



FORT NELSON FIRST NATION

DECEMBER 2011

**"FORT NELSON FIRST NATION—A NATION, A PEOPLE-
STRONG, HEALTHY, PROUD AND SELF-RELIANT."**

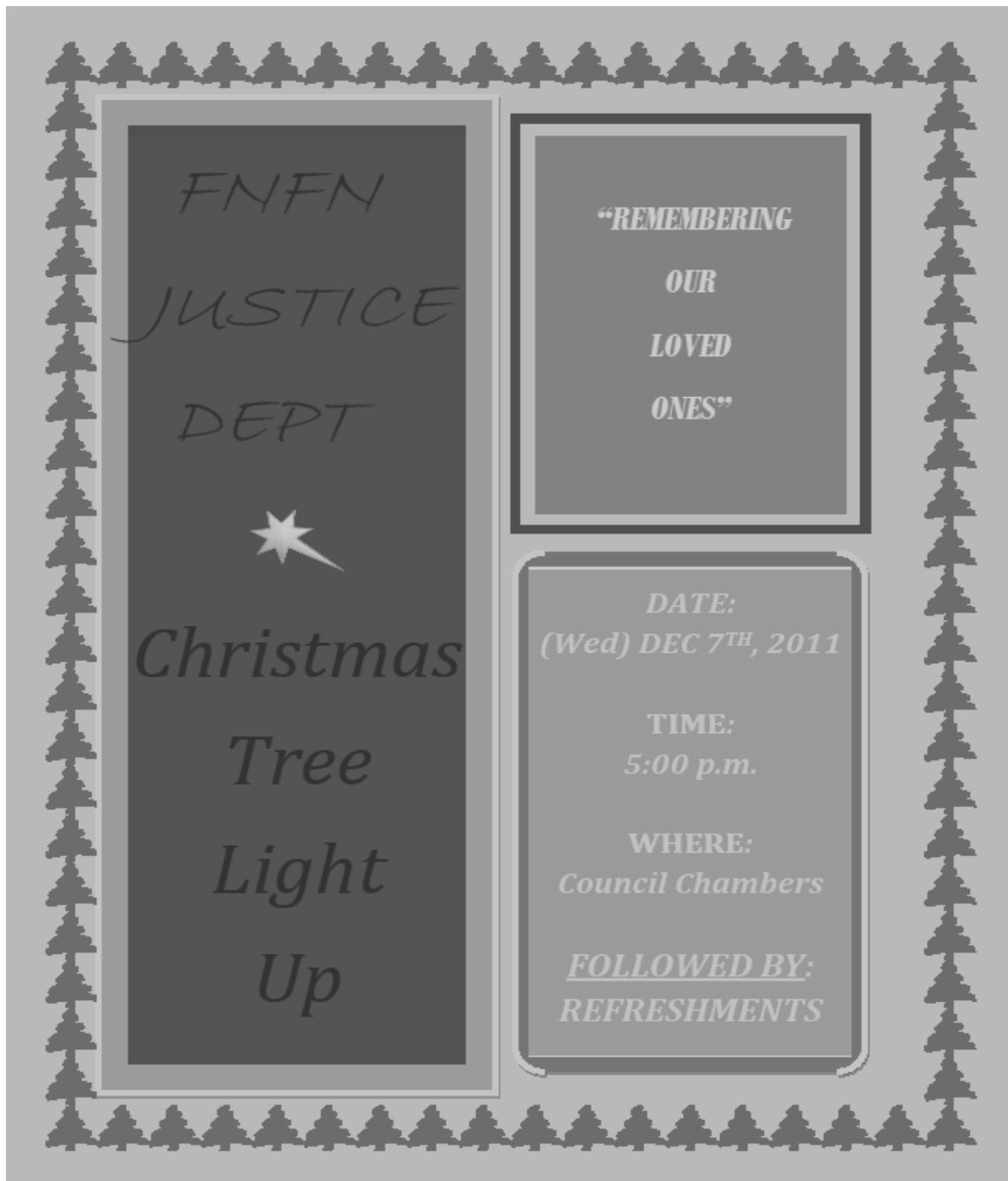


Reaching For Our Vision

1. To prevent and address the abuse of drugs and alcohol.
2. To increase the quality and quantity of the communities housing stock.
3. To improve the communication between FNFN and its members.
4. To revitalize the Nation's traditional language and culture.
5. To provide increased support for elders.
6. To provide additional support to youth, particularly high school students.
7. To promote 'meaningful employment' opportunities.
8. To address community safety concerns.
9. To promote community support networks and volunteerism.
10. To improve the communities physical infrastructure.
11. To include members living off-reserve in the FNFN community.



FNFN Justice Dept—Christmas Tree Light Up



Gift Certificates

The Christmas Season is upon, FNFN Administration office now has the Christmas Overwaitea or IGA Gift Certificates Available.

If you are having someone on your behalf your household certificate please phone or have that person delivery a note to reception.

REMINDER THERE IS ONLY ONE CERTIFICATE PER HOUSEHOLD

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!!!

Mail For Pick Up

MAIL FOR PICK UP



The following people/business's
have mail at the Administration Office

Harry Capot Blanc

Sarah Burke

Leanne Gairdner

Floyd Wilmsmeir

Judy Fantasque

Leanne Dixon

Kantah

Maxine Burke

Tracy Michel

Cheryl Parson



Letters to the Editor

You can send your letters to the Editor by Canada Post or email to:

FNFN

Attn: Newsletter Editor

RR #1 Mile 295 Alaska Highway

Fort Nelson, BC VOC 1R0

or by email to moira.biddlecombe@fnnation.ca

Please note that your letter may or may not be used and is subject to editing and/or approval before submission is completed.

Council Attendance

FNFN Chief and Council Attendance Record

October 25-November 21, 2011

All Council, Special, Public Meetings

Does not include job interview panels or flyovers

Total Meetings	Name	Present	Absent
5	Chief Kathi Dickie	5	0
	Councillor Harvey Behn	3	2
	Councillor Samantha Kotchea	5	0
	Councillor Bernadette Makowski	5	0
	Councillor Roberta Michel	4	1
	Councillor Sharleen Wildeman	4	1
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Lands Information Request - The Alaska Highway



The Lands Department is looking for photos of the construction of the Alaska Highway!



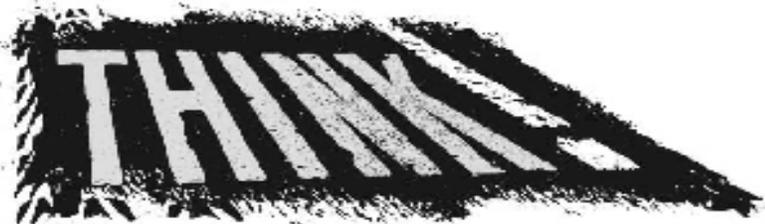
If you have any please contact Jennifer Coupé at jennifer.coupe@fnnation.ca



Provided by: <http://www.history.army.mil/books/wwii/11-4/images/pic26.jpg>

Justice Dept—Road Safety

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



Road Safety

Road Safety Workshop

- ✓ Learn how to become a safe driver
- ✓ Learn the importance of not texting and driving
- ✓ Emergency Roadside strategies
- ✓ Safety Tips

Free! Free! Free!

Snacks, Drinks, and lots of PRIZES to be won!!

Open to everyone!!

Location: Talking House Justice Department

When: Two dates to choose from
Tuesday December 13 @ 5:30 to 6:30pm
OR
Tuesday December 14 @ 5:30 to 6:30pm

"DOOR PRIZES !!"



"DOOR PRIZES !!"





\$100,000 REWARD



FNFN is offering up to \$100,000 for information leading up to the conviction of the person, or persons, who were responsible for the death of **Community Member/Mom/Daughter/Sister/Friend:**



Loretta Capot-Blanc



(Lovingly known as “PAPO”)

Loretta was last seen on, or about, August 10, 1997 in Fort Nelson, BC.

If you have any information, please contact the Fort Nelson RCMP @ (250)774-2777 or Crime Stoppers Tip Line @ (250) 774-TIPS.

The tip line is totally anonymous (they don't have call display)—

they want your guidance to help bring peace

to her loved ones, not your identity.



FNFN Community Christmas Celebration



**FNFN Community
Christmas Celebration**

Dec 21st, 2011

5:00 pm

Chalo School Gym

(Please use Gym Side Entrance)

**Supper will be served
followed by a visit from
Santa.**

**Children must be
Accompanied by an adult**



The Lands Department is adding to our Archives!

Do you have an item you want preserved? The Lands Department is looking for photos, maps, letters and other historic documents for addition into our growing archives!



WHETHER YOU HAVE A
DONATION OR ARE JUST
CURIOUS, WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!

Contact Jennifer Coupé at:
774-6313 or
jennifer.coupe@fnnation.ca

First Nations Art Exhibits



First Nations Art Exhibits

Seeking First Nations
Artists to exhibit and
sell their arts and crafts



in a open working studio. Artists who do moose hair tufting, carving, beading, birch bark basket making, quill work, drum making, traditional paintings and drawings are all encouraged to participate. Open working studio requires artists to be working on a project while exhibiting at least 8 pieces of their finished art. Exhibitions are held in Council Chambers at the FNFN Band office Fridays from 10am-4pm, Nov. 4, 8, 25 & Dec 2, 9, 16th For further information or to book a spot please Contact Theresa Fincaryk at 250-774-7257 or cell 250-500-1090

Community Health Clerk

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
A CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A CLIENT ACCESSING MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION THROUGH NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS, EITHER AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL OR THE REGIONAL OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

TO NOT BECOME VERBALLY ABUSIVE OR THREATENING TOWARDS
THE PATIENT TRANSPORTATION CLERK/COORDINATOR OR FNFN
RECEPTION.



1 GIVING AT LEAST 10 DAYS NOTICE (OR AS PER THE COMMUNITIES POLICY) PRIOR TO LEAVING THE COMMUNITY. UPON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE, THE PROPER TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE

2 ADHERE TO THE, MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FRAMEWORK AND REGIONAL/COMMUNITY POLICIES ON MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

3 ATTEND THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AS SCHEDULED.



4 OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK FOR THEIR TRIP PRIOR TO LEAVING THE COMMUNITY; REFERRAL FROM GP; CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH SPECIALIST.

5 GET PRIOR APPROVAL FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCY TRIPS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

6 GET A SIGNED CMA (CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL ATTENDANCE) OR CONFIRMATION SIGNED BY THE DOCTOR/NURSE STATING THEY HAVE ATTENDED THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT. THE SIGNED CMA MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR AFTER MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

7 PROTECT ALL WARRANTS ISSUED TO THEM FOR THEIR MEDICAL TRIP. LOST OR STOLEN WARRANTS WILL NOT BE REISSUED

8 GIVE NOTIFICATION WHEN CANCELLING AN APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT; INCLUDING 24 HOURS NOTICE TO CANCEL ANY HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.



9 RETAIN AND SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED RECEIPTS.

10 NOT DAMAGE PROPERTY OR ABUSE ACCOMMODATIONS ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS EXCESSIVE NOISE.

Thank you for your Cooperation. Dawn 😊



NAAAW

Thank You

To everyone that helped make the National Addiction Awareness Week such a success. Your help was greatly appreciated ..

Thank You once again.



Opening Walk and Staff Workshop





A Christmas Message for the Wellness Dept.

OMG! How many of you are thinking the same thing?

It is the beginning of December and having this in mind and all the hustle and bustle it may bring , the journey on the Red Road may look a little longer with more curves and bends so how about looking at it from a different angle.

Here is a great question to ask yourself. "Walking on this Red Road will you surely arrive and where?" Don't kid yourself about the where and don't kid yourself about the road you chose to walk on.

In order for anyone to get to where we want to be, need to be and ought to be we all must focus on our desire. For some of us this might mean reading the right books or we are not and some of are engaged in our daily disciplines of achieving our desires or not. Now here is where the road may look a little longer, and disillusion might start to work its way in. So stop, and tell yourself, "Faith without action is useless." That is right, and so is hoping without acting and wishing without doing. I have used these as my own mantras and preach them to my children and siblings.

The key that unlocks these doors is to sometimes

take a look and say, "Where am I? What could I do to make the changes to make sure that I take more steps everyday to that lead me toward the desires (treasures) that I want, whether it be

mental, personal, spiritual, personal or financial? " If you do not want to make any more errors or wrong turns than place your feet back on the Red Road with your destination in mind and adjust your inner vision of what your destination looks like and start with one foot in front of the other and make this your daily discipline until you are doing it without even noticing. The most exciting thing about this habit is the difference it makes in one day to one week to one month and then a year. Before you know it you are still walking on the Red Road but with a different path.



Best wishes for a Happy Holiday
and New Year!

Language Bingo—Culture Dept



Language Bingo

Dec 22 , 2011

1:00 -4:00

Justice Building.

Hope to see you there!!

The journey through Adolescence by Micheal Josephson

One of the toughest jobs in the world is being a teenager. Everything is in transition. Everything is intense-even apathy.

Kids on the brink of adulthood have to cope with inconsistencies and conflicts. The desire to be special and different clashes with the need to belong and fit in. The desire for independence collides with the aversion to self-reliance and personal responsibility.

Here are five suggestions to improve the journey of adolescence:



Be yourself.

Mindless conformity is a prison. Express yourself authentically and don't be afraid to stand out. This does not mean you have to dress or behave in extreme ways just to be different or to prove you can. In the end, it is more important to be respected than to be noticed.

Don't expect too much or settle for too little.

Don't expect anyone else to make you happy but don't allow others to treat you badly. Hang out with people who bring out the best in you, and be the kind of person who brings out the best in others.

Treat responsibility as a privilege, not a penalty.

Dependability and self-reliance are the tickets to freedom and independence. Don't waste energy resisting what you have to do. Win trust by doing what you should do.

Look ahead.

The choices you make today will help shape your tomorrow. Every act has a consequence good or bad depending on the choice you make. Pleasure lasts a moment, but happiness lasts much longer. Be careful; just because it feels good doesn't make it good.

Take charge of your life.

Your life is your ship; be the captain, not a passenger. Figure out what needs to be done to improve your life and make it happen. Your attitudes are more important than aptitudes. You can't control what happens to you, but you can control what happens in you.

Don't whine, WIN.

FNFN Public Meeting

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

**FNFN
Public
Meeting**

Tuesday Dec 6, 2011

Chalo school

(Morning Circle)

5:00 -7:00 pm

TOPIC'S FOR DISCUSSIONS

**FNFN Community Buildings :
The Spiritual and Wellness
Building, Community Arbor, and
Lands Building.**



FNFN PUBLIC MEETING

Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act

Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act Receives Royal Assent

Ref. #2-3448

OTTAWA, ONTARIO (December 15, 2010) – The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians announced today that Bill C-3, *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act* has received Royal Assent. This bill amends provisions of the *Indian Act* that the Court of Appeal for British Columbia found to be unconstitutional in the case of *McIvor v. Canada*.

"I am very pleased to announce that Bill C-3 has received Royal Assent" said the Minister. "This important legislation received all party support in the House of Commons and I commend my Parliamentary colleagues for working with us to address gender discrimination in the *Indian Act* and to respond to the requirements of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia."

Bill C-3 will ensure that eligible grand-children of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men will become entitled to registration (Indian status). As a result of this legislation approximately 45,000 persons will become newly entitled to registration when the Bill comes into force. **The Governor in Council will announce the date at which the Act will come into force in the coming weeks.**

Generally speaking, the key criteria to be newly entitled to registration are:

- Did your grandmother lose her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
- Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be registered, under sub-section 6(2) of the *Indian Act*?
- Were you, or your siblings, born on or after September 4, 1951?

Individuals may seek legal advice on their own situation.

The Government of Canada recognizes that there are a number of broader issues associated with Indian registration, Band membership and citizenship that go beyond the scope of *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act*. Officials have been working on the launch of an exploratory process that will more closely examine these broader issues and involve the participation of First Nations and other Aboriginal organizations, groups and individuals across the country. With the passage of Bill C-3, the exploratory process will now be launched. Activities under the exploratory process are expected to take place over a period of one year, ending in December 2011.

Information on the *Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act*, as well as information on the exploratory process and on the registration process can be found on INAC's website.

Please also see:

- [Backgrounder: The Exploratory Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership & Citizenship](#)
- [Backgrounder: Registration Process for Bill C-3 Applicants](#)

Further [information on Bill C-3](#) can be found on INAC's website.

For more information, please contact:

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Michele-Jamali Paquette

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Building Cleaner—RCMP

Building cleaner

NORTHERN ROCKIES RCMP

1. Job Description

Sweep, mop and wash floors, Dust furniture, Vacuum carpeting, area rugs, draperies and upholstered furniture, Clean, disinfect and polish kitchen fixtures and appliances, Clean and disinfect bathrooms and fixtures, Pick up debris and empty trash containers, Wash windows, walls and ceilings

Job Qualifications

Education: Completion of high school

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.):
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Certificate

Experience: Experience an asset

Languages: Speak English, Read English, Write English

Work Setting: Office building

Specific Skills: Sweep, mop and wash floors, Dust furniture, Vacuum carpeting, area rugs, draperies and upholstered furniture, Clean, disinfect and polish kitchen fixtures and appliances, Clean and disinfect bathrooms and fixtures, Pick up debris and empty trash containers, Wash windows, walls and ceilings

Security and Safety: Enhanced reliability security clearance, Criminal record check

Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities: Repetitive tasks, Physically demanding, Attention to detail, Combination of sitting, standing, walking, Bending, crouching, kneeling

Essential Skills: Continuous learning

How To Apply

By Email: curtis@beeclean.net

Employer Information

Bee Clean Building Maintenance

City: Fort Nelson Province: British Columbia

Healthy
Strong
Proud
Self-reliant




November 14th, 2011 Chalo Blurbs



Chalo Students Earn \$\$\$ Awards



BUGS have come to Chalo School! Don't worry; it's not the creepy crawly kind! Northern Lights College in conjunction with Imperial Oil and EnCana sponsor 'Bringing Up Grades' program for student from grades 4 to 12. Students have several opportunities to earn points throughout the school year. Attendance at school, effort, grades, and grade increases are some of the ways students can earn points. Students are also rewarded for 'random acts of kindness'. All of the points earned turns into \$\$\$ and students can receive from \$20 to \$250. Wednesday October 19th marked an exciting day for the Chalo students who participated in the BUGS program last year! We had a whole host of students winning a lot of points and money!

Special \$100 cash awards were given to students earning the highest achievement in a category. Last year's winners include: *highest total points* - Shyanha Beale-Burke, *biggest effort improvement* - Noah Childs, *biggest grade improvement* - Raven Capot-Blanc, *best overall report card* - Kendra Michel, *best overall improvement* - Sonny Capot-Blanc, *most improved attendance* - Brandon Rose & Kendell Gairdner, *Community Champion* - Cale Henderson, *Mark Sutherland 'Finish the Race' award* - Michaela Needlay, and *the Christopher Sedford Memorial Anti-Bullying Award* - Darriah Badine. Congratulations winners! Chalo students look forward to more 'Bringing Up the Grades' this coming year!



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Pre 3 & 4 – Mrs. Roberta



Congratulations to Tristan Douse, Haeden Zuber, and Kaydence Michel. These three students were October's award recipients. Way to go!

Both preschool classes were very busy in the month of October. We filled our classroom with amazing Halloween art. We made orange pumpkins, brown bats, scary ghosts, and learned two new songs. Such as, "I saw a little ghost" and "Pumpkin, Pumpkin". Ask your child about these two songs and hear their terrific voice and see the actions. You will love it!

The afternoon class has been learning about: Same and Not the Same, What is a Circle?, Big & Little, and What is Orange?. They are great learners and it shows in their seatwork.

I would also like to say a big THANK YOU to Davina Douse, as she regularly attends the school twice a month to help with the classroom or visit with the children (her son is Tristan). Our door is always open, so feel free to join us anytime.

I added a few pictures of both classes. I hope you enjoy them.



Kindergarten – Ms. Kennaway

Wow! The days are flying by and we are sure busy in kindergarten. Every week we are learning new sounds and are beginning to blend them together to make words. My students are always on the look out for letters around the school that they have learned. The other day during morning message time one student asked me why October started with a capital and the rest of the letters were lower case. What an observant young man! My answer was that it is a special word and it names something so it needs to have a capital to let everyone who reads it know it is a



special word. So he then asked me if he was special because I always make him use a capital letter at the beginning of his name. *There is always something to giggle about in our room.*

We traveled this month to the fire hall where Firefighter Cody showed us an important video about fire safety. We also had the opportunity to check out the equipment he uses in his job. We had a great time. After we left the fire hall we headed to Overwaitea to buy pumpkins for our class. We have been talking about all the characteristics a pumpkin has. Did you know that the stem of the pumpkin is called a peduncle and that a pumpkin has ribs?

Please keep reading with your child every night...



Grade 1 – Ms. Brown

It is hard to believe the end of October is already here. The Grade One students have been hard at work learning many new things. The students are doing an amazing job in Reading Mastery. It is wonderful listening to them sound out new words everyday. They will be starting a Homework Reading Program. Grade 1's have started doing spelling as well. It is very important that they study

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Grade 1 continued

their words at home. They will be tested on their words at the end of the week. We are shooting for 100% on the tests. I know they can do it with a little help from home.

In Science, the grade 1's are learning about Living Things. They know that living things need air, food, water and shelter. They are learning about animals and their homes and habitats. They have learned that some animals live in dens, nests and burrows. They know that just like people, animals need shelter too.

November will be another busy month full of learning and fun. I can't wait to see what growth the students continue to make. They surprise me all the time.

Lastly, the weather is changing and getting colder. It is nice to see that the Grade 1 students are remembering to dress appropriately for the weather.

Grade 2 - Ms. Collins

The grade 2 class has been busy, busy, busy! We've finished up our Canada unit and can now name and label all the provinces of Canada. We have been practicing our printing skills and have improvement greatly since September. The grade 2 class has been working on writing complete sentences and have been able to successfully write an entire, detailed journal entry on our own.

We are excited to start our new science unit about states of matter. The grade 2 class will be participating in many experiments that explore the many aspects of matter. The students in grade two have been learning many new concepts in math and have all scored above 75% on all assessments.

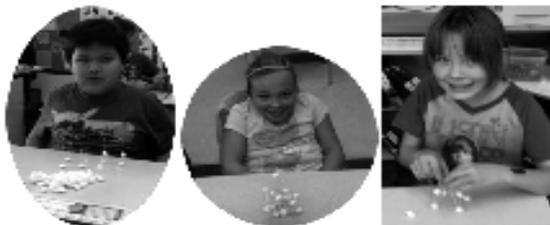
We are learning lots and having fun in grade 2!

Grade 3/4 – Mrs. McLennon

Things have been busy in the classroom this month. Our structures unit is winding down and the students have participated in several building challenges. They have built and tested bridges, domes, towers and columns.

Congratulations to Troy Capot-Blanc and Avilon Duntra for earning the Chalo Class Citizen and Student of the Month award for October!

The recorders have arrived, so we are busy preparing for our performance at November's assembly. We hope to see all parents there.



Grade 4/5 – Mr. Young



Wow, I can't believe that two months have already gone by! Time is flying and before you know it our Christmas concert will be upon us. Our class has been keeping very busy this month. We have been studying First Nations government in our Social Studies class. To gain a little more insight, we had Chief Kathi Dickie come into the class and talk to the students about what she does as chief and what sort of issues the Nation is facing. The students had lots of questions and Chief Kathi answered them all! Thank you very much, Chief Kathi for taking time out of your busy schedule to come speak with us. ☺

In science, the students have been learning about renewable and non-renewable resources. They have studied how precious water is and some of the issues we are facing with water, especially in this part of the province. They have also been learning about petroleum, wind, and solar power. Ask your child a little about this topic-you'll be surprised how much they know.

As usual, our annual Halloween party went off without a hitch and all the students had a blast making candy apples, popcorn balls, and crafts. There were some great costumes and everyone really put in a great effort to make the day a lot of fun.

Congratulations to the 4/5 class students of the month who are: Natalya Rose, Kurtis Whitehead, Thomas Michel, Tristan Michel, Sherina Capot-Blanc, Sonny Capot-Blanc, Cale Henderson, and Charla Graham. Way to go Star Students!! ☺

Until next month, please read to your children or make sure they are reading every night and make sure to bundle up.

Grade 6/7 – Mrs. Anderson

I hope everything had a safe and fun Halloween and enjoyed the non-snowy October we had. Please remember the snow is coming and so is the cold. Students need to dress warm every day and especially on Fridays for Culture as we are usually outside for an hour. When students come unprepared they cannot take part in the learning.

I am very proud of Leila, Nick, Danielle and Drew for completing their science projects this month and I am looking forward to hearing their presentations on what they learned. The class has also started their science unit on The Human Body. This month, students learned about a Mexican tradition of Day of the Dead. Come down to our classroom bulletin board to read all about this holiday.

This month I want to highlight two students who received their awards. Danielle Capot-Blanc always does her homework (sometimes hands things in early) and wrote a fantastically scary Halloween story in writing class. Evelyn Matilipi has been also working really hard at improving her

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Grade 6/7 continued

writing skills and completing her work on time. You two girls should be proud of your accomplishments this month. Finally, while the gym has been closed and our grade 6's had their immunizations we took some time to relax and get fit with yoga. Check out Justice's awesome airplane, Simone's majestic mountain, and Leila's fantastic balancing.

Grade 6/7 - Mr. Ross

The grade 6/7's have had a great month at Chalo. They have been introduced to the expectations that they must meet to join us on the Vancouver trip in June. Student attendance has been consistently impressive, and the students need less behaviour reminders because they really want to attend this trip. Completion of homework has not been a big issue in this class; it is nice to see the students taking more responsibility for their own work. Many students have benefited from this attitude towards learning, and I am seeing an improvement in grades. Austin has really started to push himself in my class, and I am proud to see the leaps that he is taking academically.

This month we have introduced Ancient Egyptians to the students. The students have been enjoying watching short video clips on ancient civilizations and participating in activities to further their understanding. Tyrell, Derrick, and Shyanna really enjoyed creating their pyramids and including all sorts of trap doors and snake pits that any 'Indiana Jones' character would have trouble evading. The students will continue to learn about the ancient civilizations and compare them to modern day society and how they were influential.

Finally, as you know, October is the month of Halloween. It has been entertaining listening to how excited the students are for this day of Ghouls and Goblins. I enjoy Halloween quite a bit, and I can't wait to spend this spooky day with the students. I hope that I get to see some creative Halloween costumes, and most importantly, I hope that the students have a safe and happy Halloween.

High School



Math – Mrs. Dallas

This past month in Math, grade 9 students have completed learning about Powers, Exponent Laws, and Square Roots. All students had a great understanding of this topic and all received an A on their final unit test. Congratulations to Kendall Gairdner for receiving this month's most improved effort and attitude! The grade 10 class has just completed their unit on Trigonometry and has had great success in determining whether to apply the sine, cosine, or tangent ratio.

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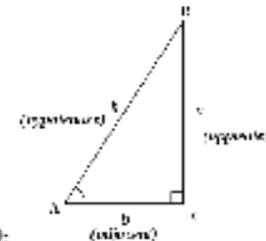
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$$a^0 = 1$$

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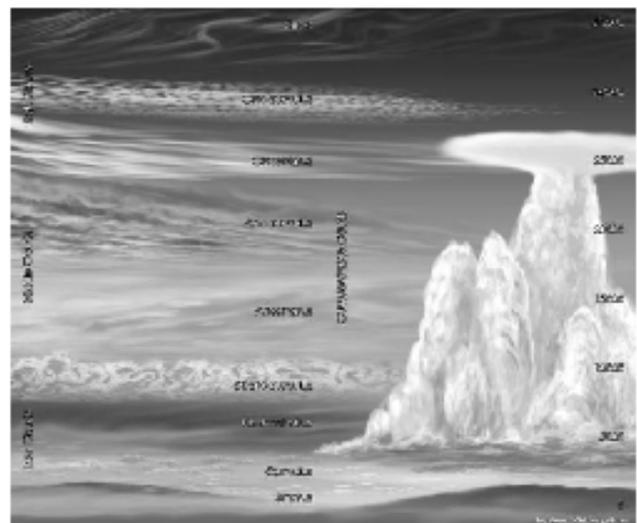
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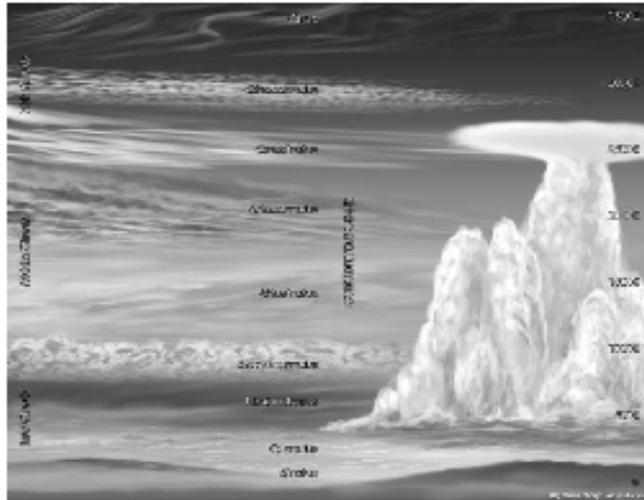


GRADE 10:

Science – Mrs. Dallas

In Earth science we are finishing with our weather and atmosphere unit and next we will be focusing on Earth's rocks and minerals. Students have learned the different levels of the atmosphere as well as the three types of clouds and their variations. Focus this week is on air masses and fronts along with the associated weather conditions. I am especially proud of the effort made by Nicole Stager who has brought her grade up 2 letter grades and always comes for extra help outside of class time when needed. Keep up the hard work!





English – Ms. Clifford



Ms. Clifford's High School Students have been working diligently to memorize and recite our new Chalo High School Creed. Please help a high school student and ask them to recite this Creed to you anytime during the school day! Our high school students are looking forward to performing it at one of our future assemblies. Look out for a special guest who will be helping them present it!

Chalo High School Creed

"We Believe"

We believe. We are the young adults of Chalo School. We are university and career bound. We are exceptional not because we say it, but because we work hard at it. We will not falter in the face of any obstacle placed before us. We are dedicated, committed and focused. We never succumb to mediocrity, uncertainty or fear. We never fail because we never give up. We make no excuses. We choose to live honestly, non-violently and honorably. We respect ourselves and, in doing so, respect all people. We have a future for which we are accountable. We have a responsibility to our families, community and world. We believe in ourselves. We believe in each other. We are strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant. We are Chalo- "The Mighty Beaver!"

High School Fieldtrip - Ms. Dorosz

On October 26th, the grade 10, 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to go out and explore the oil and gas field to the Spectra Oil and Gas Plant. The students spent the morning doing hands on activities sponsored by Nexen and then they spent the afternoon on a guided tour at Spectra's Oil and Gas Plant, south of Fort Nelson. The students learned about different job opportunities that were available at the plant and what kind of education was required to get into specific positions. It was an informative day that introduced the students to new possibilities for future career choices.



Foods - Ms. Riggs



The Chalo Foods 12 class has been cooking up a storm! Lately, they've created such culinary delights as chili with butter biscuits, chicken kebobs, homemade pancakes, tuna casserole, Italian baked chicken with two-toned mashed potato crisp, and a spider cake from scratch for Halloween. In the class, each student takes an active role in the preparation of the food. This class works quite well as a team whether they are cooking or learning about the nutritional elements of the course. Keep an eye out for the future chefs of Fort Nelson!

Photography – Ms. Dorosz

The photography class has been learning and experimenting over the last couple of weeks with Photoshop and all the exciting special effects options it has to offer. The students have been learning how to make creative text and how to make their pictures have a "ghostly" effect...spooky for Halloween! November has brought in a new unit on the addition of special effects to their pictures, the most popular being the water reflection assignment.

Chalo Blurbs



CHALO HAS A NEW GYM FLOOR!

You may have noticed that the gym has been out of commission for the past few weeks. It's been for a good reason...we now have a beautiful, refurbished floor! Everyone in the school is anxious to try out the new floor. Monday, November 14th will be the first day students are able to step foot on a shiny, new floor. Everyone must remember to **ONLY WEAR INDOOR SHOES** on our new gym floor.



Halloween Snaps!



Dates to Remember

- November 17 High School Report Cards
Go Home**
- 18 Backwards Day
Elementary Report Cards
Go Home**
- 24 November Assembly**

- December 2 Hat Day**
- 14 Christmas Concert**
- 16 Last Day of Classes**



The True Meaning of Christmas

"May we all show each other the love and patience that we may not deserve this Christmas. This is the true spirit of Christmas."



"Keep Christmas a time of celebration and love. Don't let Christmas become a chore. Don't let Christmas bring strife to your home."

"May you be reminded of all the most important things in your life this Christmas. Merry Christmas!"

Housing's Update

HOUSING UPDATE

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Please note the new cell phone number for Donaldda is: 250-500-4555

CALL OUT PROCEDURES

Winter is upon us so I would like to remind all tenants and Elders of the year round Housing call-out procedures.

Same Day 24 Hour Service:

No Heat - call Donaldda – she will arrange for a repair person.

Natural Disasters – tree falling on house, etc.

Same Day, Business Hours:

No Water – call Donaldda (business hours) will be classed priority for business hours – no Call-outs.

Plumbing Problems - plugged toilet (negligence of tenant), dripping faucets, sewer freeze up, and sewer backup.

Low Priority:

Electrical Problems – breaker kicks out, appliance not working, sparking outlets, etc.;

Not a Priority:

The following will be dealt with during regular business hours only:

No access into home because tenant has lost house keys;

Vandalism – call police. Report to Housing next business day with Police File Number;

Gas / Hydro Emergencies

Gas emergencies are not a Housing call out. Please follow gas emergency process. Call Fortis Gas at 1-800-663-9911.

Hydro power outages are not a Housing call out. Call BC Hydro at 1-800-769-3766 to see when services will return to normal.

The Band office now has an Interac machine (located at Reception) so any payments (ie. rent , mortgage, etc.) you normally make at the office can now be processed through Interac

BC Hydro's Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) for First Nations Communities

ECAP is a BC Hydro program developed specifically for fixed income households that would benefit from energy efficient upgrades. The program is free to qualifying homeowners and tenants. Depending on the home, the upgrades can be worth about \$2,000 and can include a brand new ENERGY STAR® refrigerator. The program also includes an energy evaluation of the home, a health and safety check, and personalized education designed to help occupants reduce their energy consumption and save money on their bills. Account holders who feel they may be eligible are welcome to apply regardless of whether they own or rent or how they heat their homes. There is a limit of one kit per household. BC Hydro is offering the kits to all BC Hydro account holders whose total household income is below a specific level (based on Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-offs, or LICO). Account .

Housing Committee

Please contact the Housing Department (Cheryl Burke) 250-774-7257 to discuss your eligibility for this program.



HOUSING COMMITTEE

Fort Nelson First Nation is in the process of resurrecting the Housing Committee. Please read through this notice to determine if you are interested in volunteering for one of the vacancies.

The Housing Committee shall operate under the direction of Chief and Council and the Fort Nelson First Nation's Housing Policy and Terms of Reference. The Housing Committee is responsible for the development and recommendations (to the whole of Chief and Council) on all policy implementation and changes, including, but not limited to, housing allocations, membership and / or make-up of the

Housing Committee. Committee Members are expected at all times to act in the best interest of the Fort Nelson First Nation's community as a whole.

The Housing Committee Members are Nation Members who are genuinely interested in the housing needs of the local community, and are willing to work on a volunteer basis to see those needs met. However, any Nation member who wishes to be considered as a Member of the Housing Committee should NOT be in a situation of owing rental and/ or housing payment arrears to the Nation. Committee Members and / or potential Committee Members must be in good standing regarding housing and / or rental payments, as an example to others.

A Housing Committee Member can live on or off the reserve and must be interested in working towards the housing goals of the Fort Nelson First Nation. A Housing Committee Member (particularly, one who is a tenant, applicant, or contractor in a project) MUST declare any conflicts of interest and remove themselves from participating in any voting, especially where immediate family members are concerned or where any benefits might be accrued to the member in any specific instance.

A Housing Committee Member shall agree, in writing, to follow and adhere to Oaths of Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest Guidelines, Code of Ethics Guidelines, and Code of Conduct.

Committee Members are required to attend ALL meetings of the Housing Committee, unless for reasons acceptable to the Chairperson, or, in his or her absence, the Co-Chairperson, whom the Members(s) will notify of any absence prior to any meeting. Any Member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or frequently misses meetings without notice(s) and reasonable justification shall be automatically dismissed as a Member of the Committee.

If you would like to have your name listed as an applicant for the Housing Committee, send in your information: Name, Address, Home telephone number, Employment telephone number, and enclose a paragraph stating why you would like to be on the Housing Committee (including any relevant education or previous experience that would assist in being a member). Also, please acknowledge that you are willing to sign an Oath of Confidentiality and follow the Conflict of Interest Guidelines and the Code of Conduct. The Housing Committee is accountable and reports to Chief and Council. Please forward this information to: Donalda VanKosky, Housing Coordinator.

There will be No Deadline, until we have a complete Housing Committee. Application letters to be stamped and recorded by the receptionist at the Main Band Office.

Donalda VanKosky
Housing Coordinator
250-774-7257 ext. 222

Patient Transportation

FORT NELSON FIRST NATION VISION STATEMENT

"To have the community of the Fort Nelson First Nation be a strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant community; made up of strong, healthy, proud and self-reliant community members."



Below is the information required by NIHB from you in order for us to make your travel arrangements for doctors/specialists appointments.

- Status registration number #
- Personal Health Care #
- Referral letter signed by your family physician
- Name of Dr., hospital, type of visit (x-rays, surgery, testing), date, time and phone # of where I can reach them to confirm appointment (if possible).
- **AFTER RETURN FROM APPOINTMENT: (Within 30 days of appointment)**
- Signed Confirmation Slip
- Receipts (taxi, hotel, meals – depends on what funds were issued)

ABSOLUTELY NO TRAVEL WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE INFORMATION TO ME AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF TRIP.

Dawn Badine – Community Health Clerk
PHONE: 250-774-7257 EXT: 289
CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH FAX: 250-774-2035
EMAIL: dawn.badine@fnnation.ca
Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 – 12:00 pm

Patient Travel

An Important message from

Dawn Badine,

Community Health Clerk/Patient Travel Coordinator

Available Monday – Friday 8:30 – 12:00 pm

***TO BETTER ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR
MEDICAL TRAVEL OUT OF TOWN, I WILL NEED THIS
FORM COMPLETED AT LEAST
10 DAYS PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT DATE.***

(NOTE: PRIORITY TO EMERGENCY CALLS)

****There are more forms available @ the
FNFN administration bldg.***

This is what I need to begin your travel arrangements **
Bring this information to me Dawn Badine, Health Clerk or
put in my mail box @the admin bldg.**

YOUR NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

APPOINT DATE: _____ **TIME:** _____

DOCTOR/FACILITY NAME : _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

WHEN PLANNING TO LEAVE: _____

TRANSPORTATION: _____

(Mode of transportation: Vehicle, bus, NH Bus, etc.)

IRA Duties Status Cards

IRA DUTIES, STATUS CARDS/

FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP:

Fridays only: 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm

INAC FORMS AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A) INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS OF CANADA CONTACT INFORMATION:

1. Status card applications: (2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE ALLOW 30 MINUTES FOR CARD TO BE COMPLETED, SAME DAY).

IMPORTANT:

If an IRA (myself) does not follow the status card policy and require an applicant to provide them with at least two (2) acceptable pieces of identification, he or she may lose their authority to issue status cards.

The following types of ID are required for the APPLICATION:

Originals of birth certificates, Canadian Passports, Driver's Licence, Employee ID's, Firearms Licence, Indian Status (Maximum 6 month expiry date), Provincial Health, Provincial ID, Student ID.

2. UPDATE ON CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS (CIS) ISSUANCE POLICY:

- a) We can no longer accept CIS card that have expired for more than 6 months as valid identification. Therefore the applicant will have to apply for some other form of picture ID in order for an IRA to issue them a replacement status card.
- b) We also have been advised by the Office of the Indian Registrar that it is no longer acceptable to issue CIS cards through the mail. This is due in large part to an increase in the number of partially completed status cards that have been sent to applicants by IRA's via the mail but have never been returned to the IRA. You can see how this would contribute to the fraudulent use of status cards.

3. Parental consent for registration, name change, transfers:

4. (PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SUCH AS BIRTH CERTIFICATES, NAME CHANGE CERTIFICATE, BCR'S).

5. Treaty Annuity Payment request forms: Or contact Barb Williams, Indian Registration Specialists (INAC), 1-800-665-9320.

6. McIvor Case update (BILL C-3): APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE @ BAND OFFICE OR ON- LINE - www.inac-ainc.gc.ca

B) FORT NELSON FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP CODE AND APPLICATION

Congratulations To Danielle Badine



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Danielle Badine
on winning the
\$1000 Encana Aboriginal
Entrance Award!

Hard work pays off , keep up the
good job

Love Mom ,Dad Shawna, Janelle
Staci and Chance xoxox

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

If you are interested in delivering the Newsletter to the
community please contact Moira @
250-774-7257/250-500-1073 or
email mora.biddlecombe@fnnation.ca



Christmas Events



CHALO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Dinner and Concert are on December 14th. The dinner begins at 6:00 pm and the concert will follow at 7:00 pm.

After the concert, there will be a bingo sponsored by the high school students fundraising for the Belize trip in the spring.

Everyone is welcome to join in this festive occasion!



Elders Christmas Luncheon.,



Elders Christmas Luncheon

December 15, 2011

11:30 am

Talking House,
Justice Building

Contact Kym, Community Health Manager
250-774-7257 for additional information

Monthly Events Calendar Headstart

December 2011-Head Start



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Head Start programs are created with your help! If there is something you would like to see or do at Head Start, please feel free to talk to Annabelle and share your ideas on how we can best meet the needs of the community. Head Start programs are geared towards families with children 0-6 years of age. Transportation is provided to and from all programs. Please call if you need a ride! 250-774-2361 ext 23/25</p>				<p>1 Breakfast Club 8:30-9:30 Little Chefs</p>	<p>2 Outreach</p>	<p>3 Head Start and Recreation Family Swim</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 No Programs</p>	<p>6 Language Circle with Theresa Button Blankets 10:00-11:00 Family Friendly Meals 4:45-6:30</p>	<p>7 Administration Remembering Our Loved Ones, Tree Light up 5-6 Band Office</p>	<p>8 Breakfast Club 8:30-9:30 Little Chefs 3:00-5:00</p>	<p>9 Outreach</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Scrapbooking Memories 1:00-3:00</p>	<p>13 Language Circle with Theresa Button Blankets 10:00-11:00 Family Friendly Meals 4:45-6:30</p>	<p>14 Administration Chalo Christmas Concert</p>	<p>15 Breakfast Club 8:30-9:30 Little Chefs 3:00-5:00</p>	<p>16 Christmas Movies! Movie Night with Head Start and Recreation 6:30-8:30 At Meyosin</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Christmas Cookie Decorating with Head Start and Recreation 2:00-5:00 At Meyosin</p> 	<p>20 Christmas Hamper Sorting</p>	<p>21 Christmas Hamper Sorting Community Christmas Party 5:30-7:30 At Chalo School</p>	<p>22 Breakfast Club 9:00-10:00 Christmas Ornament Making 10:00-11:30 Christmas Hamper Delivery</p>	<p>23 Christmas Hamper Delivery</p>	<p>24</p> 
<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>Closed for Christmas Holidays, programs resume January 3, 2012. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!</p>						

December

2011

Recreation & After School Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30: Crafts	2 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30	3
4 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30 : sledding depending on weather	5 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30 : reading circle: visitor	6 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30 : reading circle: visitor	7 ASP 3-5 - Xmas Tree Light up @ 5:00 @ Council Chambers	8 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30	9 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30: nature walk depending on weather	10
11 - Staff Craft & Tea @ 6:30 @ Justice	12 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30: reading circle: visitor	13 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30	14 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30	15 - Elders Xmas Lunch @ 12 @ Council Chambers	16 After School Program (ASP) 3-4:30 Family Movie Night @6:30-8:30 @ Meyosin	17 - Community Sledding Party w/rec & Head start @ 4-3
18 11am-2pm: Fun Day Open to everyone Family cookie decorating 2-5 with head start	19 11am-5pm Open invitation to everyone : Karaoke & dance	20 11am-5pm Open invitation to everyone : Karaoke & dance	21 ASP: CLOSED Community Dinner	22 ASP: CLOSED Family Breakfast @ Meyosin 9am-10am Family Craft 10-11:30 Transportation available	23 CLOSED	24 Happy Holidays from us  @ Recreation

After School Program—Rec Program

Here's what we've been doing at the After School Program and Recreation

This month we went swimming with families; We went sledding; we played dodge ball at the gym; we had a movie night; we cooked with head start @ Little Chiefs and Julie Cowie from Archer volunteer to teach kids about local animal bones. The kids learned about different types of skulls and its function. We also made a lithic tool. We took 14 youth out to the Pee Wee Rep hockey Team and 4 families to the Science world is a hit



Recently we have had some concerns from parents about bullying. We are taking actions by scheduling circles 2-3 times a week where we discuss, express and talk about bullying. Please talk with your kids about bullying as it affects all of us.

We would like to invite more kids out to sign up for the After School Program and participate with our activities. The activities we put on are selected to promote self-esteem, social skills and build friendly relationships. Please come and visit us and see what we are about! See you at Meyosin.

If you have any questions and concerns, please call 250 774 7320

Thank you

The Recreation Team



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