



EVBS QUARTERLY

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Spring Newsletter 2015

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Principal's Message

It has been a very busy winter at the school with the start of the new activity schedule and a big push on our writing goals. The students have been rising to the challenges that we have been diligently putting out for them and remaining positive. As the weather starts to warm up we are looking forward to getting back outside and dropping a fishing line in the water on March 13th, just before the students' much deserved two week Spring Break.

Since the Winter Break we have also finished our first semester in the high school and the second term in the elementary school. Our students look forward to showing you their progress during the Student/Parent/Teacher interviews that will take place after Easter. These interviews will be, like our first interviews this year, student lead where they get to showcase their portfolios of learning. We had our best turnout ever in the fall interviews and would like to beat that last record!

I would like to thank the students, parents, elders, community members, the School Council and Selkirk First Nation Administration for all of your ongoing commitment and support to the school this year. It has been a great year. Please stop by and say hello whenever you get a chance.

Mussi Cho ~ John Duclos



Principal ~ John Duclos

New Playground at EVBS!



Students having fun on the new playground

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New Playground at EVBS!



Students Playing on the Old Playground for the Last Time.



Playground Equipment Being Unloaded

New Playground at EVBS!

We have been itchy with anticipation this school year with the development of our new school and community playground.

The students had time to play on the playground that many community members grew up on, they watched it get destroyed, a new playground slowly erected and then fenced for its' final inspection. Then when the snow is starting to melt they are able to explore our new outdoor gym !

~ Written by John Duclos



Students Helping Unload Playground Equipment

New Playground at EVBS



Students Eagerly Awaiting the New Playground!



Taking Down the Old Playground



The Site Cleared and Ready for Construction



New Playground Assembled and Fenced for Inspection



Students Playing on the New Playground !



After School Activities Keep Students Busy!



Movie Night



Yoga



Board Games

**GIRLS
NIGHT
OUT**

Girls' Night Out



Skating

After School Activity Schedule

Monday

- Skating (SFN)

Tuesday

- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays ~ Board Games (EVBS)
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays ~ Girls' Night Out (EVBS)

Wednesday

- Skating (SFN)

Thursday

- 1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursday of each month ~ Yoga (EVBS)
- 3rd Thursday of each month ~ Movie Night (EVBS)

NHL Hockey Player John Shabot Visits Students

Jeremy Harper, the community recreation co-ordinator, was able to schedule in a very powerful presenter and long-time community friend, John Chabot, to visit us at EVB this winter. John spoke in many of our classrooms as well gave our students a NHL level challenge in their gym classes.

~ Written by John Duclos



Girls' Night Out is Back!



Showing Off Valentines Baking



Girls Doing Warrior Yoga Pose

The Girls' Night Out program is back for a second year! The program is open to girls in grades 5-12 and runs every second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The program aims to provide girls with an opportunity to develop positive relationships with each other as well as School staff and community members. These relationships form a support network for the girls as they move through School.

The program also exposes the girls to a variety of hobbies in the arts which are led by artisans from Pelly and surrounding communities, as well as School staff. Each session begins with a home cooked meal followed by an arts workshop. So far this year the girls have made soap, learned yoga, baked valentines treats and learned how to arm knit a scarf.

This program would not have been possible without the generous funding support from the Youth Investment Fund.

The Girls' Night Out Groups was also featured on CBC's program "A New Day".

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Having Fun Making Soap and Bath Bombs



Joella Hogan Showing Girls How to Stamp Soap

Girls' Night Out Program was featured on CBC's program, "A New Day" !



Learning how to do Arm Knitting



Learning how do Yoga

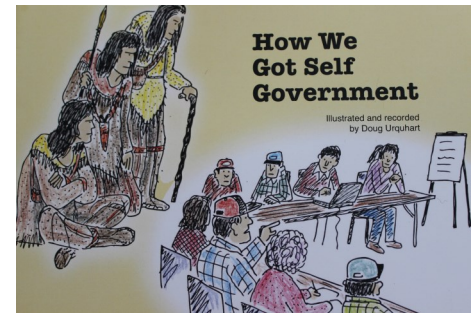
P.D Session Brings School and Community Together

Educators in all three Northern Tutchone communities came together on January 19th to learn from the hard working Dooli Team that has been creating educational resources for schools.

It was a powerful day which started with inspired speeches from elders, community members, and our Chief, Kevin McGinty. These speeches set the tempo of our day which brought many people together from as far away as Whitehorse to work as a collective in bringing forth the importance of our cultural teachings.

I would like to thank the Dooli Team as well as the First Nations Partnerships and Programs team for putting on this wonderful Professional Development day. It was great to have our elders teach us ways of incorporating these valuable lessons in our classrooms. The resources that were given to us have been present in our school curriculum since that day. This was a wonderful gift that will have a lasting impression on our community schools.

~ Written by John Duclos



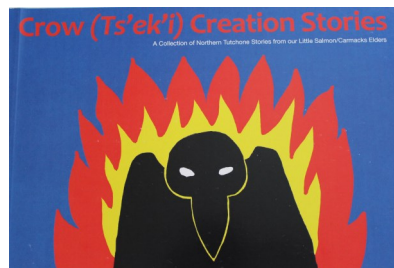
Northern Tutchone Book



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Interview with Pelly Elder, Johnson Edwards



Northern Tutchone Book



Chief, Kevin McGinty



Principal, John Duclos



Elders Jimmy Johnnie, Lizzie Hall and Rodger Alfred

Students Pay Tribute to Ted Harrison

The hallways of E.V.B.S. are looking bright as we honour the passing of Yukon artist Ted Harrison.

Harrison passed away January 16, 2015, at the age of 88, at his home in Victoria British Columbia. Ted was born in Wingate, County Durham, England but found his inspiration in the Yukon. He is most notably known for his work using bold colours depicting Yukon scenes and landscapes.

Ted's life and career are as colourful as his paintings. He has worked as an artist, illustrator, teacher and author. Ted taught Art at F.H. Collins High School in Whitehorse, some of our E.V.B.S. staff and community members were his students during this time. In 1987 Harrison was made a Member of the Order of Canada for contributions to Canadian Culture.

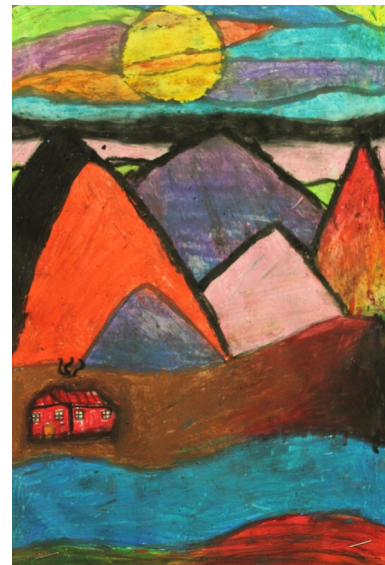
Staff and students are proud to honor his contributions in a school wide effort affectionately named 'the Ted Harrison Project.' Each class has learned about the Artist, studied his work; in a culminating activity produced art inspired by the Artist's work and our geographic environment. We have also coordinated a display board showcasing examples from each class. Come on in and visit the displays, share your stories and inspiration.

Harrison's influence will continue to live on, bold and colourful, in the hearts and minds of Yukoners.



Grade 3-4-5 Art

~ Written by Tricia Frey



Grade 6-7-8 Art

Ted Harrison passed away January 16, 2015, at the age of 88, at his home in Victoria. He is one of Canada's most popular artists and his art expressed his love of the Yukon. His art will continue to make the world a better place.

Above excerpt is taken from the Ted Harrison Website. For more information visit:

<http://tedharrison.com/>



Kindergarten Art



Grade One Art



Questerant Feeds Mushers



The 2015 Yukon Quest and Yukon Quest 300 began on February 7th 2015. 51 mushers left Whitehorse racing to Pelly Crossing and Fairbanks Alaska. With lots of mushers rolling into town there needed to be lots of good food to keep the mushers going and the Quest support team running. The graduating students and foods class planned, prepped and worked hard together to run the kitchen along with other staff and classes from the school. With a hard and fast trail, mushers arrived early in Pelly Crossing on the morning of Monday February 9th. Thanks to the hard work of the students and staff, there were lots of warm hearty meals for everyone to keep them going in the cold. On the night of Tuesday February 10th the Yukon Quest 300 had their celebration banquet. The students and staff did a great job of preparing and serving up a delicious lasagna dinner. With full bellies the teams were ready to hit the road and head on to their next destination.

This event served as a fundraiser for the Eliza Van Bibber class of 2015. Each work day was very long and busy to keep up with demand at the Quest. But through the dedication of the staff and students demand was met and over \$1400 was raised towards graduation.

Thank you very much to all who helped make this event a success.

~ Written by Joshua Korten



Students Serving Lasagna



Delicious Meal Prepared by High School Foods Class



Students Preparing Salad



Student Council Hosts Jersey Day



There has been a change afoot at Eliza Van Bibber School this year. We have started our first Student Council. They hosted their first event on February 25th by getting us all dressed up for a day of debating over our favourite sports teams. It was Jersey Day! We dug jerseys out of our hockey bags, borrowed them from friend's, and used a belt to shorten our father's favourite so we didn't trip over it. It was a great day and we are excited for the Student Council's next event.

~ Written by John Duclos



Students and Staff showing School spirit at Jersey Day!



Bake Sale Goodies



Cupcakes made by Girls' Night Out Group



Students and Staff at Bake Sale



Valentine Bake Sale Fundraiser

On Friday February 13th Eliza Van Bibber School held a Valentines Bake Sale as a fundraiser for the potential grads of 2015. Students and staff lined up at recess to buy treats and then the potential grads walked the goodies over to SFN where everything was sold out! The event raised \$150.00 that will go towards the graduation at the end of the year.

Thank you to Betty Baptiste and Sharon Nelson for donated baked goods. Also, thank you to the potential grads and girls' night out group for all the baked goods.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Vancouver Pen Pals

The grade 6/7/8 class has been writing back and forth this year with a grade 6/7 class in Vancouver, BC. They are writing to many of the students that Ms. Lam taught last year, before she moved to the Yukon. As there are nearly 30 students in the Vancouver class, each of our EVB grade 6/7/8 students are writing to about 4 of their students. We have learned a lot from each other, including interests and hobbies of our pen pals, their culture, and what life is like in Vancouver. It has been a lot of fun getting to know our new friends from afar!

~ Written by Carman Lam



Christmas Festivities



What a blessing to be part of Eliza Van Bibber School where everyone gathers for this year's most awaited Christmas Concert last December 18. The venue was fully decorated and everybody felt the true spirit of Christmas! The program started with the Christmas message by the School Principal, Mr. John Duclos. Teachers and staff spent time with so many happy elders, parents, community members and friends as they were all delighted by the presentations of each Grade level from Kindergarten to High School. Students showcased their talents and skills in singing, dancing, reciting poems, video and drama presentations. E.V.B.S students and staff, along with SFN staff performed Christmas songs as well. A visit from Santa made all the children's eyes wide opened....some were happy and small ones cried. The celebration was attended by Chief Kevin McGinty who wished everyone a Merry Christmas! A feast followed after the gift-giving where everyone enjoyed the food prepared by SFN.

~ Written by Angelita Seloterio



Students Singing Carols



Student Dancing at Christmas Concert



Students Enjoying Pancake Breakfast

Guess That Santa Contest Winners!

Freda Alfred, Marie Harper, Shirley Johnnie, Nora Harper, Virginia Bennett.

All contest winners received a \$ 15.00 Tim Horton's gift card!



Students Performing at Christmas Concert



Christmas Baking with Jean Van Bibber



Christmas Baking with Clara Silverfox



Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is an important festival celebrated at the turn of the Chinese calendar. This year it fell on February 19th and marked the start of the Year of the Sheep. Chinese New Year is celebrated in many parts of Asia and by many Chinese all over the world. The week of Chinese New Year, the students from Grade 3-5 learned about traditional stories, such as the "Legend of Nian" and the race of the Zodiac animals. The students also learned about the differences between the dragon and lion dances, traditions during the celebration of the New Year, which Zodiac animal they are and some new Chinese vocabulary. They even got a chance to write Chinese characters and practice their chopstick skills! The class had a fun time and this was a great opportunity for the class to learn something new about another culture.

~ Written by Lynette Lo



Students Making Dragon Puppets



Students Making Dragon Puppets



Beautiful Display About Chinese New Year



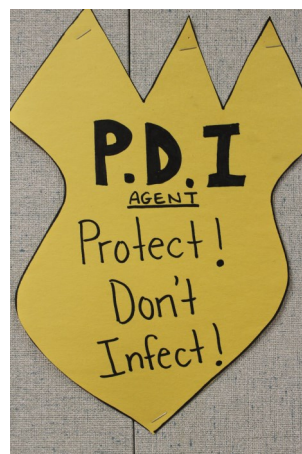
Chinese Lanterns Made by the 3/4/5 Class



Stop the Spread of Germs!

The students from the grade 3/4/5 class have been learning how to stop the spread of germs. They made posters showcasing proper hand hygiene and are proudly following these initiatives. Simple actions can significantly decrease the frequency of colds and other infections in our community. Remember to wash your hands often, cough or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve, and stay home when you are sick.

~ Written by Dana Korten

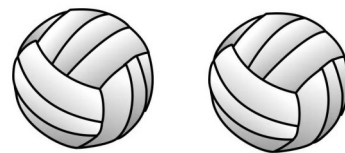


Be a P.D.I Agent!



Student Poster About Proper Hygiene

Student vs Staff Volleyball Game



On Wednesday February 25th Students and Staff came together to battle it out in a friendly game of volleyball! Three sets were played with staff winning the first, students winning the second and staff taking the third set with a narrow margin of 27-24. A great time was had by all!

Kindergarten to grade 5 students cheered on their teachers and friends with great School spirit ! Many thanks to the grade 6/7/8 class who ran the canteen, sold tickets, kept score and did the prize draw at half time. This event raised \$125.00 that will go towards the year end graduation. Students and staff are eagerly awaiting the next sports game.....perhaps skittle ball!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Students and Staff at Volleyball Game



Student with his prize!



Winning a prize !



Shaking Hands



Students in action !



Scorekeepers hard at work



Kindergarten students showing their School spirit !

**“In every gardener
there is a child
who believes in
The Seed Fairy.”**

~Robert Brault



Students getting their hands dirty!



Students planting seeds



Students transplanting seedlings

Gardening Project

SFN gardening project joined hands with the students at EVBS to plants this years' community garden. Students from kindergarten to grade 5 rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty as they planted a variety of vegetables, fruit and flower seeds. Each student will get to take a vegetable plant home and the rest will be planted at the community greenhouse.

Many thanks to Jean Van Bibber and Ella Harper for coming into the School to share their gardening expertise with the students.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Annual Spring Fishing Trip

E.V.B.S students and staff headed out to Jackfish Lake for the annual spring fishing trip! The sun was shining and the sky was blue, making it a perfect afternoon to spend outside. Students enjoyed fishing, visiting with friends and having hot dogs over the fire. A big thank you to SFN for preparing the fishing holes and getting the cabin warmed up before the group arrived!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



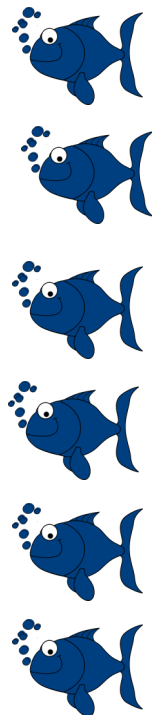
Students and Staff at Jackfish Lake Cabin



Students Enjoying Hot Dogs



Students Fishing





Students Eagerly Watching the Police Dog Demonstration

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

Police Dog Demonstration

On January 12, 2015, Cpl LONG from the Police dog Services attended the School to do a presentation. Cpl LONG talked about the different jobs the PDS unit could perform. He presented a video and held a question and answers period with the students at the end.

Cpl LONG showed how his police dog could locate explosives that were hidden. He then demonstrated how he can control his dog during a chase. A dog bit was also performed on Cst PAGE who was protected with the appropriate gear. The presentation was well appreciated by the students and the teachers present.

~ Written by Cst. Alex PAGE



**Thank You to School Council for
Purchasing Kitchen Equipment for
the School. This equipment is
greatly appreciated by students
and staff and will be put to good
use!**

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar !

Breakfast Program ~ 8:30 am to 9:00 am in the
School Kitchen.

School Council Meeting ~ 6:30 pm the second
Tuesday of every Month in the School Kitchen.

Cabin Fever Challenge ~ Wednesday April 15th
from 1:00 pm - 3:30pm

Good Friday (No School) ~ Friday April 3rd

Easter Monday (No School) ~ Monday April 6th.

EVBS P.D Day (No School) ~ Friday April 24th.

Victoria Day (No School) ~ Monday May 18th.

REM Trip (Grades 8-9) ~ April 27th - May 1st.

Sports Fun Day & BBQ ~ Thursday June 4th.

Student Awards Ceremony ~ Wednesday June
3rd.

Kindergarten Graduation ~ Wednesday June 3rd.

High School Graduation ~ Friday June 12th.

Last Day of School ~ Monday June 15th.