



# EVB QUARTERLY

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## Principal's Message

I would like to welcome back all of the students to the school for the 2016-2017 school year. It has been a very busy fall for Eliza Van Bibber School, full of cultural activities as well as working hard on our academics. Thank you to all of the parents, elders, school council members and community members for your contributions at the school this fall.

Our elementary school is back on the same track of high academic standards that gave us the high writing results that our students achieved in the spring and the great first write of this school year. In our secondary school we have continued to offer a full range of courses including electives for music and digital media. We have also included a variety of on the land programs to enhance their cultural learning.

This fall we are welcoming back Shannon Boyce as the Guidance Counsellor and Aaron McGinty as an educational assistant. However, besides those positions all staff members have returned this year. We are very excited about the stability within the school.

As always, our doors are open to all community members who have ideas to share or even just want to stop in and say hello. All of us at EVB are looking forward to working with everyone again this year.

Mussi Cho, John R. Duclos



Students Learning how to snare gophers from Peter Isaac

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# Students Learn Traditional Teachings at Fall

Students from kindergarten to grade 12 participated in the fall camp held at minto. The camp was a delivered in partnership between Selkirk First Nation and Eliza Van Bibber School. Students learned many traditional teachings at the camp such as: calling and tracking moose, respectful hunting practices, snaring, harvesting medicine, skinning and cleaning moose, gopher and grouse, singing and drumming, raft building and traveling and traditional roles and responsibilities.

We are very grateful for all the elders that took part in the camp and shared their stories with our students. Many thanks to the staff at Selkirk First Nation for organizing the camp and to the EVBS staff for supervising students. A big mussi cho the hunters for donating animals for the students to learn how to clean. The moose meat will be stored and prepared for this year's graduation dinner. Special thanks to Kevin McGinty for donating a moose, Franklin Roberts for donating a moose and RCMP constable Sam Anderson for donating grouse and gophers.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Enjoying a bloomed rose in September !



Preparing Moose meat



Betty Joe showing students how to set up camp



Cooking Moose meat



# Students Learn Traditional Teachings at Fall Camp



Collecting Medicine



Student learning how to make a moose call



Teamwork!



Johnston Edwards Teaching Students



Peter Issac Snaring Gophers



Preparing rabbit meat



# Students Honour Terry Fox

Terrance Stanley "Terry" Fox was a Canadian athlete, humanitarian, and cancer research activist.

In 1980, with one leg having been amputated, he embarked on a cross Canada run to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Each year, in schools and communities across the country and around the world people run to remember Terry and to raise money for cancer research. This year the staff and students of Eliza Van Bibber participated in a run on the school grounds and finished with a fun relay race in the gym. Highlights included teamwork challenges and scooter races with the four spirit teams competing for points for the 2016/2017 Spirit Trophy.

The results were close but in the end it was Denyak Cho that took the honours.

~ Written by Arthur Murgatroyd



Students Having Fun at Terry Fox Day



Showing off the Cranberry Harvest



Having Fun Picking Cranberries

## EVBS Students Pick Cranberries

Every September Eliza Van Bibber School takes all the students down the Pelly farm road to pick cranberries. This year all the students donated their cranberries to make jam. During Native Language all students participated in making jam to go with homemade bannock. Once all the jam was done and jarred, we cooked bannock and had fresh cranberry jam with it. Every class really enjoyed this hands on training, and it was all in our language. This project was very successful.

~ Written by Darlene McGinty



# Students Participate in Orange Shirt Day



Students, Staff and Community Coming Together for Orange Shirt Day



Enjoying the Orange Shirt Day Luncheon

On September 28th, EVBS hosted a special event to honor all children that attended Residential School. The concept of 'Orange Shirt Day' arose from a woman named Phyllis Webstad that had her shiny new orange shirt taken away on the first day of Residential School in Williams Lake, BC. We gathered together in the library as a school and community; appreciating an opening prayer from Dorothy Johnston respectful words from Mr. Duclos and Phyllis's powerful story as told from Ethan, Madison and Tyra. We then participated in a community awareness walk to affirm our commitment that every child around us matters. We continue to share in the spirit of reconciliation for generations of children to come. Mussi Cho to all students, staff, community members and Elders for their shared solidarity on this special day!

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



# Kindergarten/Learning Together



We have been so busy! We just finished our number wall showing the many different ways that we can count to 10. We have also been practicing patterns, letters and colours. It's been fun!

## Scholastic

This year we will once again be sending home Scholastic Book order forms. Scholastic is a wonderful way to introduce the importance and love of reading to your children.

## Letter Exchange

Over the past few months we were involved in a letter exchange with 25 other schools from across Canada. Not only was it a letter introducing our school to everyone, but also creating one of the letters of the alphabet! Our class was responsible for making the letter Rr for everyone. All the letters that we have received are on display in our classroom. We are still waiting on a few letters to arrive in the mail. Getting mail has never been more fun!

## Learning Together

Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to come out for an afternoon of singing, playing, and creating. Learning Together is from 1-3, Monday through Friday. The Learning Together Program is flexible to your schedule – if you can only visit one a week that's okay! Come on in, and see what we're all about.

## Extra Notes

Bus... Please inform the school if the safe departure arrangement that is in place for your child changes. Extra Clothes... Accidents happen! A spare set of clothes will be just the ticket in the event of a mishap. Please send a shirt, socks, pants, and underpants in labeled Ziploc bag to ensure your child's comfort is maintained.

~ Written by Mary Bedford



Students Doing Science Experiments



Students Making Cranberry jam



# Grade 3/4/5 class learns about Geometricity



The students in Grade 3-5 recently completed a project that incorporated math, social studies, and art. Geometricity is a project based learning activity where students take their geometry skills and design their own city.

Students utilized many types of geometric skills such as building nets to create buildings and structures, along with designing 2D and 3D parts of the city with shapes, lines, and angles. Besides using their math skills, students learned about mapping skills and demonstrated their creative artistic ability when designing their city plans and buildings.

After weeks of hard work, students completed all four phases of the project and were proud to show their achievements to the rest of the school.

~ Written by Lynette Lo



**Grade 3/4/5 Class Showing off their Geometricity projects !**



## Potential Graduates Selling Chocolates



**These Chocolates could be yours!**

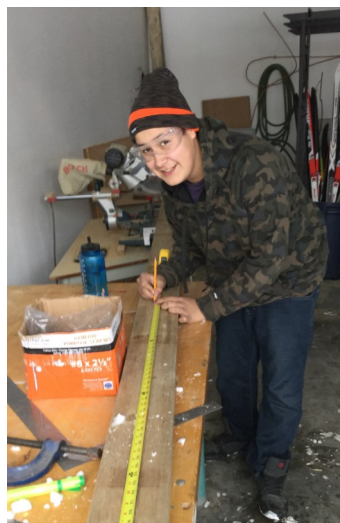
The potential graduates are selling Purdy's chocolates as a fundraiser for their graduation. Please consider buying some chocolates to support our grads:

If you are interested you can contact the potential grads or come into the school office to place an order. Catalogues are available at the post office, store and school. The potential grads earn 20% of all chocolates they sell. Orders are due by Monday November 28th.

Stay tuned for more fundraisers in the months of December and January.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

## Students Use Math to Build Tent Platform



**Student Making Platform**

The Math 9/10 class at Eliza Van Bibber School had the opportunity to enhance their learning of math – measurement, area and triangles through an experiential project. This project was to build a platform for the outdoor classroom wall tent.

Students had to perform measure, cut, assemble and paint in order to produce the platform. Working together they planned and created a working platform while learning new skills and had some fun painting.

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Abson who put in a lot of extra hours and to help level out the platform at the site. We would also like to thank Mr. Anderson and Mr. Murgatroyd for helping to get the platform moved out to the woods site. This project was a huge success for math class and the school to now have a great outdoor classroom.

~ Written by Joshua Korten



**Students on top of the Platform they Built**





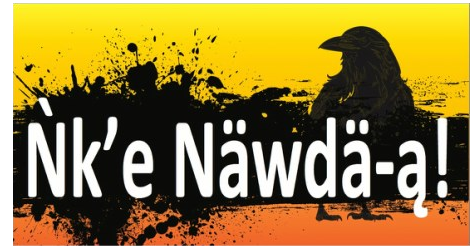
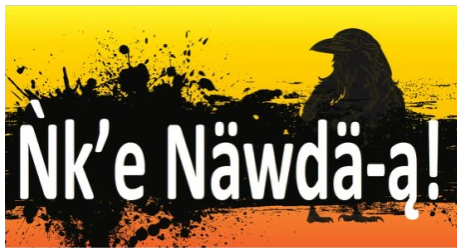
# High School Students Participate in REM

For the last week in September, 4 high school students travelled to Dawson City to participate in the Rural Experiential Module with other students from outside of Whitehorse.

Picking from a variety of day sessions, our potential graduates enjoyed sports and games including traditional Arctic winter games, rock climbing, canoeing, and volleyball just to name a few. Others were able to learn about cooking and food preparation, helping to prepare large, delicious meals for big groups.

Outside of their day sessions which would last from 9:00 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, our students had the opportunity to travel out to the Tr'ondek Hwech'in camp and participate in stick gambling or create an art piece using dyed porcupine ac girl who goes on journey to find out who she identifies as.

~ Written by Lauren Baranik



Students Hitting the Water in the Outdoor Ed. Program



On Target!

## EVB Welcomes New French Monitor

We have a new French monitor for our school. His name is Louis Pillepe Vidal. His job is to organize and lead French cultural activities at our school. Louis Phillipe will make 3 visits to Pelly Crossing this school year. He was here Oct 3-7 and will be returning the first week of Dec and again in February 2017.

~ Written by Tricia Frey



# Play is Childs Work



Play is the main way pre-school children learn. Play helps them build skills for thinking critically about the world around them and becoming leaders. Play gives an outlet for children's imagination, creativity and ingenuity. Pretend play helps children learn to think abstractly, and to look at things from another's perspective.

Playing with blocks, clay, sand and water helps kids learn to think logically an experiment. Questions that start with "I wonder what will happen if...." turn preschoolers into scientists!

Play with other kids helps develop social skills like cooperation, sharing, and taking turns; it also helps kids learn and practice ways of dealing with frustrations, and standing up for themselves.

Active play helps kids develop their large motor skills – running, kicking, leaping, throwing, and crafts help develop fine motor skills – writing, drawing, cutting paper.

Free unstructured play allows children to follow their imagination and their interests. Learning is fun and self-directed.

Taken from - Yukon Health and Social Services. Pathways to Wellness. <http://www.yukonwellness.ca>

~ Written by Mary Bedford

## Cold Weather Reminder

The Yukon Winter is on its way! It is very important that children come to School with warm clothing so they are able to enjoy outdoor recess. Any assistance you are able to provide us to assure your children have warm clothing is appreciated.



## Contact Us

Give us a call or drop by the School!

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<http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/evbs/index.html>

## Upcoming Events

**Mark You're Calendar!**

**Breakfast Program:** 8:30 to 9:00 am, Monday—Friday in the school kitchen

Chocolate Orders Due-Nov 28th

Christmas Concert Date-

Wednesday Dec 14th

High School Trapping in December

Reminder:

If there are any changes to phone numbers or emergency contacts please let the office know.

