



# Acímonis - October 2009



Tansi, Attitu, Hello:

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving weekend.

I'd like to welcome our new First Nation, Métis, and Inuit School Coordinators Tally Robinson to Rosary School in Manning,

Christine Naturkach who will be working with Sherry Rhodes at Glenmary, and Sue Dirksen at Good Shepherd school in Peace River. Regional Cultural Hand Games Committee plan-

ning is underway for May 2010, with Driftpile being the host community school this year.

*Vanessa Malegana  
F.N.M.I. Coordinator*

## Elder's Meditation of the Day

*"It can be 100 degrees in the shade one afternoon and suddenly there comes a storm with hailstones as big as golf balls, the prairie is all white and your teeth chatter. That's good-a reminder that you are just a small particle of nature, not so powerful as you think."*

--Lame Deer, LAKOTA

No event, no relationship, no joy, no sadness, no situation ever stays the same. Every setback is only temporary. Even setbacks change. Why? Because the Great Spirit designed the world to be constantly changing. We are not the center of the universe; we are but a small part. The whole is constantly changing, and we as humans are constantly participating in the change. We have two choices, to resist change or participate in the change. Every change can be resisted, and every change can be made in cooperation. What will I choose today, resistance or cooperation?

## Rosary School

Hello!

For those who don't know me yet, my name is Tally Robinson and I am the new F.N.M.I. coordinator at Rosary School.

September started with getting familiar with my surroundings and the resources available both in and out of the school. There are tons of resources in my office, if you want to use anything let me know.

So far I have facilitated two Dream Catcher Workshops with the Grade 3's. At our first session Georgina and Georgette Supernault came to help us and share their knowledge about Dream Catchers. This is an ongoing project which we hope to have on display soon.

I have also set up a display board about the medicine wheel with some of the different teachings and interpretations.

Recently we went on a field trip with the Grades 4/5 to the Manning Pioneer Museum. It was so much fun and the kids really enjoyed it.

Grade 3's will be building inuksuits the first week of October.

Georgina Supernault from the Manning Community Resource Center has an Elder coming to visit from Saskatchewan. He has generously offered to share his knowledge with us free of charge.

Elder Campbell Papequash and his assistant Dennis Whitford will make two presentations on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The first will be for the elementary grades and the second for junior high. We are very excited to have them as our guests. To compliment this presentation I have invited Karissa from AADAC to put up a display about the traditional use of tobacco versus the commercial use.

Tally Robinson  
FNMI Coordinator



Chad Half showing his Dream catcher in the beginning stage.

"Dream catchers made of willow and sinew are for children, and they are not meant to last. Eventually the willow dries out and the tension of the sinew collapses the dream catcher. That is supposed to happen. It belies the temporariness of youth."



## Good Shepherd School

We have had a wonderful start to our new school year. We have many new students and I look forward to getting to know you all.

### Upcoming Events:

Trappers and Traders, Dunvegan Outreach. Our grade 4 and 5 students will learn what it was to live like a trapper through hands on

learning of what furs were used for and fun games of trading.

### Tentative Plans:

Resident Moshum project for ECS classes.

Fieldtrips to Sagitawa Friendship Center for Grades 1 and 2.

Trappers and Traders for Grade 3.

Storytelling, Grades 1 and 2.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Susan Dirksen  
F.N.M.I. Coordinator