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Principal's Message

As we come to the end of another year at Eliza Van Bibber School I would have to say that I have enjoyed this year even more than the last few. We have had a very busy year working on our academics as well as our cultural programming. We have worked a lot with Selkirk First Nation and our community members to make our programming come to life this year.

This year we were able to go trapping, snaring, canoeing, winter camping, and berry picking. We as a school attended SFN's culture camp and May Gathering. Our students also cooked lunch for the elders after they snared rabbits with Eugene. All classes this year went on field trips including: to the wild life preserve, and the REM.

Within the classrooms our students have greatly improved their reading and particularly their writing skills. This was done through a drastic improvement in attendance and through their hard work. I would also like to thank our community for your support this year. It was the families which were getting the students here to learn and then supported them while they are here. We hope that this relationship only continues to grow next year.

We have already started planning our 2016-2017 school year and have some events planned for September including our fall camp and berry picking.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and we will see you on August 30th.

Mr. Duclos



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E.V.B. S. Visiting Author: Dianne Whelan



Whitehorse librarian introducing Dianne (sitting) to E.V.B. students.

Dianne Whelan is currently hiking, paddling and cycling Canada's 24000km Trans Canada trail. She took a break from her journey to visit the Yukon and share her stories. She is both an author and documentary film maker. Her award winning films are *This Land* and *40 Days at Base Camp*. She has published *This Vanishing Land* and *Rethinking Everest*. She visited our school April 19th and our students were fascinated by her stories and adventures. Thank you Dianne for telling your stories about adventure, documentary film making, and writing.

Superstore Lunch



Staff and students in the school Rotunda



Special Cake for E.V.B.



The wait by the barbecue

On May 6th the staff from Superstore in Whitehorse hosted a barbecue lunch for the staff and students at Eliza Van Bibber School. They loaded up a truck with a barbecue, propane, and lots of tasty hamburgers, hot dogs, smokies and salads for lunch. Each student received a backpack or container full of gifts. It was a special event for our school. Thank you Superstore!

Carmacks Ridge Run

On Friday May 6th an energetic group of EVBS students and staff participated in the 33rd Annual Carmacks Ridge Run. This year saw the largest numbers in the history of the run as Tantalus school welcomed 465 students from 12 schools across the Yukon.

The EVBS Running Club included students from many age groups; everyone ran the 3-kilometer loop. The course began by following the Yukon River but soon took a turn up a steep single-track trail, eventually leveling out and following a ridgeline where the views were spectacular; there was a steep downhill section before the finish line at Tantalus school. Our students were very respectful and did an excellent job of representing EVBS. We look forward to next year and beating our personal records.

A special mussi cho to all staff who took time out of their schedules to help train our runners for this tremendous event.

Music at E.V.B.S.



The All City Jazz Band performing in our school gym.

All City Jazz Band

On May 5th the All City Jazz Band came to Eliza Van Bibber. They performed a variety of musical selections to the delight of students and staff. Afterwards our students had the opportunity to try some of the instruments.



Neveah trying the trumpet with his kindergarten friends looking on.

Daylen, Kylie and Tyra playing the electronic keyboard.



Travelling Musicians Mike and Steve



Steve teaching students in the library



Jenesta, Hadden and Sierra playing harmonicas



3/4/5 students performing in the library

On May 4, renowned harmonica player Mike Stevens and Ambassador to Yukon music Steve Slade visited E.V.B.S. and inspired our community with their musical talents. They brought harmonicas for all, and harmonica music could be heard throughout the school and playground. They worked with every class and at the end of the day, E.V.B.S. students gave a music concert for the school and Pelly Crossing community. Thank you Mike and Steve!

Yukon Wildlife Preserve Visit



3/4/5 Students close-up with a moose



K—2 Students exploring antlers



Grade 1/2 hiking the Preserve trails

During the month of May all of the students had the opportunity to visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve in Whitehorse. When Ms. Lo's 3/4/5 class visited on May 25th the weather was cool and rainy. That didn't dampen the students' enthusiasm and they learned so much about the animals in our territory. The K-2 students visited May 30th. The weather cooperated and they did a great deal of walking from exhibit to exhibit around the Preserve. They wrapped up the visit with a short presentation at the Preserve's Learning Center. Thank you Mr. Murgatroyd for driving the school bus on both of these trips!



Students watching deer



E.V.B.S. helps Pelly Crossing Clean Up!

Tuesday May 3, 2016 was Community Clean Up day in Pelly Crossing. Staff from the Selkirk First Nations Administration office, Capital works, the R.C.M.P. , along with E.V.B.S. staff and students helped pick up trash. Our students were divided into Spirit teams and each team, armed with trash bags headed either north, south, east or west of the school to clean up. Afterwards everyone was invited to the S.F.N. office for a barbecue. Well done Pelly Crossing!

Bicycle Safety Presentation



Students at E.V.E. participating in the bicycle safety presentation put on by the Youth Conservation Action Volunteers.

On May 10 Youth Conservation Action Volunteers came to Eliza Van Bibber School to give a workshop to our students on bicycle safety and skills. Various stations were set up around the school field and students pedaled around cones, across wooden planks, and through makeshift intersections to practice their cycling skills. There was one station where students got off their bikes and learned about bicycle safety. Thank you RPAY for sponsoring this event! In P.E. class Mr. Mugatroyd has taught our students about bicycle repairs and maintenance. E.V.B. also has a Mountain bike club which meets weekly to cycle the trails around Pelly Crossing. They were last seen cycling the Yukon Quest Trail!

E.V.B.S. Art Show



Grandma Rachel Tom Tom telling students stories in the library. Susan McCallum teaching students. Our school art show!

As part of the Artist in the Community program E.V.B.S. sponsored artist Susan McCallum to work with our students from June 6-8. We started in the library with Grandma Rachel telling stories to all our students. With the kitchen turned into an art studio, all students spent at least 3 drawing and painting sessions with our visiting artist. The theme for the paintings was based on Grandma Rachel's stories. We turned the school rotunda and library into an art gallery. The final paintings, acrylic on canvas, were displayed in the E.V.B.S. "Art Gallery". From 3:00-3:30 on June 8, students and members of the community were invited to E.V.B.'S.s first Art Show!

Jr. REM in Faro

From May 16-19th, Riley, Mackenzie, Tyra, Jared, Kylie, Mr. Murgatroyd and Ms. Coburn represented Pelly Crossing at the first ever Junior Rural Experiential Model (REM) in Faro! This two-day holistic program of integrated traditional and modern 21st century teaching and learning involved 12 different communities in the Yukon coming together in order to strengthen their cultural, emotional, mental, and physical well-being. Students took part in 3 different workshop sessions of choice; involving Yukon Culture, Personal Wellness and Applied Skills. From building tool boxes, to playing music, to participating in Girl Power sessions, to spinning wool, to learning about coastal First Nation art and meeting lots of new friends from around the Yukon - these several days were maximized by EVBS students!



Students on a retired iron ore truck



Music workshop at Del Van Gorder



Getting ready for the opening ceremonies

Salmon Release in Mayo



Keyshawn releasing salmon fry

On May 11th, the Grade 6/7/8 class drove to Mayo to release the salmon fry that we have had in our classroom this year. We joined a class from Mayo and a class from Dawson at the Mayo River to release all 17 of our surviving salmon fry. It was an exciting day to see these little swimmers take off! Sebastian from the Salmon in the Classroom project delivered us salmon eggs from this part of the Mayo River back in October and since then we've watched them turn from eggs, to eyed eggs, to alevins and then finally fry. Hopefully in 7 years these fry will come back to spawn in this same area!



E.V.B.S. Canoe Trip



Loading up the canoes to travel to Ethel Lake



Paddling on Ethel Lake



Preparing and enjoying delicious meals!

E.V.B.S. Students took to local lakes in canoes. On Wed. June 8, led by Mr. Murgatroyd and Ms. Coburn, students from 6-12 went to Rock Island to learn basic paddling and rescue skills. Grade 8-9 students participated in an overnight canoe trip June 9-10 at Ethel Lake. They camped on Na-Cho Nyak Dun Territory. Our students pitched tents, prepared meals, and cleaned up afterwards. They went fishing and told stories by the campfire. This was E.V.B.S.'s overnight canoe trip. Lets hope this is a start of a new paddling tradition.

Moosehide Tanning



Students with Don Trudeau

The students at Eliza Van Bibber took part in a two day educational workshop on Moose Hide Tanning with Elders Don and Audrey Trudeau. Don and Audrey came into the school and went over their Moose Hide Tanning booklet in a slide show presentation with EVB students. Students were shown step by step about how a moose hide is prepared and tanned. EVB students then went on a field trip to see Don and Audrey's workshop for Moose hide Tanning. . Students learned hands on, on how to handle the Moose Hide preparing it for each step, of the process. Also they had the opportunity to work with

a soaked moose hide, soften the hide, how to tan the hide, and the final process-Smoking the hide. The students were walked through the process of how the Moose Hide is done from start to the finish. By Julia Joe

E.V.B.S. Fun Day, Soccer Game and Barbecue

On the afternoon of June 13, 2016 E.V.B.S. had its annual Fun Day, staff vs. student soccer game, and community barbecue. Our students were divided into their house teams and participated in a variety of games starting with Knights, Horses and Cavaliers and ending with a tug-of-war. We had a staff water-balloon toss and the staff managed a high score of 33 tosses before the water balloon broke. We wrapped up all of the fun games before the rain started. In between rain showers the E.V.B.S. staff played soccer against the students. After the soccer game everyone enjoyed a wonderful barbeque. It really was a Fun Day had by all!



Tug of War



Knight Elijah on his horse Cody



Staff water balloon toss



Sponge Bucket Fill



Water balloon games

Yukon First Nations Studies 12 Presentation at May Gathering



This year at May Gathering in Minto I had the privilege to present to the Northern Tutchone elders and community the early stage stages of the Yukon First Nations Studies 12 course I have been developing for the past two years.

Using the Yukon Education curriculum as a framework, I have constructed the course with Selkirk First Nation's history, culture, environment, and government as the focal point while discussing Indigenous issues at a provincial/territorial and national level.

I would like to thank SFN, the NTC, Teri-Lee Isaac and everyone who listened and gave feedback on how the project is going. I am very excited to finalize the course and to have it taught in the future.

Mussi Cho!

By: Lauren Baranik



Images from May Gathering

E.V.B.S. 2016 Awards

On the morning of June 13th E.V.B.S. held its' annual Awards Ceremony. The following students received awards.

Social Responsibility -Dooli Awards

Kindergarten: Hailey McGintie
Grade 3/4/5: MaKayala Grennan
Grade 8 –12: Madison Gill
High School: Dylan Alfred

Academic Excellence

Grade 1-5: Azalee Isaac-Smith
Grade 6-11: Kylie Willilams

Athlete of the Year

Grade 1-5: Nicolas Shorty
Grade 6-11: Dylan Alfred

Attendance and Punctuality

Grade K-2: Tyrin Silas
Grade 3/4/5: Cassandra Johnnie
Grade 6/7/8: Madison Gill
High School: Courtney Alfred

Most Improved Language Arts

Grade 1-5: Sierra Johnnie
Grade 6-11: Jared Tom Tom

Most Improved Math

Grade 1-5: Elijah Harper
Grade 6-11: Dylan Alfred

Student of the Year

Grade 1-5: William Blackjack
Grade 1-6: Tyra Gill

Northern Tutchone

Grade 1-5: Madison Gill
Grade 6-12: Daylen Alfred

Most Improved Student

Kindergarten: Keenan Johnnie
Grade 1/2: Shayna Williams
Grade 3/4/5: Jaden Morrison
Grade 6/7: Keyshawn Sawyer
Grade 8-11: Courtney Alfred

Cultural Fine Arts Award

Kindergarten: Keelan Sawyer
Grade 1/2: Sierra Johnnie
Grade 3/4/5: Alexandra Johnny
Grade 6/7/8: Riley Gill Mackenzie Gill
High School: Courtney Alfred

Cultural Role Model Award

Kindergarten: Damien Sims
Grade 1-2: Azalee Smith
Grade 3/4/5: Jaden Morrison
Grade 6/7/8: Keyshawn Sawyer
High School: Kylie Willilams Daylen Alfred



E.V.B.S. Students at Awards Ceremony



Dates and Times to Remember For 2016-2017

June 20—Last Day of School
 August 30—First Day of School
 September 2—Berry Picking Trip
 September 5—No School (Labour Day)
 September 12-16th—EVBS Fall Camp
 September 30—No School (Teacher Conference)
 October—Storytelling Week
 October 10—No School (Thanksgiving)
 November 10—Remembrance Day Ceremony
 November 11—No School (Remembrance Day)
 December 19—January 2—No School (Christmas Break)
 January—Rabbit Snaring
 February 24—No School (Heritage Day)
 March—Winter Camping Trip
 March—Ice fishing
 March 20—April 3—No School (Spring Break)
 April 14—No School (Good Friday)
 April 17—No School (Easter Monday)
 May—Fishnets
 May 22—No School (Victoria Day)
 June 20—Last Day of School

Thank you and Request For Help:

I would like to thank all of the Elders, SFN employees and community members who assisted us this year in our programming. We would not have been able to give the level of education that we wanted to for our students without your support.

If you are interested in volunteering and helping with any of the above listed events and camps next year please come in and see us.

Mussi Cho, Mr. Duclos

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