



Acímonis - February 2010



Tansi, Attitu, Hello



Aboriginal Studies Teacher, Valerie Norman, preps grade ten Aboriginal Studies student, Brayden Noskey,

from St. Andrews School - High Prairie, prior to her presentation.

Brayden presented her Métis research classroom assignment to the Board of Trustees and some Central Office Administrators in Peace River.

Vanessa Malegana



Elder's Meditation of the Day

"It's not the package and the wrapping which counts but what is inside, underneath the clothes and the skin."

--Lame Deer, LAKOTA

Our eyes and ears gather information that is fed to the mind, and we tend to form judgments, opinions, and assumptions which determine our perception. We might see someone act a certain way, then label that person forever, not at all concentrating on what is inside the person. It matters not our height, our size, our facial features, or our gender. What matters is our thoughts. Good thoughts overcome all obstacles.

Great Spirit let my inside contain Your qualities.

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Rosary School - Hello,

So glad to be back, feels like we're getting back into the groove of things.



Our display board is up and we have begun the question of the week. The kids have already been getting involved with that.

An FNMI prayer corner is set up



in the loft outside my office. The kids are becoming aware that it's there and hopefully will use it when needed.

We have been collecting boxes for the grade six class. We will be making cardboard looms and beading our own wampum belts.

We have submitted applications for two of our students to receive Canadian Future Achievers Awards. If our students get picked, that should be pretty exciting for them, their family and our school.

For the month of February we should be finishing our wampum belts in Grade six.

Maxine Elter will be visiting our school to talk with faculty for our staff professional development day. To compliment her visit she has been asked to do a presentation at the Manning Community Resource Center for one of their programs.

Also this month we are starting an FNMI sharing circle on Mondays at lunch. This will be open to Grades 6 and 7. This is in response to a lot of interest from that age group.

Tally Robinson

St. Stephen's School - Happy New Year Everyone!

On December 7, 2009, we had Devin Bellerose in our school doing storytelling, flute playing & drumming. Everyone enjoyed his stories. In February we will be having Joyce Hunt coming to show the children how to do fish scale art.

*Kathleen Badger
Julia Okimaw*

Ecole Providence - The Grades 6-9 students have been learning about the Inuksuk. In class they each made an Inuksuk using rocks or sugar cubes. Other students made igloos.

Vanessa Malegana, FNMI Coordinator from Central Office, did a presentation on January 6th about Inuksuks and on January 8th she came in and they made Eskimo donuts.

Grades 6-9 have also been learning about the Native leaders of years ago with Mr. Kachuk.

Unfortunately on January 18th our Medicine Wheel presentation had to be cancelled.

Grades 4 and 5 have been making bingo cards, each student has picked the words and pictures that they would like to learn. Once this is done they will be doing the Inuksuk's as well. I hope to get Vanessa back to do Eskimo donuts with them.

Norma Chalifoux

Good Shepherd School - January is the beginning of a great New Year full of fun and exciting events!

January 25th—29th is Family Literacy Week at our school—students should have brought home Literacy Activity Sheets. Take the time to read with your children, fill in the activity sheets and enter them into the draw box before Wednesday the 27th. There will be two prizes awarded to the lucky winners on Wednesday the 27th!

Good Shepherd School is hosting a Grade 5 Family Fun Math Night on Monday, January 25th at 7 p.m. Come and see what your child has been learning—there will be math centres set up for everyone to try!

Also, on Monday, January 25th the Grouard Native Cultural Museum will be here to give presentations on the fur trade in North America, the Metis of North America and Aboriginal shelters through time. Please check your child's agenda for times and join us for the presentation, we would love to see you here!

Susan Dirksen