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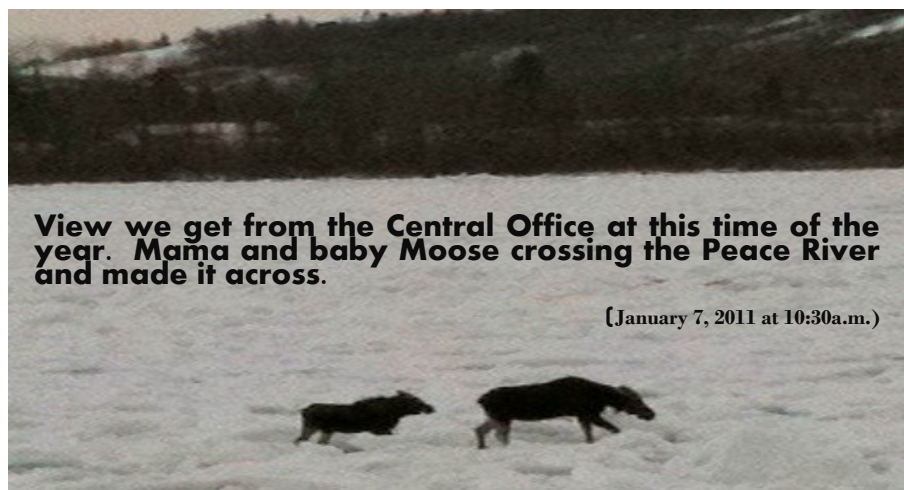
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Holy Family Catholic Regional Division #37 Central Office staff donated \$300.00 for the Peace River Community Soup Kitchen for our Christmas Donations this year. In the photo (right) Betty Turpin, School Superintendent and (left) Tanin Behnke, Soup Kitchen committee chair.



View we get from the Central Office at this time of the year. Mama and baby Moose crossing the Peace River and made it across.

(January 7, 2011 at 10:30a.m.)

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, January 18 at 10:00am at Central Office Peace River. OPEN to public.

FIRST NATION METIS INUIT (FNMI) Update



Wishing You All a Very Happy New Year for 2011

Our First Nation Metis and Inuit Specialist Education Council met on the 10th and 11th of December and have added more details to the upcoming Soaring with Knowledge Conference slated for March 17th to 19th 2011 in Edmonton at the Marriot River Cree Resort. A call for presenters will be going out very shortly. Please visit the FNMI website at 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 4th in Manning at the Rosary School.

Taken from the 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 accept, and we have choices. All things God created are constantly changing. The 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 to us by the Creator.

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

Vanessa Lennie, FNMI Program Coordinator

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A New Year's Prayer

Holy Father,

*God of our yesterdays, our today and tomorrows.
We praise you for your unequalled greatness.
Thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
Help us in your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.
To teach our children by laughing with them
To teach others to love by loving them.
Knowing, when love came to the stable in Bethlehem
He came for us.
So that love could be with us, and we could know you
That we could share Love with others.
Help us, Father to hear your love song in every sunrise,
In the chirping of sparrows in our backyards
in the stories of our old folks and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to your love songs
So that we may know you better and better.
We rejoice in the world you loved into being.
Thank you for another new year and for new chances everyday.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope,
that we might spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short this past year
We leave the irreparable past in your hands
and step out into the unknown new year
knowing you will go with us.
We accept your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,
depending on you to help us do exactly what you want...
I say it again, we rejoice! In Jesus name.*

AMEN



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2011 – New Beginnings

Gracious God, any gifts we give are but a distant echo of your original gifts of love. Nevertheless, we bring them before you. Bless and nurture our offerings; our trust and our faith, our optimism and our hope, our affection and our love. Like the wise men who visited the stable, we humbly offer you our gifts. This New Year we give you thanks for all the good things you have done for us. We thank you for all who share in the work of our schools this year, and ask you to bless us all with your love. We make this prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen

