



# Acímonis - April 2010



## Tansi, Attitu, Hello

Brayden Noskey, Grade 10 Métis student, did a session presentation on "Métis Cultural Awareness" at the Annual ATA Soaring with Knowledge Conference on March 20, 2010 and did an excellent job. From that stemmed more requests for this young Métis leader to do more presentations to our students. She will be presenting her Métis culture and heritage at some of our schools and at another school district. Her presentation stemmed from her Aboriginal Studies research assignment and her presentations to various groups has been snowballing ever since. We are very proud of this budding leader.

Other events being planned: Mamawihtowin Fall Conference, First Nations Metis and Inuit Graduation at the Annual Peace River Powwow and Aboriginal Gathering and the Annual H.F.C.R.D. # 37 Cultural Hand Games Tournament coming up on April 23, 2010, hosted by Good Shepherd School. Mark your calendars and come out and enjoy the tournament.

*Great Spirit, let me lead a simple life.*

*Vanessa Malegana*



### Elder's Meditation of the Day

**"Everything's so simple, and we make everything so complicated. That's why we're confused."**

--Vickie Downey, TEWA/Tesuque Pueblo

The Creator designed a very simple set of Laws for us to follow. If we follow these simple things, we'll be happy. If we don't follow these simple things, our lives become complicated. For example:

- Respect Mother Earth
- Love one another
- Be truthful
- Give to your brother and sisters
- Be gentle with each other
- Be happy

Following these simple Laws will have great rewards.

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**Good Shepherd** - Good Shepherd School will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Hand Game Tryouts on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be 16 teams participating from our region. The winners will be attending the Annual Hand Games Tournament hosted by Driftpile First Nation School, Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our Cultural Hand Games practices have just started- our Grade 3 classes are really enjoying learning how to play. A big thank-you to Tracy Zweiffel, Director of Sagitawa Friendship Center, for coming into the school and presenting and practicing with our students! Our teams will be selected at our next practice on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other plans that we are working on this month and for the upcoming month include:

- Drumming presentations for our boys that are interested in drumming for our school during the Cultural Hand Games Tournaments.
- Resident Moshum visits to ECS classes.
- First Nations presentations for Grades 4H,4B,4A/L,5B,5M and 5K.

Good Shepherd will also be looking for parent volunteers to help out with our Cultural Hand Games Tournament, if you are interested please contact Susan Dirksen, FNMI Coordinator, at 624-3432.

*Susan Dirksen*

**Holy Family** - Tansi, hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather that the creator is giving us. The homework/catch up time is going good, more students are attending. The bannock lunches are awesome; the best turnouts are the elementary students. Grimshaw Super "A" donated a box of bulk wieners so the students had bannock dogs which were a treat. I am organizing three hand game teams: two

teams from elementary and one team from junior high, to go the Hand Games Tournament at Good Shepherd School in April. The students are keeping me very busy. Wishing you a Happy Easter and for those hockey players who are attending Native Provincials all the best.

*Lynn Noskey*

**Rosary** - Hello, wow it has been a busy month at Rosary! We have completed Grade 6 wampum belts and they are currently on display with some Aboriginal art work.

The Talking Circle is still going well. We put up a new display board featuring the Disney Pocahontas and the real Pocahontas. The question of the week is still pretty popular. We had traditional Arctic winter games in gym class for Grades 2-9. That was such a hit with all the grades. We were very sore and tired the next day.

Maxine Elter-Fournier presented to our Grade 8 class where she was very well received. The grade eights absolutely loved her presentation. She also presented at the Manning Resource Center where a couple of our F.N.M.I. families attended.

Robert Cahill will be coming on March 29<sup>th</sup> to do a soapstone carving workshop with our Grade 9 class in the morning. Later in the afternoon he will be presenting to the Grade 4/5 class about "Global Warming a Northern Perspective".

The Grade 3 Science class will be building mini tipis as part of their building and testing curriculum.

Hand games tryouts are underway way with a lot of interest from our elementary aged kids. We have some great movers and shakers in the bunch so watch out!

*Tally Robinson*

### Activities at Rosary School



*Grade four student attempting one foot kick.*



*Completed Grade six wampum belt.*



*Winners of Question of the Week.*

**St. Stephen's** - Historic Dunvegan Provincial Park did a presentation on Trappers and Traders for the Grade 4 and Grade 5; it was enjoyed by all the students.

Upcoming events:

Vanessa Malegana – Inuvialuit PowerPoint Presentation – Grade 2 – March 29/10

Robert Cahill – Soapstone & Global Warming Presentation – Grade 2 & Grade 6 – March 30/10

Have a Great Easter break!

*Kathleen Badger/ Julia Okimaw-Hawryluk  
FNMI Coordinator/Cree Instructor*

**CyberHigh** - CyberHigh is a little over a month into the new semester. We would like to welcome our new students and guidance counselor. Our school has joined with Providence to enjoy Devon Bellerose in a song and dance presentation on March 22, 2010. Our home visits are continuing with great success. Best wishes to everyone and God bless.

*Trinity Fowler*