



Acímonis - March 2010



Tansi, Attitu, Hello

The Annual Alberta Education Learning Together for Success 2010 – “Success for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students” and ATA “Soaring with Knowledge Conference” is coming up next month on March 18, 19, and 20, 2010.

Location: Marriott Edmonton at River Cree Resort, 300 East Lapotac Blvd., Enoch

Registration deadline: Tuesday March 2, 2010

Completed Registration forms may be:

Submitted On-Line: www.erlc.ca

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Mail: Room 20, 16325-83 Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T5R 3V8

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ATA FNMIE program updates available at:

<http://fnmiec.teachers.ab.ca/Annual%20Conference/Conference%202009/Pages/Information.aspx>

Register for one day, two days, or all three days!

Who Should Attend: Teachers, Administrators, Liaison Workers, Parents, Community Members, Trustees

Vanessa Malegana



Elder's Meditation of the Day

"I wanted to feel, smell, hear and see, but not see with my eyes and my mind only. I wanted to see with CANTE ISTA - the eye of the heart."

--Lame Deer, LAKOTA

Why is it that some people seem to have peace of mind every day? How do some people remain so darn positive? How do you stay positive if you work or live in a negative environment? How is it that two people can observe the same difficult situation, but one person is upset about it, and other isn't? Two people experiencing the same situation react entirely different. If each morning we ask the Creator to allow us to see with His understanding and with His love, we will open a new way of "seeing". This eye of the heart is a free gift given to us if we ask for it in prayer each day.

Creator, allow me to see the world and all things You have made through "the eye of my heart."

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Good Shepherd—February is well underway and we are enjoying many great events!

We enjoyed having the Grouard Native Cultural Museum at Good Shepherd. The students learned many interesting facts about the fur trade in Northern Alberta, the Métis of Alberta and Aboriginal shelters through time. What a great presentation!

The Grade 3 classes enjoyed a soapstone carving Power Point with Vanessa Malegana, and then tried their hands at carving with Ivory soap- we had some great inukshuks and seals, as well as bears!

Our ECS English and French classes had a Resident Mooshum visit with Mr. Dave Cummings. He tells them many enjoyable stories- they love having him at school for visits!

Our Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes also enjoyed presentations by Mr. Dave Cummings on two curriculum based objectives— Historic Aboriginal Lifestyles and the Beaver People of Dunvegan.



Diane Martel, teacher, and Linda Duchesseau from the Grouard Native Cultural Museum showing a moose hide to the students.

Susan Dirksen

Rosary School— Hello, February is well under way. Grade six enjoyed a

Power Point presentation on the wampum belt for their Social Studies class. They are designing their own belts which they will make in art class.

The Grade 6 and 7 talking circle is well under way. Future circles are focusing on virtues. The participants are making bracelets with sinew and beads. Each bead represents a virtue which will be added to their bracelet weekly.

Maxine Elter-Fournier is presenting to the Manning Resource Center for family night on February 25th, 5pm-7pm. Rosary is inviting F.N.M.I. parents to join for a potluck and sharing as well. Grade 8 Social Studies will also be having a presentation in the class room that day from Maxine.

Every week more students are participating in the F.N.M.I. Question of the Week. This will continue until year end, with a big prize draw at the end of the year.

Due to high interest we will be having mini hand-games try outs for the end of February beginning of March, date TBA. Before the hand games tournament we will network with the Manning Community Resource Center on having a facilitator come to teach boys how to drum traditionally.



“First Talking Circle- discussing circle protocol”

Yours in friendship
Tally Robinson

Glenmary - Connie Hunt and the Olympics were the topic for February in the F.N.M.I. office at Glenmary School. Connie Hunt, an Aboriginal artist from British Columbia, created the winning design which was used for the 2010 Olympic medals. Her original design featured a stylized orca whale. The whale, like an Olympian, represents a strong athletic creature. Severed into 615 separate pieces, each piece then became the design on a single medal, with all the medals fitting together to make up her whole picture.

For the 399 Paralympics medals, the same technique was used with the exception of a raven on a rising totem pole. The raven symbolizes the powers of transformation and determination, qualities every Paralympian embodies on and off the field of play.

What makes these medals even more unique is their undulating surface. The slight variation represents the mountains and seas of western British Columbia and the homeland of the First Nations on whose lands the games were held on.

A bulletin board display at Glenmary encouraged pride and determination. No matter who you are, if you work hard enough, you can always

reach your goals.

