



# EVB QUARTERLY

## The 4 B's of EVB

Be Respectful ~ Be Responsible ~ Be Positive ~ Be Safe

Summer Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Summer is here and I have been reflecting on our busy and productive year here at Eliza Van Bibber School and one theme comes to mind: **teamwork**. Our School has had many "firsts" this year that have been made possible by teamwork such as: after school programs, fall camp, REM field trips, cabin fever challenge, student vs staff sports events, cross country ski program, girls' night out program, creation of the student support unit (SSU) and a variety of student-centered workshops. Looking back on this year I am happy to think of students engaging in new opportunities and experiences offered by the School.

All of these "firsts" were made possible by staff, students, community members and school council coming together to work as a team. I would like to thank everyone for all your hard work this year. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all back in the fall next year!

~ Written by John Duclos



Principal ~ John Duclos

## Teamwork, Teamwork, Teamwork!



Students and Staff Working Together at the Cabin Fever Challenge!

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# If We Work Together We Can Do ANYTHING!



Students working together at the First Annual Cabin Fever Challenge !

## EVB's First Annual Cabin Fever Challenge

On Friday April 4th EVBS hosted the first annual Cabin Fever Challenge. Jesse Jewel the experiential education consultant at the Department of Education travelled to EVBS to facilitate the challenge.

In teams, students from grades 1-12 rotated around to 4 different stations where they worked together to accomplish cooperative tasks. The purpose of the day was to have fun and to foster teamwork and community amongst students and staff.

After the cooperative games, students came inside for a hot chocolate and then reconvened to begin a community wide scavenger hunt. Students and staff alike had a great day and we are excited to make cabin fever challenge an annual event!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Gutter Ball Fun!



## Student vs Staff Volleyball Game

On Wednesday April 9th students in grades 8-12 faced off against staff in a game of volleyball.!

Students and staff entered the gym and were cheered on by the rest of the school and community members. Students then lined up and shook hands with staff before the game began.

The student team bumped, set and spiked their way through the game. Both teams tried their best and it was a close game with teachers narrowly beating the students 25 - 22 in the last match.

EVBS also ran a canteen to raise money for the graduation. Thanks to staff, students and community members for coming out to have some fun and for supporting our grads.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Students and staff face off at the net



Students and Staff at Volleyball Game



# If We Work Together We Can Do ANYTHING!

## EVBS Hosts Hand Games Tournament

EVBS hosted a hand games tournament on April 16, 2014. Tantalus School in Carmacks was invited to this all day event.

Some of the games took a long time as the kids are all such great players and shooters. We enjoyed the hand games and the awesome drumming. This was a total success as everyone had fun!!

~ Written by Darlene McGinty



Students Participating in Hand Games Tournament

## Sport Yukon Volleyball Clinic

On Monday April 7th Louis-Pierre Mainville, a volleyball athlete on Canada's national volleyball team visited EVBS. Louis-Pierre began his visit with a presentation in the gym about his journey as an athlete, including his challenges and his achievements. After his presentation, Louis-Pierre ran a school - wide rock paper scissors tournament to get students up and moving and having fun.

In the afternoon, each class from grade 1-12 rotated through the gym on their regular P.E block and received a volleyball lesson from Louis-Pierre. This was good practice for the students to prepare for their volleyball game against the staff.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Student Learning to Spike



Students Participating in a Game at the Volleyball Clinic





**Students Showing off their Homemade Soap and Lip Balm**



**Students Making Soap**

## Girl's Night Out Draws a Crowd

The Girl's Night Out program has drawn a crowd this year! This is the first year this program has been offered and it has been well attended by both students and staff.

The program runs the second and fourth Monday of every month with each session beginning with a home cooked meal followed by an arts-based workshop. Since the last newsletter the group has made soap & lip balm, scrapbooking, photography, crafts and hair and esthetics.

The purpose of this program is to provide girls with opportunities to visit with each other in a safe and comfortable space and to learn new hobbies and have fun! The Youth Investment Fund has generously funded this program this year and we hope we will be able to offer this program again next year!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



**Hair & Esthetics Photo Shoot**



**Students Making Homemade Soap**



**Students Making Tacos in a Bag**



## Students Release Salmon

Fish camp is an integral part of Selkirk First Nations' culture and our students are learning about how people today can impact future Chinook salmon runs.

The grade 6/7 class recently participated in a field trip to release the classroom Chinook salmon fry into Tatchun Creek. The salmon release was part of an ongoing classroom salmon stewardship program with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. In this program, our students learned about the life cycle of salmon and the relationship between humans and nature.

The students incubated Chinook salmon eggs in the classroom and raised the salmon until they were able to be released back into their place of origin (Tatchun Creek). The students also participated in a water and habitat study which helped raise an awareness of how people can help to maintain a healthy salmon fishery for future generations.

~ Written by Jesse Ward



Students Releasing Salmon into Tatchun Creek



## Spring Has Sprung in the Kindergarten Class!

The K-4 and K-5 students of Miss Martins class have been busy exploring seeds during the month of May! Planting a variety of flowers such as Snap Dragons, Hydrangeas, and Marigolds. Jean Van Bibber assisted the children throughout this exploration. They discussed how to plant a seed, what types of things a seed needs to grow, and why seeds are important. We learned a lot!

Jean shows the children how to place the seed into the soil, explaining that you don't want to push the seed too deep into the soil, making the process of growth much slower. The children here have sprinkled their seeds into the soil as Jean assists them with the watering can. All the children were thrilled at the idea that they need to care for the seed in order for it to grow, coming into the classroom every other day with the responsibility of watering their own plant.

We are so happy that Jean joined our classroom throughout the week! She brought everything that we needed and more in order to create our own magical garden! We are excited and cannot wait to watch them blossom as we foster the growing process. From the Kindergarten's and myself we thank Jean for volunteering in our class!

~ Written by Kali Martins



Young Gardeners Tending to their Plants



Jean Van Bibber and Young Gardeners





**Grade 8-12 Girls Attending the Gender Stereotypes Workshop in the SSU**

## Gender Stereotypes Workshop

On Wednesday May 23rd Stacey Burnard from the Department of Education and Brenda Barnes from the Women's Directorate visited EVBS. The two ladies ran a workshop for girls in grades 8-12 on gender stereotypes and self-regulation techniques.

The presentation involved looking at representations of women in the media and society. The presentation also focused on positive self-concept and confidence for women. Students also learned some self-regulation techniques to use in School.

The girls really enjoyed the workshop and were gifted with some goody bags to take home at the end of the day.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



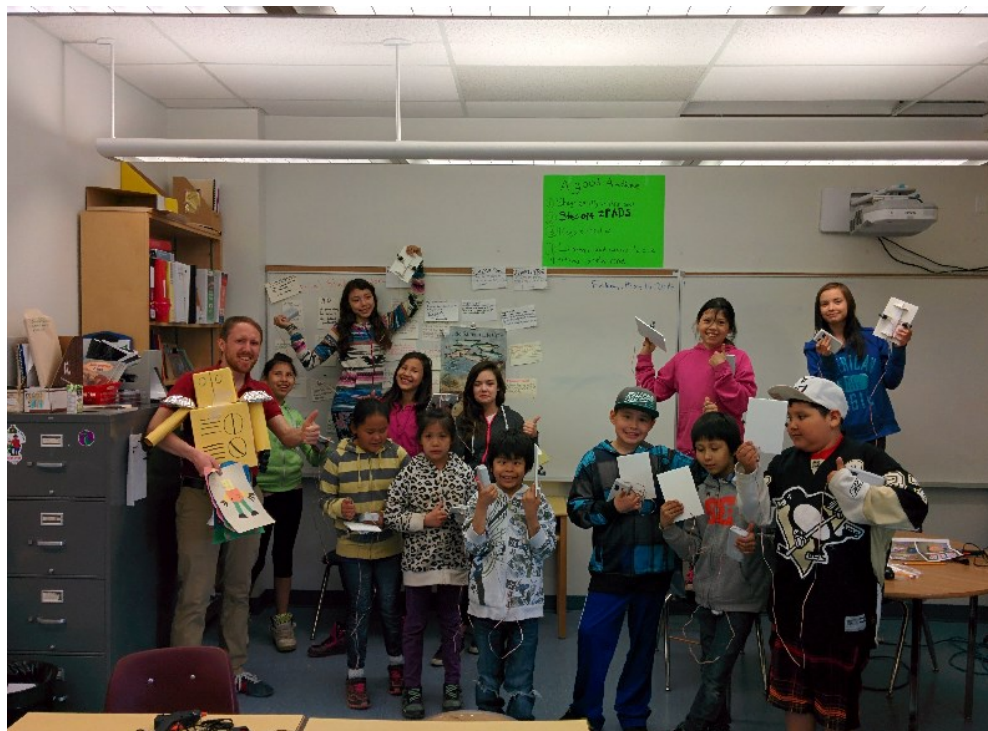
## Students Make Robots

On Friday May 16th, Ben Sanders joined the grade 3 - 7s for a fun morning of robot building.

Ben came out from Whitehorse with all the pieces for the students to assemble their own personal robot. Each robot had its own controller. The controller allowed students to spin one wheel at a time, or both wheels at the same time.

He taught us about batteries, motors, and even soldered the wires for the students at the end of the class. It didn't take long for the robots to take over the hallways of the school. Students really enjoyed themselves, and had fun decorating the robots in their own personal way.

~ Written by Darren Sussin



**Students Showing Off Their Homemade Robots**



# Grade 8-9 Students Attend REM

On Monday May 16th Eliza Van Bibber's Grade 8/9's ventured to Carmacks to join a number of other 8/9' students from Schools across the Yukon for the annual REM field trip. At Tantalus School our students learned about the importance of *Respect*, *Empathy*, and *Motivation* through a number of team building exercises and daily workshops.

Our students were able to choose between a number of fun and engaging workshops including: music, screen-printing, first nations art, woodworking, robotics, and foods.

I had the opportunity to participate in the first three activities. In music class, we had a wonderful teacher Steve Slate, who taught us how to play simple songs on the guitar and harmonica, the harmonica we got to keep.

In First Nations art we learned how to draw a number of animals and then spray painted the images onto a hoodie, which we also got to keep.

Lastly, in screen-printing, we picked an image or text from the internet and put it on a t-shirt that was added to my already large pile of souvenirs from the trip.

Each workshop had a unique memento that students got to take home with them.

Every night after dinner, the students from all Schools would gather on some nights for team building exercises and other nights for sports events. On Thursday, students had the option of either heading to the gym for a dance or to a games room to enjoy their last night together.

After a great week, on Friday our group boarded the bus holding our keepsakes from the week and saying goodbye to new friends. This year's REM was a fun filled week and I know many of the 8/9's are looking forward to next years!

~ Written by Lauren Baranik



Grade 8-9 Students From All Yukon Rural Communities at REM in Carmacks



Grade 8-9 Students From EVBS Going to REM in Carmacks



Woodworking Workshop



Screen Printing Workshop



# Sports Fun Day Fosters Team Spirit & Cooperation!

On Thursday May 29th EVBS hosted a sports fun day! Students in grades 1-12 were organized into teams which travelled to 6 different activity stations. Activities were: water balloon toss, carnival games, track and field, capture the flag, relay races and hockey challenge.

It was explained to students that the team that fostered the most team spirit would get to pie the principals in the face at the end of the activities. All teams displayed excellent sportsmanship, cheered on fellow team mates and worked together as a team. At the end of the activities there were two teams that won the team spirit award: security smurfs and shark attack. Principal, John Duclos and Vice Principal, Jeff Cressman lined up to be pied in the face by these two teams. Thank you to our principals for being such good sports!

Students and staff then took to the field to compete in a tug a war followed by a delicious BBQ hosted by the School Council. During the BBQ, John Duclos announced the playground winner to students, staff and community. Students, staff and community were invited to vote between three different playground options during the May Gathering Celebration. Option # 1 won the School and community vote and will replace the existing playground. Please see the playground plan in the picture above.

Thanks to all students, staff, school council and community members for coming out to share a day of fun together.!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



New School Playground Plan

## New Playground Coming Soon!

Playground option #1 (seen above) was voted in by School and community as the winning playground. Please see picture above of the new playground equipment.



Thank You to Brian Isaac for donating \$500.00 to the Food for Learning Program. Your generous donation will be used to buy healthy food for the breakfast program.



Pie the Principals!



Students Cheering About the New Playground Winner





**Water Relay Race**



**Three Legged Race**



**Water Balloon Toss**



**BBQ Hosted by School Council**

## **Thank You to School Council for Hosting EVBS BBQ**

A big thank you goes out to School council for hosting the BBQ at Sports Fun Day.

School council has generously supported the school this year by hosting BBQs and pancake breakfasts assisting with culture days and student vs staff sports games.

School council are also purchasing spin bikes for the school which will assist students with self-regulation techniques.

Thanks for your support!



**Student vs Staff Tug of War**



# Year End Student Awards Ceremony

On Friday May 30th students, staff and community members gathered in the School rotunda to celebrate student achievements with the awards ceremony.

Award categories included: citizen award, academic excellence, athlete of the year, attendance & punctuality, most improved language arts, most improved math, student of the year, cultural fine arts award, and cultural role model award.

Students came up to accept their awards with pride and with ample applause from peers, staff and community members. Great job to all students !

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Student of the Year Winners



Northern Tutchone Award Winner



Junior Athlete of the Year Winner



Cultural Role Model Award Winner



# Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony

On Friday May 30th parents and students gathered in the Kindergarten classroom to celebrate the success the kindergarten graduates who will be entering grade one next year!

Miss. Martins and her learning together class were hard at work the week before baking delicious treats for the occasion. The classroom was beautifully decorated and students, staff and parents were thrilled to celebrate the success of these young students.

Thanks Miss. Martins for making this day so special for the kindergarten students! A friendly reminder to community members that the high school graduation will take place on Friday June 6th at 3:00 pm at the link building. Graduation ceremonies will be from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm and are open to the community. A banquet dinner will follow the ceremonies and is by invite only.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Having Fun at Graduation



Graduating Class



Congratulations!



Congratulations !



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"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."

~ Dr. Seuss



Delicious Treats Prepared by the Kindergarten Class





Fiddleheads Group Performing in the EVBS Gymnasium

## Fiddleheads Perform at EVBS

On Thursday May 8th the Fiddleheads group from Whitehorse stopped at EVBS on their community tour. The group consisted of students from grades 4-12 who played fiddle music to tell the history of Canada.

The group entertained students, staff and community members for two hours that felt like two minutes! The students at EVBS enjoyed making new friends and were sad to see the group board the bus at the end of the performance.

A big thanks goes out to the Fiddleheads group for including our community and school in your tour. Please come again!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



## EVBS Uses Writing Continuum to Boost Student Achievement

Eliza Van Bibber School is doing its part to help raise literacy and writing standards in the classroom. Mr. Ward's grade 6/7 class and Ms. McGinty's grade 1/2 class are currently working with the Department of Education to introduce a writing continuum to help improve our students' writing awareness. A writing continuum is a visual tool which is part of our whole school initiative to develop our students' mindfulness of how to improve their own writing ability. Please stop by the grade 1/2 or the grade 6/7 classroom if you have any questions on the writing continuum.

~ Written by Jesse Ward

## Contact Us

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## Upcoming Events

**Mark You're Calendar!**

**First Day Back to School ~**  
August 25, 2014

**Breakfast Program ~** Monday to Friday 8:20 am - 9:00 am in the new kitchen. Students of all ages welcome.

**Graduation ~** Friday June 6, 2014 at the Link Building. Ceremonies are from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. A banquet dinner will follow the ceremonies and is by invite only.

**High School Exams ~**

June 19th ~ English 10

June 20th ~ English 12 (am)

~ Communications 12 (pm)

~ Math 10 (pm)