



Potlotek Board of Education Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PSE Students

The spring and summer session applications are due on **March 29th, 2006**. Please note that the policy states, *“Conditional acceptance and final acceptance does not guarantee that financial assistance will be automatically granted. Completed application forms must be returned by:*

Last Wednesday of May for the Fall Session.

Last Wednesday of Oct. for the Winter Session.

Last Wednesday of March for Spring/Summer Session

George Marshall did a website for us that is linked to the Education section in potlotek.ca. It includes the Education guide, the newsletters and the MK presentation for the 05/06 Operational Plan.

Peter Brand and Ivy Carleson from First

People’s Cultural Foundation came to the Board office in January to train George, Lillian, Rosemary, Josie Poulette and Theresa Levesque on how to upload Mi’kmaq words, phrases, songs, and stories to their website. We encourage the community members to view firstvoices.com.

On February 11, 2006, we had a book launch at the community hall for the Mi’kmaq Alphabet and the Core Sounds. We also did a presentation about the First Voices.

An article about the book launch is in the March Mi’kmaq Maliseet Nations News. Congratulations to Lillian and her staff for their accomplishment. We thank the Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq and Eastern Woodland Publishing for their contribution toward the production of the book and CD.

The cost of the book/CD package is \$50. Proceeds of the sale will go toward the production cost of the next book/CD, “The Seven Conjugations”. To order, please call our Board office, 535-3160.

Our Grade 4 class won third prize in a video competition with Help Desk; they received \$200. The three-minute video is on the Friendship Dance they did at the Christmas concert. Congratulations!

During Family Literacy Week, Dyson Marshall won third prize from the Richmond Literacy Coalition for finding 158 words in the word “literacy”. Congratulations Dyson.

A group from Peru came to visit our Board office and school on February 7th. Chief Wilbert presented the Mayor of a Peruvian village with a beautiful picture of Chapel Island.

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Special points of interest:

- Due date for PSE Spring/Summer sessions is March 29th, 2006.
- Feb. 12th Book Launch at community hall. Cost of book/CD is \$50.00.
- Grade 4 class wins 3rd prize for school project. Congratulations!
- Peruvian Visit
- Pauline Marshall and Blayne Murray and Debbie Mombourquette with new Premier, Rodney MacDonald.
- Winter Carnival week at Mi’kmaewey School
- Drum making workshop for Board, school staff and students was successful.
- New Report Card system for Mi’kmaewey School in 2006/07 school year.
- Pictures to honor our Community Elders.
- Gideon Doucette wins 1st prize...



Guests from Peru, Chief Wilbert and Miss Lilly



More News from the Board of Directors

The Aboriginal Language Initiative is completed at the end of March, 2006. We will no longer receive funding from this organization to carry on language initiatives. It is hoped that the Conservative government will be creating a new language program in the near future.

The PBOE Organizational Chart is completed and distributed to the staff. You can view the chart on the website, "www.potlotek.ca" in the Education Guide.

Shirley Mitchell and Crystal Samson attended training in Eskasoni for the Dadavan Report Card program. By fall, our teachers will be using the new report card system.

The Winter Carnival at Mi'kmawey School was fun and exciting for the children. Thanks to the Chief and Council and NADACA for contributing to the cost of the activities.

Our two-day drum-making workshop for the teachers, Board members and the students was very successful. Thanks to the Chief and Council for contributing the funds and to Christine Metallic and Vincent Marshall for the training.

MK Updates:

Valerie Marshall-Bowers submitted a proposal to Indian Affairs to purchase

books for pre-school children.

Irene Johnson, Francis Doucette, Mary Collier, Peter Paul, Shauna Marshall and Shirley Mitchell attended the MK Strategic Planning Symposium in Halifax on March 8—10th. Francis presented the 05/06 PBOE power point presentation on the activities we accomplished this past year.

They were also busy developing the 2006-10 strategic plan and 06/07 operational plan.

Shirley Mitchell attended the MK Working Group (Directors) meeting in Whycomagh on February 8th and 9th. DIAND met with the group on the 9th to update the federal plans to restructure the Education program and to introduce the Directors to the new reporting forms for Special Education.

MK will be holding their Working Group meeting in Chapel Island on May 10th.

We, as a Board, recently developed an Education Profile for Chapel Island. This was presented to MK at their meeting in Halifax on March 8, 2006. We plan to add this to our website.

The Chapel Island Band Council appointed Mary Collier as our Financial Officer. She is doing an excellent

job informing us about our monthly financial reports. She recently received her certification as an Aboriginal Financial Manager from the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association.

Congratulations, Mary!!



Debbie Mombourquette, Pauline Marshall, Premier Rodney MacDonal and Blayne Murray at his Swearing in Ceremony in Halifax. Pauline and Blayne attended Mi'kmawey School when the Premier taught there. Debbie was his co-worker at the time.



Harriet Doyle



DAY CARE



The work projects will be starting soon and the Day Care is preparing for the children's arrival.

Please note that the first priority for registration at Day Care is single parents.

Please apply early with Jeannette at 535-2041 to register your child.



Peter Brand
First People's Cultural Foundation

PBOE STAFF

- Shirley Mitchell, Education Director
- Rosemary Marshall, Executive Assistant and PSE Coordinator
- George Marshall, Mi'kmaw Language IT Specialist
- Lillian Marshall, Mi'kmaw Language Coordinator
- Rose Nicholas, C@P Site Coordinator
- Nancy Battiste, Janitor

- Andrew Paul, Mi'kmaq teacher and Cultural Coordinator
- Wanda Pottie, Phys. Ed. Teacher
- Beverley Stevens, TA/Mi'kmaq Teacher
- Leanne Marshall, TA
- Shelly Martell, TA
- Anne Marie Marchand, TA/Mi'kmaq teacher for Headstart



Tara Johnson

DAY CARE STAFF

- Jeannette Marshall, Coordinator
- Irene Gould, Teacher Aide

- Lori Doucette, Chef
- Russell Battiste, Janitor

PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS

MI'KMAWEY SCHOOL

- Peter J. Paul, Principal
- Amanda Benoit, Receptionist
- Lorena Tracey, Headstart
- Crystal Samson, P-1 teacher
- Debbie Mombourquette, Gr. 2 teacher
- Sylvia Campbell, Gr. 3 teacher
- Camilla Currie, Gr. 4 teacher
- John Hopkins, Gr. 5/6 teacher

- Rosanne Murray, Mi'kmaq Language Teacher and Liaison Officer at Richmond Academy
- Donna Lameman, Mi'kmaq Language Teacher and Liaison Officer at EREC.
- Leona Munroe, SPA at EREC.



Carmel Mellen



MI'KMAWEY SCHOOL NEWS

Cultural Events

- Preparation for the Mi'kmaq Fine Arts Festival.
- Mi'kmaq Traditional Game, Waltes, competition for Shrove Tuesday.
- School competitions with FN Help Desk.
- Won \$200 for a 3-minute Video on the Friendship Dance
- Drum-making with Christine Metallic and Vincent Marshall.
- Arts and crafts by Lori Doucette.

Thanks to Camilla Currie, John Hopkins, Leanne Marshall, Shelley Martell and Sylvia Campbell for attending our community's mid-winter feast.

Thanks to the teachers for the home visits.

The Principal introduced a silent reading period for classes.

On February 17, the teachers went to a Special Education workshop that was sponsored by Indian Affairs and MK.

There were a lot of activities at the Winter Festival. Everyone had fun, especially Lori Doucette and Amanda Benoit, the sumo wrestlers.

Gideon Doucette won 1st prize from the Canada Day Poster Challenge for the 911 category. He competed with 1400 students. Congratulations, Gideon.

The students attended a Science Fair at CBU on February 24th.

The students are also involved in the Shaw Rocket Project. Miss Camilla and Mr. Jack's classes were a select group of students from across Canada to judge the finalists for the best in Canadian Children's Television. This Media Literacy project builds the children's looking, listening and discerning skills. The project is being facilitated by Peggy Ward, from Toronto, who is on the Creative Leadership Team with Learning through the Arts.

February Student of the Month Awards went to:

K-4	Hope Johnson
P-1	Charity Doucette
Gr. 2	Cassidy Simon
Gr. 3	Alan Lafford
Gr. 4	Tessa Toueshard
G4. 5/6	Candice Johnson

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

The Department had a book launch ceremony at the community hall on February 11th. Lillian was also honored by the Band Council and the Board for her accomplishment.

George Marshall also introduced First Voices. The Department has been busy uploading Mi'kmaq words, phrases, songs and stories to this website.

Thanks to Josie Poulette, Theresa Levesque and Rosemary Marshall for helping George and Lillian with this project.

C@P SITE NEWS

Steven Levesque obtained his GED Grade 12. He's won a \$200 award from the Band Council. Congratulations, Steven!!

Thanks to Zoe Nicholas for her volunteer work as a tutor.

Chief Wilbert, Shirley Mitchell, George Marshall, Steven Levesque and Rosie Nicholas received certificates of recognition as volunteers for the Regional C@P Society on March 22, 2006 in Petite de Grat. Congratulations!

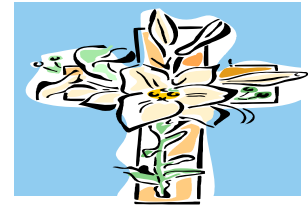
The hours for GED classes have changed back to Monday and Wednesday, 6pm to 9pm. Unfortunately, the attendance is very poor and there is a consideration of discontinuing the program.



**TRY OUT THIS PUZZLE TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU LEARNED FROM READING
THIS NEWSLETTER**



Miss Lilly teaching the children how to play Waltes at Shrove Tuesday Dinner.



MEMORIAL

A memorial service was held for Miss Annie Tena Marshall to honor the 1 year anniversary of her death.

Each of our newsletters will have pictures of our Elders. We love you and honor you.



Agnes Nicholas
(Grammy Boston)



Wosowech Pictou, Elder Steven Isaac
and Alan Lafford

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