

Principal's Message

As we conclude another year at Eliza Van Bibber School we have been excited about our growth as a school community. The students have made great improvements in their writing, attendance and behaviour throughout the year. We were able to meet our goals of the school growth plan that we created last spring and have created new challenges for the upcoming year.

We have continued to build positive community relations through open and honest communication. This includes positive developments as well as areas of improvement. We also had more community attendance to our open houses and events this year than years previous, which is a sign of a healthy and developing relationship. We have also been meeting with the Chief and Council and many departments at SFN this year to continue to build positive working relationships. Thank you for that!

I would also like to congratulate and wish our graduates the best of luck in their future endeavours. This is an exciting time for them as they move into a future of their own choice. They have earned this moment though their long journey towards their high school dogwood.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on September 1st.

Mussi Cho ~ John Duclos



Principal ~ John Duclos

Casino Mining Corporation Funds Sensory Room



Sensory Room for Students to Self-Regulate

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Casino Mining Corporation Funds Sensory Room



Relaxation Station in the Sensory Room

Sensory Room Helps Students Self Regulate

Casino Mining Corp has generously donated \$ 4200.00 to Eliza Van Bibber School to create a sensory room to help support students with self-regulation. The sensory room is designed for students to utilize on a daily basis to help regulate themselves so they are better able to focus on their learning.

When students enter the sensory room, they identify which “zone” they are in on the zones of regulation visual chart. This helps students realize how they are feeling and teaches them different activities they can do to regulate their feelings and energy levels. Then students rotate through 6 different activity stations: trampoline, skipping, step-ups, balance boards, body ball and resistance bands. All of these activities work different muscle groups and have different pressure points on the body that help students assist with self-regulation. The final station is a relaxation station that offers a variety of activities that students can choose from such as: reading stories, colouring, listening to music, playing with play dough or wooden blocks, breathing exercises and massage exercises. Then when students leave the room they identify which zone they are in before they return back to their class.

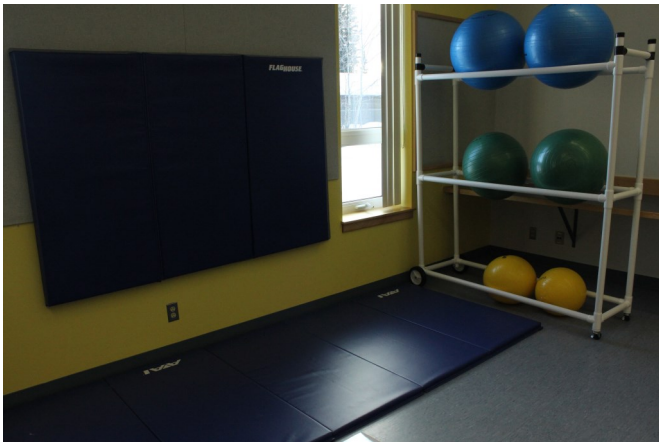
This room has been very beneficial for many of our students and we are very grateful for the funding support from Casino Mining Corp.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

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Wobble Balance Boards



Exercise Ball Station



Jumping Station

Last Year Minto Mine Funded the Student Support Unit (SSU)

Last year Minto Mine generously donated \$ 4200.00 to Eliza Van Bibber School to create the Student Support Unit (SSU).

The SSU is a self-regulation tool that consists of a room in the School that provides students with an alternative place to do their work. The purpose behind the creation of the SSU is to provide more support to students who are struggling in the classroom for a variety of reasons. Students who are on behaviour plans, are working on distance learning courses or have difficulty being in a classroom setting have benefited from the SSU.

We are pleased to offer this extra support to our students and are very appreciative to Minto Mine for their continued support of our students.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Students in the SSU!



Workspace with Kitchen in the SSU

E.V.B.S Focuses on Cultural Teachings

On the Land Programing with SFN

We are working with SFN to create on the land programming for the 2015-2016 school year. The final intent of this program is to create accredited high school courses which will go towards the students' high school dogwood that is locally created and is rooted in the Northern Tutchone culture. This will be a multi-step process that will take 2 years to complete.

We will be meeting with the community to gather information as to what we as a community would like to see incorporated into the camps. We are starting with the fall camp first and then we will be looking at a trapping camp as well.

~ Written by John Duclos



Students Learn to Make Drums

Elder Johnson Edwards has been invited by the Native Language Teachers to teach students how to make a drum. The process first started on April 23 by soaking the moose hide in water to soften. The next step was making the babiche which took 2 days to finish. During that time students enjoyed participating and listening to Johnson's stories. Johnson taught the students to cut the hide in straight thin lines to make babiche string. When the strings dried, the students rolled the dried babiche. The next step in the process was drilling holes on the drum frames. The moose hide was then stretched over the frame and tied down using the babiche string and let it dry. The last part of the drum making was using the babiche string to lace together the back of the drum. After the drums were completed on May 1st, Johnson then took students to find willow and made drumming sticks. 12 drums and sticks were made for the Native Language class to use during hand games. The materials for the drums were purchased with an Action Grant from RPAY. Thank you to Johnson Edwards for sharing your cultural teachings and oral traditions!

~ Written by Shirley Joe & Darlene McGinty



Students making babiche with Elder, Johnston Edwards



Elder, Johnston Edwards teaching students to make drums

E.V.B.S Focuses on Cultural Teachings



Students enjoying language bingo



Winning classes enjoying bingo pizza party

Northern Tutchone Bingo Teaches Language

We received some questions from the community at the end of March about broadcasting Northern Tutchone over the intercoms and out into the community at large. This was our first school wide Northern Tutchone BINGO.

The students filled out their BINGO cards that consisted of pictures that represented phrases. The phrases would be told in Northern Tutchone and followed by English. It was incredible to see that many of our students were able to get the clues through the Northern Tutchone before it was repeated in English. Congratulations to the Kindergarten and Grade 6-8 Class for winning! They won a class pizza party which they decided to share together in the Kindergarten classroom where they explored the wonderful world of boxes.

~ Written by John Duclos

Moose Harvest for Graduation Supper

We would like to thank our local hunters, Darren Johnnie and Michael Harper for the donation of a moose for this year's graduation dinner! The staff and students were thrilled to receive the generous contribution. The high school students were excited to be part of the experience in preparing the moose with an elder.



~Written by Julia Joe



Students preparing moose



Elder, Clara Silverfox



Thank you hunters, Darren Johnnie and Michael Harper !

Girls' Night Out Group is Busy!

The Girls' Night Out group has had another busy year! In recent months since the last newsletter the group has made floral arrangements for graduation, tie dye t-shirts, polymer clay beads, bent wire jewelry, scrapbooks and have participated in an esthetics workshop.

The girls especially enjoyed the esthetics workshop, where estheticians from elements esthetics travelled up to Pelly to show the girls how to do manicures, hair-dos and make-up. A big thank you to Casino mining corporation for funding this workshop. The program is winding down this year, but the girls have already started talking about fun ideas for next year!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Girls Having Fun at Esthetics Workshop



Making Floral Centerpieces



Making Tie Dye T-Shirts



Making Bent Wire Jewelry



Students Being Treated to Manicures



Hmmmm.....
Grasshopper Pie is our
favourite !



Eating Grasshopper Pie!

Students Show Team Spirit at 2nd Annual Cabin Fever Challenge!

E.V.B.S hosted the 2nd Annual Cabin Fever Challenge on April 15th. Jesse Jewel, Outdoor Education Consultant from the Department of Education travelled up to Pelly to run the challenge.

Students participated in an eco-scavenger hunt by travelling around the community looking for clues and testing their community knowledge.

Students also played a number of co-operative games such as: electric fence, fire building and trust circles. Students displayed excellent team spirit with many older students helping the younger ones and working together. A great time was had by all!



E.V.B.S Students and Staff in a Trust Circle

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Helping Each Other Over the Electric Fence



Red Team



Yellow Team



Students Making a Fire During the Challenge



Students Having Fun



Green Team



Students Help SFN in Community Clean Up

The students of EVB were very excited and enthusiastic to take part in contributing to a cleaner community during the annual SFN Clean Up Day. The classes separated on different routes and were very effective in filling their bags with garbage. Thanks to everyone for the great job cleaning!

~ Written by Lauren McGinty



Students excited about their clean up efforts



Student Awarded Jersey

Attendance Incentive Program

A High School student takes home a Daniel Sedin Jersey for the best high school attendance!

This spring we had our first Attendance Initiative in the school. This was sponsored by the Chief and Council. We were given a beautiful jersey to give to the student with the best high school attendance. We are discussing with the Education Department at SFN how we can better incorporate more initiatives in the fall to engage more of our students.

**Thank You SFN
for supporting
the Attendance
Incentive
Program !**

~Written by John Duclos



Grade 3-4-5 Fishing Trip

On a beautiful, sunny Friday afternoon, The Grade 3/4/5 students enjoyed the fresh air by ice fishing on the river. Thanks to Corporal. Joshua Wiese for assisting with the holes, the students had a chance to fish all at once. The class was successful in also catching a fish!

~ Written by Lynette Lo



The First Catch



Students Preparing to Fish



Students Receiving Northern Tutchone Award

Awards Ceremony

On Thursday June 4th E.V.B.S Staff and community came together to acknowledge student accomplishments throughout the year. All students were congratulated on their efforts and hard work. Awards were presented for academic excellence, most improved, attendance and punctuality, cultural fine arts, cultural role model, athlete of the year, Northern Tutchone and citizen award. Great job students and keep up the good work.!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

Author Visits E.V.B.S

Author Susan Musgrove visited E.V.B.S to read her latest book to students. Musgrove, engaged students with her storytelling and left them with lots of questions about the characters and messages in her book. Students and staff enjoyed the visit and look forward to having more authors visit the community in the future!



Author, Stusan Musgrove reading students her book

~ Written by Shannon

Boyce

Kindergarten Literacy Program

On May 21st, Primary Consultant, Shari Worsfold came to School to provide the third installment of literacy information. She shared strategies to help children discover reading through the use of engaging stories and appropriate questions. Shari was visiting with Learning Together advisor, Darcy LeBlanc, for an afternoon filled with story sharing and discovery. Each student at School that day left with a new book to enjoy at home. Thanks to all parents who came out to make it a huge success.

~ Written by Mary Bedford



Mother and Daughter Read Together

Students Compete at Carmacks Ridge Run

The 2015 Annual Carmacks Ridge Run was on May 1st, 2015. The students began running practice during recess breaks 2 weeks prior to the event. Julia Joe and Lauren McGinty accompanied with four students who participated regularly the E.V.B.S running program to compete in 4 divisions. The students enjoyed the beautiful scenery during the run along the ridge and are excited about future running competitions!

~ Written by Lauren McGinty



EVBS Ridge Run Competitors



Students enjoying maple magic!

Sugar Shack Serves Up Tasty Toffee

During month of March students and staff received a sweet treat when the 'Cabane a Sucre' (Sugar Shack) came to town. Students ate old-fashioned maple toffee cooled on snow, and listened to traditional francophone songs of the sugar bush.

~ Written by Tricia Frey



Artist in the School Music Tour

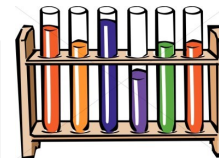
On May 26, 2015 our staff and students were treated to a lively performance by Micheal Brooks, Roxx Hunter and Katie Avery. The musicians had the audience jumping and jiving. Some of our students even got to join in the music as they played a wide range of instruments and sang along.

~ Written by Tricia Frey



Students Participating in Making Music

Grade 3-4-5 Students Explore Science



The students from the Grade 3/4/5 class got the chance to visit Mr. Korten's class to participate in a science experiment. Mr. Korten, along with his students, conducted experiments to demonstrate the importance of keeping our environment germ-free and how germs can quickly spread. The students were given a cup of liquid which represented a person's health. They had to exchange their fluids with three other people. With a bit of magic, students were able to see which cups were "infected" and problem solved who they thought was the original infected person. The second experiment, the students watched how powerful soap worked to destroy germs. The students had a wonderful time and look forward to any future science experiments with the high school class.

~ Written by Lynette Lo



Testing for germs!



Students Learning the Wonders of Soap

Salmon Fry

This year, students of EVB raised salmon fry once again as part of a Yukon wide salmon project. Salmon fry are raised in classrooms across the Yukon Territory to supplement the salmon stocks in the Yukon rivers. This program was created to help replenish the salmon as hydroelectric dams in the territory has cut down the salmon supply and have, in some cases, cut off salmon spawning areas.

Unfortunately, the salmon at EVB died before the salmon release that happened this May. The class took good care of the salmon by keeping the water temperature low and ensuring they had a dark, cool environment, but for reasons unknown, they were unable to survive through the year. This sometimes happens when fish are raised in human-controlled hatcheries instead of out in nature.

The 6/7/8 class still participated in the salmon release that took place at the Mayo River this spring, along with several other classes from other communities. It was important to release them back in Mayo because that was where the eggs were originally taken. The salmon are now on their way down river and will eventually make their way to the Pacific Ocean. After four or five years, these salmon will return to the area where they were released to spawn and make way for the next generation of salmon.

~ Written by Carman



Students Releasing Salmon

Sport FUN Day



On Thursday June 4th Eliza Van Bibber had their annual Fun Day. The entire school was divided into four teams, competing against each other at activity stations. Students competed in capture the flag, minefield team building, relay races, obstacle course, water balloon toss and other water games. The Green Groovy Gorillas took home first prize and ribbons were given to all EVB students. The staff then challenged students to a game of tug of war. The EVB staff were victorious! Later on, students took their revenge by throwing pies in the faces of staff members. The afternoon finished with a community BBQ that was full of joy and laughter. Everyone is already looking forward to next year's festivities!

~ Written by Dana Korten



Student Winners



School Tug-of-War



Minefield



Relay Race



Relay Race



Pie the Principal!

Caught You Being Good!

The local RCMP started a Caught You Being Good program in April where tickets were delegated to school staff to be awarded to students when they are caught doing a good deed for others. The students submit their tickets to the local detachment for an chance to win at the end of the month draw.

~ Written by Lauren McGinty



1st Winner of the Month Draw



Students winning the Yukon Stop, Think, Do! Poster Contest, beating out other students from the Yukon. They both took home new bike helmets!

E.V.B.S Wins Yukon Wide Sports Challenge!

Eliza Van Bibber School has placed first in this years' *Higher, Faster, Stronger Sports Challenge*! This challenge is facilitated by Sport Yukons' Jeanne Lassen and involves students participating in a number of running, jumping and lifting activities. Schools in the communities and Whitehorse participated in this sports challenge by testing their physical endurance. Students from E.V.B.S represented our School with pride by trying their very best in all the challenges. Jeanne Lassen travelled up to Pelly to present students with their trophy and celebration cake. Students ran a victory lap around the gym and tested out some new physical challenges such as a timed laser test and won a sports prize!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Students and Staff at Higher, Faster, Stronger Trophy Presentation!



Student jumping to the top!



Student running a laser time test

Congratulations E.V.B.S !



Students Taking Victory Lap

Graduation Fundraising Bingo

On Thursday April 23rd E.V.B.S hosted a fundraising bingo to raise money for this years' graduation ceremony. The event was well attended by community members who came out to show their support for our grads. The potential grads helped at the event alongside the School staff. The event raised \$ 608.50, and \$200.00 of those funds were generously donated winnings from Lois Joe. Thank you to Charlene Silverfox, Lois Joe and Lena Joe for helping out with the bingo. Also a big thanks to Betty Baptiste t for donating the bingo cards.



~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Students calling numbers at the fundraising bingo



Community members enjoying the bingo



Easter Bake Sale

Delicious treats and baked goods were for sale at the Easter Bake Sale. The event was a fundraiser for the 2015 graduation. The bake sale was a great success with a line up before opening for sales!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our future fundraisers!

~ Written by Lauren McGinty



Students and community members buying treats at Bake Sale



Students at Intramural Hockey League

Student Council Hockey League

Students are taking the lead with organizing events at the School this year. The newly created student council has taken the initiative to organize an intramural hockey league for all students from grade 1-12. The program ran three days a week at lunch for 2 months with great turn out and participation.

The Student Council will continue next year and has more ideas of fun events and programs to run around the School. Great job student leaders!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Kindergarten Graduation

This year the kindergarten graduation celebration took place on Tuesday, June 9th. Students moving into grade 1 were very excited to receive their Kindergarten diplomas. The celebration was held in our classroom and included student awards followed by a classroom party, BBQ and some outdoor summer activities! Thank you to all parents and family members who came out to celebrate the success of our Kindergarten graduates!

~ Written by Mary Bedford

Kindergarten Orientation

A meet the teacher night was organized on Tuesday, June 2 for students who are entering K4 this September. Get-ready-for-school bags containing a new book, scissors, plasticine, and other tools of the grade, were given out to these new students. We took a tour of the classroom and shared a story and a song. I'm very excited about returning in September to introduce these new friends to all the fun and exciting experiences that happen in Kindergarten.

~ Written by Mary Bedford



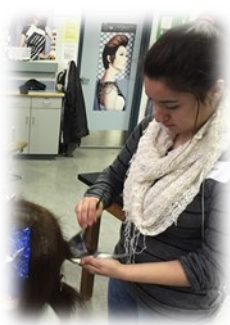
Kindergarten Graduates of 2015

Students Attend REM in Watson Lake



Students from all of the Yukon's rural schools flooded to Watson Lake to take part in this spring's REM (Rural Experiential Model). Taking place twice a year, REM allows our students to learn courses that otherwise would not be available to them. Examples of these courses are small engines, dance, and on the land learning. For the students, going to

REM means **Really Excellent Memories** are going to be made.



A typical day at REM would begin at 8am, where students were divided into their day sessions. They took one course throughout the week until 4:30pm each day. Students had a number of choices to choose from for these day sessions. Mr. Korten, and High School students not only learned how to shoot a bow and arrow they also got their Junior Bowman Certificate. Ms. Baranik and students took part in the hair and aesthetics program. Another student was out on the land learning from elders in the Ancestral program.

After the day session, students would have free time to mingle with other students from different schools and just relax. The night sessions began at 6:30 giving students a number of options like bannock and dried meat making, movie night, or bowling.

Saturday morning we packed up and headed back to Pelly leaving behind new friends and wonderful memories. We are all looking forward to next year's REM!

~ Written by Joshua Korten and Lauren Baranik

What the students had to say...



Having fun at REM !

"My favourite thing about REM was when I met new friends, doing dance and seeing old friends. It was pretty amazing."

My favourite part about REM was visiting the Liard hot springs. I had a lot of fun there.



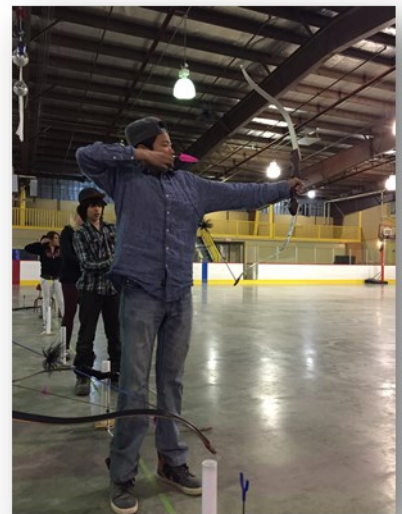
On the lands activities



Student learning archery

"My favourite thing is archery and what I like about it is shooting the bow."

"The dance was really fun, I liked dancing and there was girls there."



Student learning archery

E.V.B.S Students Attend High School Track and Field

On Wednesday, May 28th 2015 Eliza Van Bibber School sent two track athletes to compete at the Whitehorse Track and Field meet hosted by F.H Collins School. One student trained for the discus and shot put events and another student trained for javelin, as well as short and medium length running events. We left Pelly Crossing at 5:15am to travel to Whitehorse for the early start of 8:45am.

One student competed in the junior girls division for shot put and discus. She sized up the competition, focused on her technique, blocked out the rain and hurled the discus and shot put with great force and good technique. After all 16 competitors completed the event her great throws landed her in 2nd place! This was a great accomplishment for her first competition to bring home two 2nd place ribbons.

Our second athlete had to get stretch out and warmed up to compete in the 100m sprint after the long drive to Whitehorse. He got his legs ready to race and as soon as the gun signaled, the start of the race was off leading his heat down the track. As the competitors reached the finish line, our E.V.B.S athlete had 2nd place in his heat. For the 800m Colton had a plan to go the distance. He started off in 3rd, moved into second at the entrance of the second corner, came out of the corner in first! He led the next lap until the final straight away where there was just not enough left in the tank to hold first, finishing in second. This athlete also took second in the javelin and third in high jump.

This was a great showing for Eliza Van Bibber's two students bringing in 5 ribbons, 4 seconds and 1 third. Thank you to Mr. Abson for helping to train the students. Students interested in doing track and field next year are encouraged to see Mr. Korten.

~ Written by Joshua Korten

Our E.V.B.S Athletes were featured in the *Yukon News* on Saturday May 30th. !



Students Show Ribbons Won at Track and Field Event



School Council Donations for High-School

Ms. Baranik and her high school students would like to thank the Eliza Van Bibber School Council for donations to their classroom.

For the reading area, two chairs and a rug were bought for students to retreat to when they are participating in silent reading.

For self-regulation, an exercise bike was given to our students to help focus in class while burning off some energy.

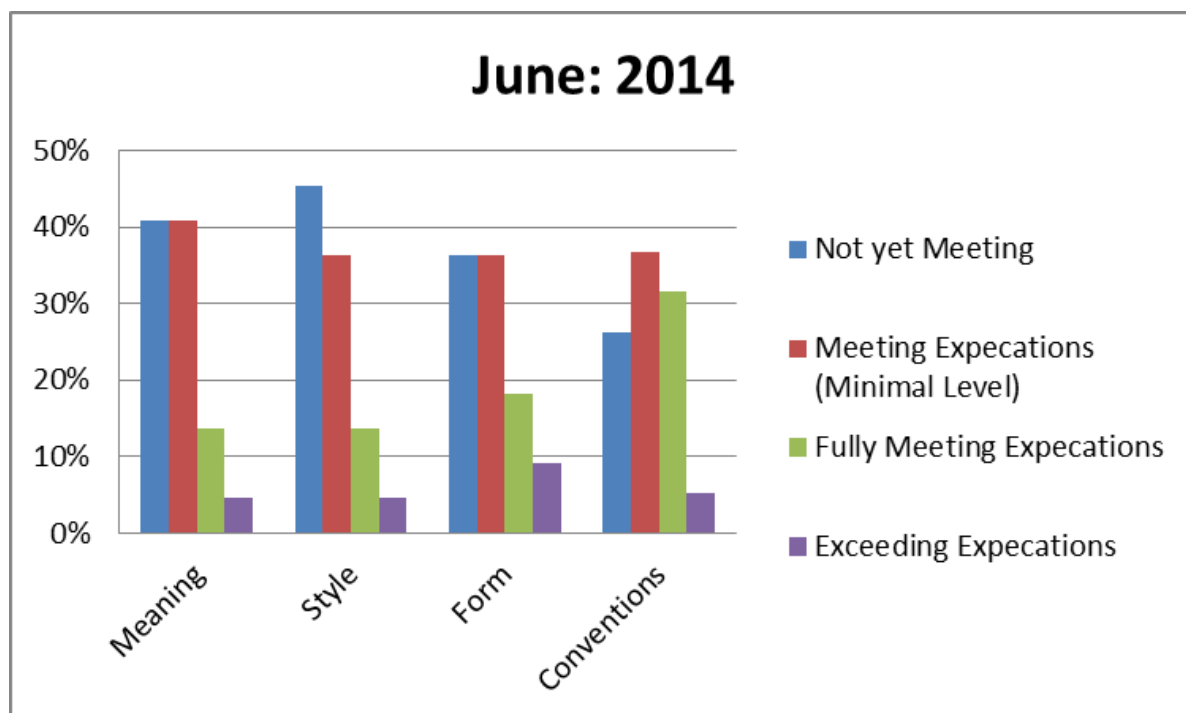
Thank you for your generosity!

~ Written by Lauren Baranik

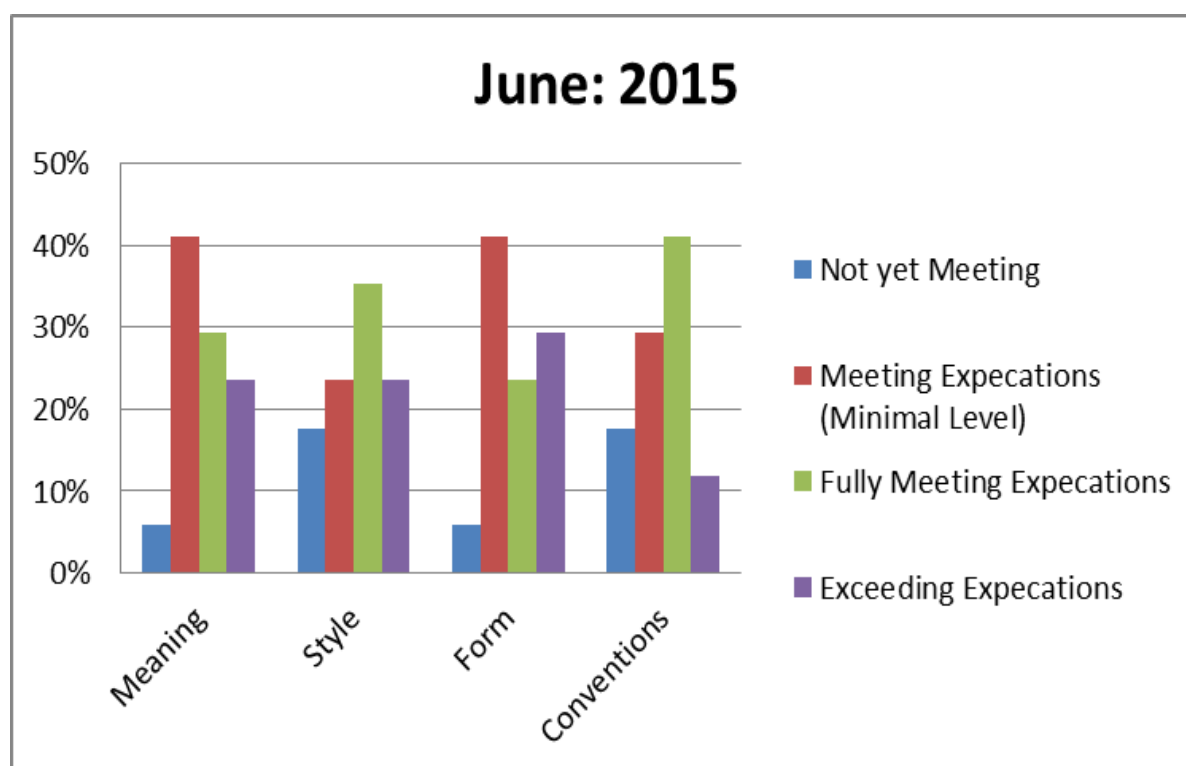


New furniture and spin bike

E.V.B.S Meets School Growth Plan Goal with Improved Literacy!



Writing Results after the School year in June 2014



Writing Results after the School year in June 2015

What are the Essential Ingredients for our Success with Improved Literacy?

Staff Responses:

1. Coherent instructional guidance system
2. Professional capacity
3. Strong parent/community school ties
4. Student centered learning environment
5. Independent writing every day
6. Staff dedicated to teaching
7. A structured and monitored school
8. Staff is 100% supported to be successful by Admin
9. Every student participates in balanced literacy every day
10. Help from curriculum consultants
11. Help from Reading Recovery
12. Use of running records as formative assessment
13. Strong literacy goals and objectives are consistent among all grades
14. Administrative leadership that prioritizes and guides a balanced literacy approach throughout the School.
15. Making strong connections between culture and writing and choosing writing topics that are Culturally relevant.

Elementary Student Responses:

1. Opportunity
2. Focus on writing
3. Practice
4. Writing everyday
5. Love to spell



“One of the essential ingredients for our literacy improvement is we developed a collective culture around learning and student success which was monitored every month. The second ingredient would be the connection between our writing topics and the Northern Tutchone culture.”

~ Principal, John Duclos



SFN Graduates of 2015 with Chief Kevin McGinty, Principal John Duclos and Guidance Counselor Shannon Boyce

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Congratulations Selkirk First Nations Graduates of 2015!



Tips for buying new shoes



Tips for selecting shoes for children:

1. The sole should be flexible (bend at the toe) and not rigid.
2. The back of the heel should be reinforced and the shoe should be flat.
3. The inside of the shoe should have a built-in arch support.
4. The heel should be snug in the shoe so it is in an upright position.
5. There should not be any lifting or sliding at the heel when the child walks.
6. Always try shoes on both feet. There should be a thumb's width from the end of the longest toe to the end of the shoe.
7. Laces and high tops provide more support than Velcro closures and low cut runners.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar !

Breakfast Program ~ 8:30 am to 9:00 am in the new kitchen.

First day back to School ~ September 1st, 2015

High School Graduation ~ Friday June 12th, 2015 at the Link Building. Ceremonies are from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

High School Exam Dates ~

June 19, 2015:	Grade 10 Math	1:00-3:00
	Grade 12 English	1:00-3:00
June 22, 2015	Grade 12 Communications	9:00-11:00
June 24, 2015:	Grade 10 English	1:00-3:00