

January 2011



## **First Nations Metis and Inuit News**

# Acimowinisa

Hello, Tansi:

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year for 2011.

Our First Nation Metis and Inuit Specialist Education Council met on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December and have added more details to the upcoming "Soaring with Knowledge Conference" slated for March 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Edmonton, at the Marriot River Cree Resort. A call for presenters will be going out very shortly. Please

visit the FNMIE website at [www.fnmie.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.fnmie.teachers.ab.ca)

The School Coordinators and I are also continuing to plan for the upcoming Holy Family Catholic School Division's Cultural Hand Games Tournament slated for March 4<sup>th</sup> in Manning at the Rosary School.

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### Elder's Meditation of the Day January 6

- Rolling Thunder, CHEROKEE

We are put on the earth to participate in life. We have a beautiful mind, we have the ability to pray, we have the ability to change, we have the ability to accept, and we have choices. All things God created are constantly changing. This constant change causes our circumstances to change. Sometimes we say life is difficult. During these times we need to use our tools: the tools of prayer, and the tools of meditation. We are designed to change and live joyfully on this earth. The only requirement for living joyfully is to live according to the laws, principles, and values given to us by the Creator.

*Great Spirit, give me Your courage today, and guide my footsteps .*

Good Shepherd School

Happy New Year to all, I hope that your Christmas was relaxing and refreshing.

The month of December came and flew by so fast! Our Christmas concerts were amazing; I enjoyed the students singing of the Huron Carol! I hope that everyone was able to attend at least for one night.

I am still accepting donations of used mitts, hats and boots if you have any to donate. Please feel free to contact me at the school for more information.

Sue Dirksen

St. Andrew's School

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful holiday. We have a number of events happening this month:

- Grade 6: I will be going into the Grade 6 classes to share Creation stories in their Legends & Myths unit.
- Sr. High: We have a guest speaker coming from Sucker Creek to share information on current issues in Treaty 8.
- With the staff: We will be looking at and exploring the Teacher Resource "Education is Our Buffalo" at our staff meeting and discussing our strategies on how F.N.M.I. is being infused in the classroom.

Mussi Cho

Valerie Norman

Rosay School

Wow this year is off to a quick and busy start. We have booked Soapstone Carving for Grade Nine with Robert Carhill for some time in March. Parent council is on the tenth and there will be a Hand Games to-do-list circulated. Mostly this is to find some parent volunteers and get help with the meals. Great news, we have invited and received confirmation that our Mayor, Sunni - Jeanne Walker, will be attending the Hand Games Tournament. Georgina Supernault from the Manning Community Resource Center has offered to attend and help where ever needed. So far we have 49 students that have signed up to be in Hand Games! Way to go Rosary! We will start practices on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We have a Cree display board up with Question of the Week. In Talking Circle we are starting to learn about Respect/Buffalo Virtue. Grade Four will be learning about Cree and coincidently the buffalo and its importance to the Cree people. There will be a book display in the Grade Four classroom with all the Cree stories and legends and authors that we have available in our library.

*The Buffalo, through giving its life and sharing every part of it's being, showed the deep respect it had for the people. No animal was more important to the existence of Indigenous families than this animal, and its gift provided shelter, clothing and utensils for daily living. Native people believed themselves to be true caretakers of the great herds, and developed a sustainable relationship with the Buffalo resulting in a relationship that was a true expression of*

*RESPECT...*



Tally Robinson



METIS NATION REGION VI  
Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth  
“Proud To Be Me”

Free Winter Program all youth welcome  
between the ages of 10-17 years old

Are invited to join this exciting program it will be held during the  
months of

December 2010- March 2011

Activities will include:

*Cultural Events and Activities*

*Fitness and Nutrition*

*Camp Out*

*Youth Workshops*

*Volunteering at community Events*

*Field Trips*

*Sports and Recreation*

Youth Leadership

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## METIS NATION REGION VI

# Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth

## “Proud To Be Me”

### *Free Winter Program all youth welcome ages 10-17*

Region VI Metis Nation of Alberta will be providing a winter program that will run December 2010- March 2011. The “Proud To Be Me” youth program is funded through the Metis Nation of Alberta and Canadian Heritage Foundation. We will be programming for youth ages 10- 17 years old. The activities we have planned will increase cultural awareness, community involvement, enhance life skills and wellness. Youth will be introduced to modern and traditional life skills. They will have hands on experience with working in their community and spending time with elders. Through the program youth will gain independence and leadership skills and will be able to express themselves in a positive environment enhancing respect for themselves and their peers. The youth program is provided at no cost to the family to ensure youth that want to participate will not be left out. If you know a youth that would benefit from this winter project, Please contact Carol @ (780)624-4219 or email: [6umayc@telus.net](mailto:6umayc@telus.net) to complete an application form.

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