



EVB QUARTERLY

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Fall 2015

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Principal's Message

I would like to welcome back all of the students to the school for the 2015-2016 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 started a new path with Blended Learning. This is a program that allows our students to work on their assignments online but still have scheduled classes to attend in order to receive fully developed lessons from their classroom teacher.

This fall we are welcoming a few new staff members in the school that are enhancing our school programming. We now have a physical education specialist in the school who teaches physical education from Kindergarten to Grade 12. We also have two outdoor education teachers in the school who will be assisting on the development of our on the land programming that we have been developing with Selkirk First Nation over the past 6 months.

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 Duclos



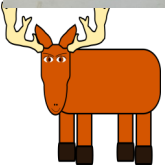
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Principal ~ John Duclos and daughter Keeva

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Fall Camp 2015!

Trapping, beading, traditional medicine, storytelling, hunting, traditional cooking of bannock and stew, sharing language and history.... it is hard to imagine a better environment to learn than Culture Camp! Selkirk First Nation Culture and Heritage put an incredible amount of time and effort into planning Fall Culture Camp in September, and their efforts were gratefully received by all the EVBS students and staff. The teachings and learning that happened around the campfire, amidst the forest hunting grouse, on the boat up river and in the circle with the Elders will stay with us forever. Experiences like these make the students feel more connected to who they are as Northern Tutchone and Selkirk First Nation peoples. Mussi Cho to all involved in making these days happen!

~Written by: Hilary Coburn

Cranberry Picking!

During the first week of school students and staff from Eliiza Van Bibber, along with community members and elders went cranberry picking. They traveled down the Pelly Road and picked berries from a favourite cranberry patch for the afternoon. The fruits of their efforts were transformed into jams, pies, sauces and other delicious treats.





Orange Shirt Day~ Every Child Matters

On September 30th, EVBS hosted a special event to honour and learn from community members that went to Residential School. The concept of 'Orange Shirt Day' arose from a woman named Phyllis that had her shiny new orange shirt taken away on the first day of Residential School in Williams Lake, BC. We felt so grateful to have Elders Lucy, Emma, Dorothy, Don and Audrey engage our students and staff in powerful afternoon workshops. They discussed their memories, perspectives, thoughts; connecting generations and making real the difficult experiences they endured.

EVBS students had prepared questions and gifts for their Elders, and truly were captivated, humbled and inspired by the stories they were hearing. The feeling of compassion and the notion of solidarity echoed through the walls that afternoon - and has only continued as we share in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Mussi Cho to all students, staff and Elders for their open hearts and unity!

~Written by Tricia Frey

Terry Fox Day

On September 30th staff and students of Eliza Van Bibber came together for the 35th annual Terry Fox Run. Participants met in the rotunda to break into teams, receive directions, and discuss the importance of this event before heading to River Park. Once at the park we ran a lap and broke into teams for the most awesome relay race to ever grace the banks of Pelly River!

A super-gigantic mussi-cho to our new Physical Education Teacher Mr. Murgatroyd for organizing and implementing the diverse and hilarious relay race! Mussi Cho to Ms. Coburn for creating our Terry Fox 'trophy'; come check it out in the awards case. ~Written by Tricia Frey



Volleyball Clinic

On September 30th Eliza Van Bibber School hosted a volleyball clinic for grades 5-12. Jeremy McCulloch from Sport Yukon and Jordan Taylor from the University of Alberta travelled to Eliza Van Bibber School to work with our students. Students got to learn how to train for competition, how to develop explosive speed for athletics, volleyball skills and have fun being active. These two coaches made students and staff sweat, learn some great volleyball technique and have a great time. Students will have the chance to show off these skills in upcoming volleyball games and sporting events at the school and in the community.



School Council Pancake Breakfast

I would like to thank the School Council for their 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast, on October 20th. It is always a very early morning for the School Council as they come here before the beginning of their work day. I was thrilled that they decided to open the doors at 8:15 to allow other employees from Pelly to come in before they had to go to work. The students enjoyed their pancakes in the comfort of their pajamas, as the Student Council had their first school wide event of the year, Pajama Day. The pancakes were delicious, thank you School Council!



Meet Our New School Staff

Hilary Coburn

Hilary Coburn úúzhí :) I am extremely happy to be living and teaching Grade 6/7/8 here in Pelly Crossing! I hail from Ontario; I was born in a town called Dundas and I had fun studying at University in both Guelph and Kingston. I love to canoe, hike, bike, run, make candles and sew (and am really keen to learn more about beading!). My past teaching positions have been in outdoor education centres and alternative school programs - where getting outside, being connected to your environment and being an active global citizen are top priority. I am beyond excited to practice these values at EVBS, in combination with working collaboratively with Selkirk First Nations Elders and community leaders. Learning for myself, and encouraging students to learn, about the history, current traditions and ceremonies of SFN peoples is one of my biggest goals this year (as well as learning some Northern Tutchone:). I know each child has the curiosity, passion and capacity to make our world a better place, and I find teaching such a refreshing profession to humbly learn alongside youth each day! I look forward to all the good that is to come this year - Mussi Cho for the warm welcome this fall!



Gareth Abson

Hello Pelly Crossing! I am the newish Educational Assistant working with Grade 1-2 and high school classes at Eliza Van Bibber. I say newish as some of you have probably seen me working at the school and around the community last year.

I am originally from England, but I have lived in various places around Canada over the past years. That's why I have the funny accent. My interests include, travelling, learning about new cultures, photography, hiking, hunting and sports including football (soccer), volleyball and trying to learn hockey.

It is great to be back in the Pelly community. Everyone has been very welcoming and interested in sharing Northern Tutchone culture to me. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with the students and community members.



Meet Our New School Staff!

Welcome Back Returning Staff

Mary Bedford
Kindergarden

Lynette Lo ~ Grade 3/4/5

Josh Korten ~ Grades 8-12

Lauren Balanik
Grade 8-12

Angelita Seloterio
Learning Assistance

Shirley Joe ~
Native Language

Darlene McGuinty ~
Native Language Trainee

Marilyn Menzi ~ EA

Julia Joe ~ CELC

Dana Korten -EA

Shandal Sam-EA

Kim Jo-EA

Kirsten Silas-EA

T.J. Currie ~ Custodian

Annie Jepp-Custodian

Jamie Lee Silas
Bus Driver



Arthur Murgatroyd

My name is Arthur Murgatroyd. I am from Australia, the land of the Kangaroo. I am also Eliza Van Bibber's new Physical Education Teacher. I work with every student every day, helping them develop healthy lifestyles, teamwork and positive attitudes through exercise and sports. I love to be out on the land as much as I can. During the summer I work in the Yukon as a canoe guide, leading expeditions for up to a month on remote rivers all over the Territory.

Fiona West

I am excited to be working at Eliza Van Bibber this year. In 1989-1990 I taught first grade at Del Van Gorder School in Faro Yukon. I met my husband in Faro and we moved to Vancouver at the end of the school year. I taught in elementary schools in School District 42, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows from 1990 to 2005. Looking for adventure we moved overseas in 2005 and taught at the American School of Doha in Doha, Qatar until 2014. We spent last year in Chamonix, Mont Blanc France skiing, climbing and teaching at the British Ski Academy. We moved to the Yukon from France in July. My husband is teaching in Whitehorse and our daughter is a 10th grade student at F. H. Collins. The latest addition to our family is a 6 month old black lab, named Parka. Mussi Cho



Meet Our New School Staff !

Fran Boone

Hi: My name is Fran Boone and I am the new admin assistant at EVB. I moved to Pelly from NS but I have also lived in Nfld and Labrador, Nunavut and the North West Territories. I was an educational assistant for 15 years so I have experience working in schools. My husband Ken and I have 3 daughters aged 24, 22 and 20. Our oldest lives in Alberta and the two youngest attend university in Halifax NS. I am enjoying living in Pelly and look forward to experiencing the Yukon.



Tricia Frey

Hello! My name is Tricia Frey I am happy to be a returning teacher at EVBS. You might recognize me as the grade 1/2 teacher from last year. This year I am very excited to be the grade 1/2 teacher in the morning and Reading Recovery teacher in the afternoon. I am originally from Ontario but have been living in the Yukon for over a year. Before moving to the Yukon I spent five years teaching grade four in Rankin Inlet Nunavut. I enjoy hiking, running, backpacking, canoeing, cross country skiing, back country snowboarding, mountain biking and many other outdoor activities. I am extremely excited to be living and working in this beautiful Territory. I am looking forward to my first full year in Pelly Crossing!

Mussi Cho!



Consultant Visits to EVB

Dan Leonard-Student
Support

Melissa Croskery-
Occupational Therapist

Michel Vallieres-SLP

Catherine Bolduc-Gagnon
-French

Child Development Centre

Bob Walker-

School Council

**We appreciated your
expertise!**

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Hard to believe that in a few short days it will be November! Where has the time gone? In our classroom the students have been very busy exploring pumpkins and the many tasty treats that pumpkin provide. We have prepared roasted seeds, muffins, and soup!

In October, the students from grades 1 and 2 visited the Kindergarten room for a presentation on safety from Noah visiting from the Yukon Worker' Compensation Health and Safety Board. All of the students enjoyed the discussion and participated in the games related to safety concerns.

We are planning a trip to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve for November 9th with the students in grades 1 and 2. Please look for permission forms to come home in early November.

Mary Bedford

Things to Remember

Forms – Registration, immunization, permission – so many forms it's easy to forget! No worries though, if anything is missing we will let you know.

Indoor Shoes – Should be easy for your child to manage (put on and secure), and have a rubber sole for use in the gym.

Snack/Lunch – The Hot Lunch Program will resume in November. In the meantime, please send your child to school with enough nutritious items to see them through the day.

Bus Home – 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 bring a shirt, socks, pants, and underpants in a labeled Ziploc bag to ensure your child's comfort is maintained.

Learning is what we do, playing is how we do it – When your child comes to school they will be encouraged to participate in all of the learning areas that have been carefully planned. When they come home, they need to be able to share their exciting discoveries with you.

Scholastic Book Orders

Once again we will have order forms available from Scholastic for families in the Kindergarten / Learning Together Program. This is an excellent way to emphasize the importance of reading, and encourage literacy skills development at home. Watch your child's backpack for notices from Scholastic.

Learning Together Program

The Learning Together Program is offered daily from 1:00 to 3:34 p.m. This fun program is an opportunity for parents, guardians, or caregivers to sing, play, and create with their little ones. If you are interested in attending please visit the school office and pick up a registration form.

Remember ~ The Learning Together Program is flexible to your schedule. If you can only visit once a week that's okay! Come on in, and see what we're all about.



Classroom News

Grade One and Two

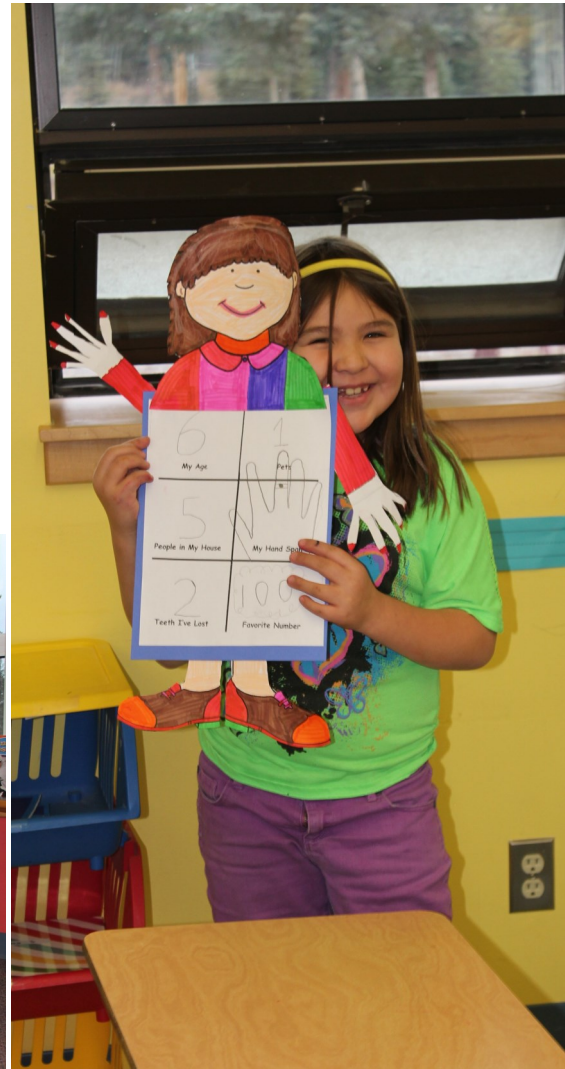
Welcome to our classroom. We are excited to be team teaching the students in first and second grade at Eliza Van Bibber. Ms. Frey will be teaching Literacy during the morning and Mrs. West is teaching Math/Science/Socials/Art in the afternoon. We plan and set up the day together. We are always available to meet with parents after school.

We have been establishing routines in literacy and math. The children are building their vocabulary and knowledge of letters and words. Each child has a box brimming with "just right" books that they are able to read independently. As their reading progresses the reading level of the books will increase. They are writing daily in journals as well as other subject areas. In Math the second graders are learning about place value and fact families. The first graders are building their sense of numeracy with counting and number recognition. We are just wrapping up a unit "Where in the World do I live?" in Social Studies.

Other exciting things have been happening in our classroom over the past few weeks. We are collaborating with the middle and high school specialists to enhance our program. We have started visiting the library every Monday morning with Ms. Barnick. Mr. Korten, the high school Science teacher brought spiders into our class for the children to explore. It was a spooktacular activity for Halloween. We have been reading, writing and doing art projects about spiders. Ms. Coburn taught our class about the federal election. The French monitor from Whitehorse has visited our class. Through games, songs and stories she has been teaching the students some basic French vocabulary.

Ms. Frey is working with designated students in Reading Recovery in the afternoons. Mrs. West is the school Guidance Counselor in the morning. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun with the children in grade One and Two!

Ms. Frey and Mrs. West

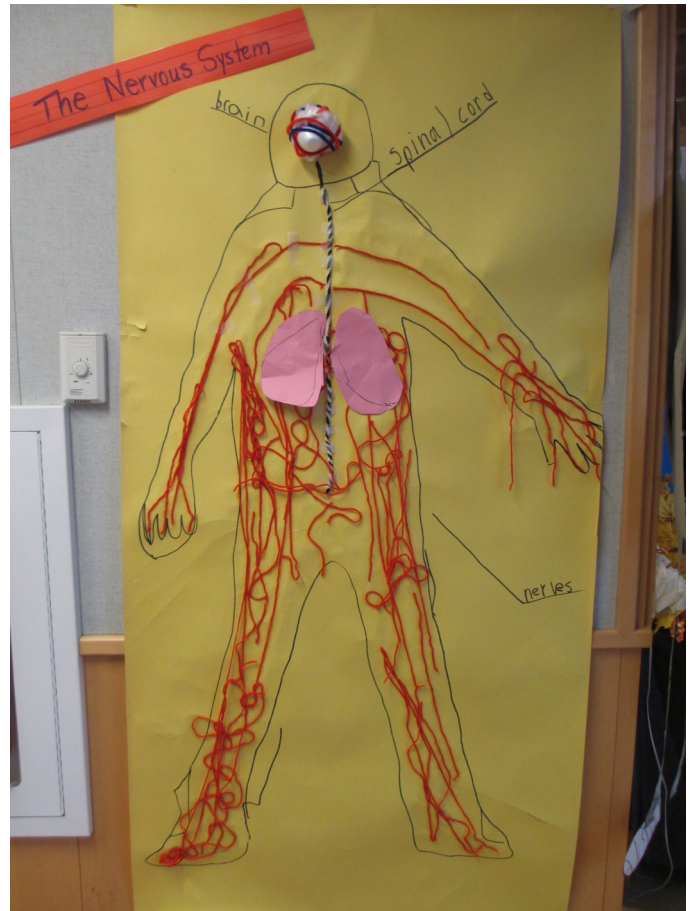


Classroom News

Grade 3/4/5

This month for Health class, the students in the Grade 3-5 class have been learning about sugars in everyday foods and drinks. They learned about the differences between natural and added sugars, how much added sugars are in the foods they eat and the negative effects that go along with consuming too much sugar. Working with Mr. Korten, the students collected bottles, cans and food wrappers and weighed the amount of sugar indicated on the nutritional label. A display of these sugars can be seen outside the kitchen to show to other students how much added sugar they can consume. The students have been spreading the word on the importance of making healthier food choices.

Lynette



Classroom News

Grade 6/7/8

The **Grade 6/7/8 Class** has been wildly interested and involved in the recent Federal Election! The class has been getting to know the main party platforms and studying the choices of whom to represent the Yukon and Canada. In addition, the students have been active in the community and encouraging Pelly Crossing adults to vote on Oct 19th! Each student wrote a letter to a different location in the community (SFN Band Office, Selkirk Centre Store, RCMP, etc) and (as objectively as possible) encouraged them to have their voices heard, and GET OUT AND VOTE! :) :) Keyshawn's letter is a fantastic example of outlining what community issues are important and spreading the good word to exercise your voting rights!



Dear RCMP Officers (Ken, Kevin, Sam),

My name is Keyshawn and I am in Grade 6. This letter is about why I believe the election is important. Today I voted in a student election! I hope you voted on Monday Oct 19th too.

Some issues I care about are:

School. School is important because you learn all types of math, language, science and a lot of other things here.

Healthcare. We need the health centre in Pelly so if someone gets hurt it is there for them.

Jobs. Jobs are important because you need money to feed you and your family and to buy things.

In conclusion, these are reasons why the election and voting is important. Please get out and vote this week!!Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

Keyshawn

Eliza Van Bibber School, Pelly Crossing

Classroom News

Ms. Baranik's Classroom

This year in the Social Studies classroom we have been learning a lot about the history of Canada, Europe, and Selkirk First Nations. In Social Studies 9 we have been learning about Revolutions throughout Europe. In Social Studies 10 we have been learning about the early years of Canada as a Nation. In Yukon First Nations Studies we have been learning about the history and culture of Selkirk First Nation. We have been lucky to have a number of elders come in and help us with a family tree and telling some stories about SFN. Mussi Cho to Emma Alfred, Lizzie Hall, Lena Joe, and Freeda Alfred for sharing their knowledge.

In Visual Arts we have a number of projects being done by students from film to art.

There will be a display of student work in the classroom and in the hall and I would encourage community members to come and check it out.

Mussi Cho

Lauren Baranik



Dawson City REM 2015 (Rural Experiential Model)

The REM is a unique, experiential approach that enables Grades 10-12 students to pursue their personal learning interests and to connect with their peers in other Yukon communities. This year students in Grade 11 along with their high school teachers travelled to Dawson for an intense week of learning and working with members from other communities. While at the REM, students learned about cutting and styling hair, how to build a shed, zumba, archery and beading and at the same time making new friends and connecting with friends from previous REMs.

By working hard and taking in these new experiences students were able to gain two credits towards high school graduation and try courses not offered in their community school. By the end of the week some really excellent memories were

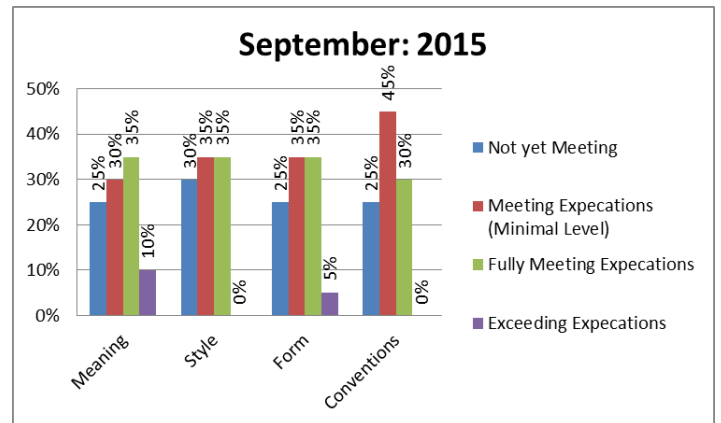
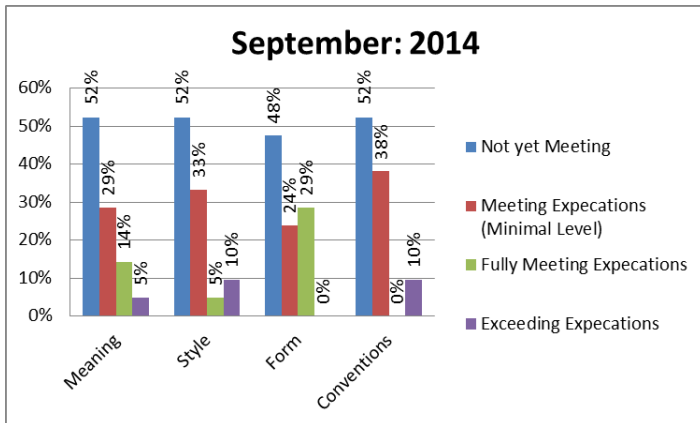
made, giving a new meaning to REM. We are looking forward to the next REM in the spring!

~ Written by Josh Korten



School Wide Writing

This is EVB's second year with our School Growth Plan that is focused on Writing. Last school year our students improved well beyond any of our initial expectations, great work students! This year we have finished one of our writing assessments and our students have displayed that they have retained those skills over the summer. Below are the results of our September writing from 2014 and our results this year please keep in mind that these standards are where they are supposed to be by the end of the school year.





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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Visit our new website at

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

Upcoming Events

Mark You're Calendar!

School Council Meeting—7:00 pm
in the school every second Tuesday
of each month: Nove 10, December
8, January 12.

Remembrance Day Ceremony will
take place Tuesday Nov 10

Wednesday Nov 11 - Remembrance
Day-school closed

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