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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



EVB Cross Country Ski Loppet!

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Trapping Trip



Throughout the month of February, our intermediate and senior students had the opportunity to go out on the land and learn about trapping from an elder, Don Trudeau.

On the first day, students travelled outside of town and snow shod along the trap line stopping to learn how to set rabbit and lynx snares. They returned a couple of days later to check the traps and collect the animals. On the final day, Don showed them how to prepare the fur properly.

This field trip gave our students the opportunity to learn about a traditional activity that hopefully they will chose to continue practicing in the future.

Thank you to Don and Audrey for being wonderful and knowledgeable teachers.

Mussi Cho and Miigwech

By: Lauren Baranik

Library News

This year the Eliza Van Bibber Library has added hundreds of new books for our students and community to enjoy. We encourage everyone to come by during public library hours to check out what we have added to the collection.

We would also like to give a big thank you to everyone who came out to movie night back in February to support the library. We raised \$100 to go towards creating comfortable reading spaces in the library.

Mussi Cho!

By: Lauren Baranik



Shelter Building

February 24 & 25, 2016

Who thinks they could survive in the Wild? This was the question that was posed to the students at Eliza Van Bibber in the middle of a Yukon Winter. Already this year in the E.V.B.S On the Land Program students have practiced and learned how to trap for furs, ice fish, set rabbit snares and build fires without matches or a lighter. Now it was time for making bush survival shelters. With Selkirk Community member George McGinty and an instructor from RPAY in Whitehorse student's built three very different bush survival homes. It took two days of shoveling snow piles and then digging out cozy warm snow caves called Quinzhees to learn about surviving in the mountains. Students also built a brush lean to shelter by a fire and roasted marshmallows snug under protective spruce bows. For the more luxurious option students also set up a little wall tent and could retreat to the wood stove or heat up a hot drink. These practical bush living skills and knowledge being learned right in the middle of Pelly Crossing, all taking place in the outdoor classroom in the forest by the college. What skills will we be learning there next? By: Arthur Murgatroyd



Human Sled Race

What better way to celebrate the arrival of the Yukon Quest in Pelly Crossing then to have our very own dog sled race right on the school field! Instead of harnessing up all the them to work (although our minds) it was up to the The teams first competed essential equipment to Then they had a strict time ing minds to work. Each of Hudzi, Denyuk Cho, Tlin style of sled,. When the hilarious scene of teams pull a kindergartener course. The winning de-who had a flying sled, it ground! Luckily the kinder- ing a helmet .



the school field! Instead Pelly dogs and putting the thought has crossed students to do the pulling. in silly relay races to earn construct their sleds. limit to put their engineer- the four spirit teams (Ge, 'ra) built a very different start was called it was a trying, in deep snow, to around the miniature race sign went to team Hudzi didn't even touch the garten musher was wear-

By: Arthur Murgatroyd

Winter Camp and School Ice Fishing Trip to Lhutsaw Lake March 4th-5th



Felling connected and comfortable being on the land is vital to students living a balanced and healthy life. Camping as a group and sharing the jobs of meal preparation, wood splitting, stoking the fires and doing your share of the chores is also important practice to becoming a hardworking and positive member of a team. Add in warm wall tents, good food, great Jack-fish fishing and an awesome sledding hill and camping can also be really fun!. It was with all these thoughts in mind that we took E.V.B.S students from grades 5-8 to Lhutsaw lake for two days of winter camping. Students spent time fishing, skiing on the lake, talking with Elders, constructing wall tents and telling ghost stories by the fire at night. It might have felt like hard work at times but it's all part of helping to grow positive and healthy leaders of the future. The camp would no have been possible without the very generous assistance with wall tents, equipment and super helpful community members from SFN and the lands Department. A huge Mussi Cho goes out to Eugene, Keifer, Stede, William Sydney and of course Elder Lizzi Hall for coming and spending the night with us. It was amazing . By Arthur Murgatroyd



Kindergarten Page

The students in kindergarten participated in a Valentine exchange with other Primary classroom from across Canada. We created, and mailed out our valentines then eagerly awaited the mail! Soon we were receiving letters and valentines from all over Canada, some as far away as Nova Scotia! They were all very excited to open the mail and learn about other students from other schools. We will be sure to participate in this exchange next year. Miss Mary



EVB Kicks Some Ash!

Did you know that students in Yukon are more likely to have tried smoking than students in the rest of Canada? Also, did you know that students in rural Yukon communities are more likely to start and begin at an earlier age than Whitehorse youth? Scary, isn't it? EVB got the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Yukon Health and Social Services' new tobacco prevention program, Kickin' Ash. Emily from the Kickin' Ash program had the chance to present information sessions to all the students at EVB. She discussed the effects of tobacco, why people start smoking and ways to prevent smoking. She even brought real pig lungs to demonstrate the difference between a healthy lung and a smoker's lung. The Grade 3-5 class especially loved this part, having studied the respiratory system in Science back in January. Topics such as addiction, peer pressure, media representation of smoking and making healthier choices were also discussed. Overall, the students learned a lot from the presentations and now understand why smoking prevention can lead to healthier and happier lives.

By: Lynette Lo



Emily Bradbury from Health Promotions sharing real pig lungs with students in their classrooms.

Eliza Van Bibber vs Tantalus Indoor Soccer Match

On January 27th students in grades 3-7 travelled to Tantalus School in Carmacks for a friendly indoor soccer match. All of the students participated and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The score in the first match was 5—3 for Tantalus School.

Several months later, Eliza Van Bibber hosted a reciprocal indoor soccer match on March 30th. Our students, under the coaching supervision of Mr. Cody Gill won with a score of 3—0.

Both schools are looking forward to the next shared sporting event!

By : Arthur Murgatroyd and Fiona West

Native Language Class

This term in Native Language class the older students have been hard at work sewing mittens, mukluks and slippers. The sewing projects were completed under the guidance and instruction of Grandma Rachel. After choosing a project the students would trace out a pattern on the hide. The pieces were then sewing together. Lining, beadwork and fur was added to complete the finished project.



Many thanks to the Elders

The elders in Pelly Crossing have been involved with school projects and activities.

Rachell TomTom: Shared stories and guided students with sewing projects in Native Language class.

Lizzie Hall: Helped out with winter camp at Lhutsaw Lake, and even slept over with the 6/7/8/ students.

George McGintie: Shared stories about living off the land and supervised shelter building

Don Trudeau: Worked with staff to set up and facilitate a school wide trapping program.



George McGintie telling stories with students during shelter building activities.



Lizzie Hall ice fishing with staff and students

By: Shirley Joe and Fiona West

After School Cross Country Ski Program and First Annual Pelly Crossing Cross Country Ski Loppet!

You've likely seen many rabbit, lynx and marten tracks this winter, and if you've been looking closely around the school yard and beyond in Pelly, you may have also have seen the tracks of some seriously awesome EVBS Cross country skiers! Between fantastic physical education classes on skis, fun trips to Mt. Mac in Whitehorse and the weekly after-school XC Ski program, EVBS students have been pushing themselves to develop their cardio, leg, arm and core muscles! Congrats to all participants in the recent, and first annual, Pelly Crossing Cross Country Ski Loppet! From working together with your Hudzi, Ge, Denyuk Cho and Tlin'ra Spirit Teams, to pushing yourself to reach your personal best in the Sprint and 2km Loppet race, you should hang your skis up feeling proud of all you've learned and given this XC Ski season! The March 31st Loppet was full of sunshine, fantastic BBQ food, lots of incredible staff support and a contagiously positive spirit amidst the student ski racers! An extra Mussi Cho goes to Dylan Alfred for his excellent work to support younger students and take strong initiative in the Student Leadership position throughout the cross-country season.

By: Hilary Coburn



Students and staff enjoying the first annual Pelly Crossing Cross Country Ski Loppet!

Yukon Quest and Questaurant

Gee! Haw! All right! Let's go! If you listened closely you could hear the powerful, yet compassionate, commands of 24 mushers as they sledded into Pelly Crossing with their energized and hardworking 2016 Yukon Quest dog teams. From February 12th until February 17th Quest participants and their supporters were warmly welcomed by the EVBS and Pelly Crossing community. EVBS students tracked the teams' daily progress along the trail through Spot Tracker online, created amazing musher profiles, wrote letters to their favourite mushers and even came to volunteer at the Questaurant! The staff at EVBS had fun and worked hard making all the Questaurant meals ahead of time, and students, community members and staff had a ball prepping and serving meals over the course of the week at the Link building. The feedback from the mushers, checkpoint volunteers and tourists coming through was extremely positive and everyone should share in this school and community success! We're already looking forward to hearing the 2017 mushers whistling down the Pelly River!

By: Hilary Coburn

Grade 6/7/8 Polar Games and Recycling Visit Field Trip

Did you know that one plastic water bottle can take up to 1000 years to decompose if left in a landfill? How about the fact that an aluminum can can be recycled, made into a new can, refilled and returned to the grocer's shelf in 60 days? Or, get this, your compost can go from apple core to soil-ready to use in your garden in just 3 months time! These are just some of the neat facts the Grade 8's learned while on our tours of Raven Recycling and the Whitehorse Waste Management Facility in early February. We returned even more excited to help start Pelly's revitalization of the Recycling Depot here in town. A community team is in the works to re-start Pelly Recycling, but until then, you can bring your cans, bottles, plastic, cardboard, paper and styrofoam to Raven Recycling - and your compost to the side of the school in the fenced area!

While the Grade 8's were flexing their environmental consciousness, down the road Madison, Keyshawn, Tayte and Riley were flexing their muscles at the Polar Games at the Canada Games Center! They joined mixed teams with students from all over the Yukon and had a lot of fun playing soccer, basketball, handball and swimming. The healthy, social energy was not only felt on the courts, but also amidst the final dance, complete with a DJ, smoke machine and laser lights! Muschi to the Grade 6/7/8 class for being excellent ambassadors of EVBS and Pelly Crossing

Maple Sugar Shack at EVB



On January 26th the Maple Sugar Shack opened at EVB. Catherine xx, EVB's French Monitor teacher prepared the festivities. To make maple syrup toffee the syrup needs to be boiled for about ten minutes and reach a temperature of 115 degrees Celsius. The boiled syrup is then poured on prepared snow and rolled into delicious toffee pops. Catherine also had traditional French Canadian music playing while the students and staff enjoyed the tasty treats. All of the students learned how maple syrup candy is made. By: Fiona West

Encounters with Canada



Through Encounters with Canada, 14 to 17-year-old students from across Canada head to Ottawa. They form a mini-Canada representation, develop self-reliance, explore potential career options and meet extraordinary individuals. From February 14—20, 2016 Daylen Alfred headed to Ottawa to participate in Encounters With Canada. It was the first time EVB sent a student on this program. We're proud of you Daylen! By: Fiona West

Logan McKillop & Micha Erenberg Yukon Tour Stops at EVB



On February 15th the Staff and Students of EVB were treated to a performance from two talented, touring musicians: Logan McKillop and Micah Erenberg. The performance was part of Logan and Micah's 'Tour to the Yukon' which included shows in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and of course the Yukon! Students stomped and clapped along to a number of original songs; a handful of lucky audience members took home a tour poster. We look forward to welcoming more musicians in the future as we continue to motivate our novice EVBS musicians. By Tricia Frey

100th Day of School in Grade 1-2



In grade 1-2 we count the days we are in school as part of our regular math routine. On Friday February 5th we reached the 100th day of school. The students made crowns and participated in all kinds of activities involving 100. They had to make a train using 100 cubes, build a cabin using 100 play logs, complete number puzzles and draw what they thought they would look like when they turn 100. It was a fun way to celebrate 100 days of school. By: Fiona West

Environment Yukon visits EVB



Before March Break EVBS was visited by two energetic employees of Environment Yukon: Remy and Vanessa. The pair met for two days working with many classes, covering Science curriculum related to Wildlife and Ecosystems of the Yukon. A highlight of their visit was the true to scale inflatable Blue Whale erected in our gymnasium! The life-sized whale was so large it had to be placed corner-to-corner in order to fit. That's a whale of a tale! By: Tricia Frey

