

*Kathleen Badger*



Holy Family School

Hi everyone,

My name is Tanys Oxman and I am the new FNMI Coordinator at Holy Family School. My first two weeks have been wonderful and I am enjoying getting to know the children and staff at the school. This is my first year working in a school environment and I am very excited! I look forward to learning and being a part of the F.N.M.I. team. Thank you for all of your support.



Rosary School

Bannock on a stick was a huge success! Every student from Grades K-4 enjoyed it and parents too that were able to come. Georgina Supernault and twin sister Georgette from Manning Community Resource Center really enjoyed themselves and loved teaching our students, who they agreed were very well behaved. I would like to thank them for their valuable time in prepping and facilitating this event. A special thank you to Georgina and Georgette’s mother for helping with the preparation of the bannock and to Larry Stone and his two grandsons for the wood and the fire pits. Keep an eye out for the bannock recipe to be sent home soon.



In November Grade 3 will learn about Pow Wows as part of their curriculum. There will be a PowerPoint as well as some activities.

The FNMI Board will be changed to “All About Alberta Cree” as part of Grade 4 Social Studies Curriculum.

“Question of the Week” is ongoing so keep your eyes open for the questions and enter to win great prizes. All entries will be put in for a big draw at the end of the year. The more questions answered correctly and entered weekly will increase your chances for winning the grand prize.

To celebrate Metis week we will have a Metis display board and some fun activities for the primary grades.

Also in November there will be activities going on in the school to recognize NAAW, such as decorating liquor store bags and educational movies.

*Tally Robinson*

