



# EVB QUARTERLY

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## Principal's Message

The students at Eliza Van Bibber School have been actively learning a variety of skills over the past couple of months. In addition to classroom skills the students also developed skills in building construction, snaring, cooking, puppet making, and painting.

This term, some of the high school students were able to assist in the construction of our new outdoor classroom which has already been used for the storytelling camp as well as a home base for our snaring program. The storytelling camp was a huge success due to our elders and artists who came into the school. We also hosted a gala for the storytelling camp where the students displayed their writing, artwork, puppets and puppet plays to the community. During the snaring program we harvested multiple rabbits which allowed the students to cook a lunch for the elders under the culinary direction of Elder George McGinty.

I would like to wish all staff, students and community members a restful and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

~ Mussi Cho, John Duclos



Students Enjoying Stories from Elder, George McGinty



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# Storytelling Camp Brings Community Together

Students at Eliza Van Bibber School participated in the first annual storytelling camp during the weeks of November 1st—3rd and November 7th—9th.

Students gathered in a wall tent on the edge of School property and listened to Northern Tutchone stories told by elders George McGinty and Rachel Tom Tom. Students moved from the tent to an “art space” in the school where they represented their learning through paintings and puppet shows. Students were taught these activities by two talented Yukon artists, Rhoda Merkel and Susie Ann Bartsch. The camp ended with a Gala for community members that showcased student paintings & puppet shows.

The preparations for the Storytelling Camp was a collaborative effort that involved contributions from staff, SFN citizens, elders and Yukon artists. Many thanks to everyone involved who worked hard to make this camp such a meaningful learning experience for our students. The High School students used their math skills to build the tent platform, staff put the tent up and woke up early to start a fire every day of the camp, elders came and shared their stories with us, artists prepared materials and taught students how to paint, make puppets and organize a puppet show, and staff did a great job of assisting students to make connections between the stories and their art projects. Our first annual storytelling camp was a huge success and we look forward to continuing this camp in the years to come.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



**Elder George McGinty with students**



**Elder Rachel Tom Tom with students**



**Artist Susie Ann Bartsch making puppets with students**



**Artist Rhoda Merkel Painting with students**



# Storytelling Camp Brings Community Together



Wall Tent on the edge of School Property



Student Playing with his puppet



Student s Performing Puppet Show



Students Performing Puppet Show



Student painting snake from a story



Student showing off her puppet





## Students Participate in Halloween Fun Day !

Halloween was a busy day at EVBS. The annual Halloween celebrations included a costume parade, door decorating contest, slime making, haunted classroom, mystery bowls, and karaoke. The afternoon ended with our successful and delicious cake walk. Students, staff and community members came together. A good time was had by all !

~ Written by Lynette Lo



Students having a fun race



Students and Staff in Costume



Students Making slime with Mr. Korten



## We Remember on Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was organized by Angelita Seloterio and Julia Joe. The School recognized current and past members of the armed forces on November 10th, 2016. The ceremony began with an Opening prayer, Student classroom presentations and the laying of a wreath by students, elders, SFN chief and council, SFN citizens, Nursing station, RCMP, and EMS.

After the ceremony, homemade chilli was served to the community by students and staff. A big thank you to Fran Boone for her delicious chili that she donated.

~ Written by Julia Joe



High School Students Performing at Remembrance Day Assembly

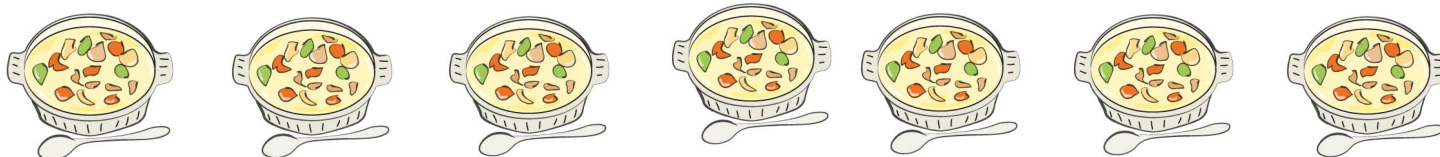
# Students Snare Rabbits and Feed Elder's Luncheon

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November EVB School invited elder George McGinty to teach students Rabbit snaring "Ge myant". During Physical Education and Native language classes, all students from grades 1-12 set snares by Mica creek. The students checked the snares daily and caught a few and lost a few to the lynx or wolf. Once all the snares were pulled and students thawed, George showed the students how to skin and clean a rabbit. Once all the rabbits were cut up; George made rabbit dumpling soup and Darlene fried the rabbit coated in flour. This was a delicious meal and the elder's really enjoyed it and showed great appreciation for this treat.

The students learned how to;

- Look for a good place to set snares.
- How to make a snare.
- How to set a snare.
- How to check a snare.
- How to skin a rabbit.
- How to clean a rabbit properly.
- How to cut up the rabbit.
- How to make Rabbit dumpling soup.
- How to dredge the rabbit in flour and fry it.
- How to appreciate the hard work to feed one's family

~ Written by Darlene McGinty



Elders Enjoying a Rabbit Stew Luncheon





## Potential Graduates Sell Chocolates to Raise Money for Graduation Ceremony



The potential graduates and their families worked hard during the month of November selling chocolates to raise money for their graduation. They sold **\$2443.04** of chocolates and earned 25% to that which is **\$ 610.76**. These funds will go towards the graduation ceremony at the end of the year. A big mussi cho to all the families and community members that generously bought chocolates to support our potential graduates. We would like to acknowledge everyone for your generous support:

Candice Menzi , Mona Silverfox, Elaine Alfred, Sandra Roach, Marissa Blackjack, Teri-Lee Isaac, Janie-Lee Silas, Shannon Boyce and John Duclos , Kevin McGinty and Betty Baptiste , Annabelle Vance, Ken and Fran Boone, Hilary Coburn and Arthur Murgatroyd, Mary Bedford, Debbie Trudeau, Riley Gill , Kim Gill , Sam and Kelly Anderson, Emma Alfred , Gareth Abson & Lynette Lo , Joe Migwans , Joyce Simon, Kindra Stewart.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



## Students Sell Pizza to Raise Money for Arctic Winter Games

On the afternoon and evening of December 1st there was an enticing scent all through the hallways of EVBS. If you followed your nose, you would have ended up seeing quite the sight in the new kitchen! The Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8's were hard at work making 60 pizzas to fundraise for the upcoming Arctic Dene Games Field Trip in Whitehorse (Dec. 7-9th). Students were working together chopping vegetables, mixing tomato sauce and spices, kneading dough, and decorating each pizza with care. Once the pizzas were made, students put them in pizza boxes and off they went in the bus to be delivered to people's homes! We are so grateful for all the community members that put in their orders in advance and helped support this fun new initiative and our trip to the Dene Games!

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



Students Making Pizzas



Ms. Coburn and Students Making Pizzas

# EVBS Runs First Annual Bannock Bake Off!

This November, the students participated in their first Bannock Bake-Off. Students in their Spirit Teams were given one hour to cook their best bannock, which would later be judged by our guest judges. Ingredients and a recipe were given to each group who were separated into different areas in the School.

In order to make sure that every group member participate, students were assigned specific tasks such as measuring, mixing, frying, and cleaning. Even though staff did not help the groups, students were reminded to work together as a team, as “Positive Teamwork” was also a category being judged.

After a busy and productive one hour, students were asked to choose their top 3 bannock for the guest judges to try. Mussi Cho to the judges Emma Alfred, George McGinty and Lori Sims for tasting the student’s bannock. While all the bannock was very tasty, congratulations to team Rabbit (Ge) for cooking the most delicious bannock and displaying wonderful teamwork. Overall, students had a fun time cooking and trying each other’s bannock during the storytelling Gala. We hope this bannock challenge will be the first of many in the future.

~ Written by Lynette Lo



**Students Making Bannock**



**Students Enjoying Delicious Bannock**



## Blood Ties Four Directions Workshop

On November 4th, Blood Ties facilitator Samantha Hand visited EVBS to present a “Safer Choices” workshop for students in grades 6-12. The prevention and education workshop, approved by Yukon Department of Education provided students with the knowledge, motivation and skills necessary to make safe choices. Students learned how to make healthy decisions, and develop communication and boundary setting skills. If you would like more information about programs and resources at Blood Ties Four Directions Center, please contact program facilitator: Samantha Hand at 867-332-8266.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



## New Ski Trails at EVBS

Eliza Van Bibber and Pelly Crossing has some brand new ski trails! With support from the Lands Department , staff, students and the RCMP have restored and extended the public use trails between the school and Mica Creek Bridge. Students use these trails daily during their winter P.E classes or with the Pelly Crossing Ski Club afternoons. The school has boots and skis available for use if anybody wishes to learn a new sport, explore the trails or get some great winter exercise.

~ Written by Arthur Murgatroyd



## Kindergarten Class Shares Secret Christmas Cookie Recipe

We had so much fun learning new words found in the Christmas Cookies book. Some we new like joy, sharing, and frustrated; others were new, like perseverance, reciprocate, and charitable. Together, we made the cookies as a class to share.

~ Written by Mary Bedford



Kindergarten Class Making Cookies

### Christmas Cookies

#### Ingredients

3/4 cup softened butter  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt

#### Directions

Mix butter and sugar together and beat in the eggs and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder, and salt, and mix until combined. Chill for two hours.

Roll out a small amount of dough at a time, keeping the rest in refrigerator. Place dough on floured board, cover with a sheet of floured wax paper, and roll ;until 1/8" thick. Dip cookie cutters into flour to prevent sticking and cut dough into desired shapes. Bake at 350oF in a preheated oven fir 6-8 minutes until edges are light brown. Sprinkle with coloured sugar.

From: Christmas Cookies by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, 2008 (available from the library)

~ Submitted by Mary Bedford



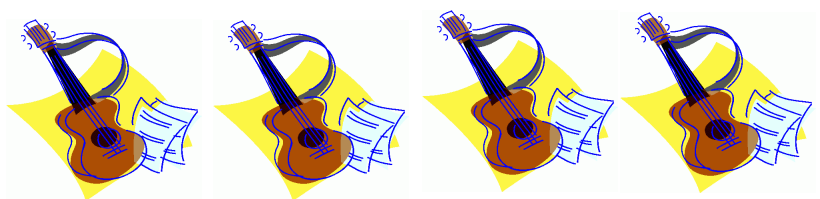
# EVBS Students are Treated to Musical Performance

We were fortunate to have Anne Lederman and Ian Bell perform for the EVBS community on November 24th. Travelling the Yukon on their Home Routes Tour, these two talented musicians had us stomping our feet, clapping our hands and singing along as they told engaging stories through their awesome folk music. Ian was on guitar and Anne back and forth from fiddle and the kalimba (African thumb piano). The Grade 1/2/3's had fun dancing to their music after the school show and the high school music class enjoyed doing a guitar and piano workshop to end off the afternoon. We pass on gratitude to the Klondike Highway Music Society for funding this performance!



**Students Enjoying Musical Performance**

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



## Students Become Licensed Trappers

Five lucky students attended a special weeklong Trappers License course in Whitehorse in November. Students learned animal biology, the laws and ethics of trapping and how to set, and even escape from the different types of snares and traps you can use in the Yukon.

Harvesting, Lynx, Beaver, Marten, Wolf and Muskrat sustainably, for furs and meats continues to be an important practice carried out all across the north. Special thanks to SFN Education for sponsoring this course and helping to provide the youth the skills they need to work on the land.

Congratulations to the course graduates who worked hard to earn their certificate. Also a big mussi cho to Elder Don Trudeau for taking students out on the trap-line to practice their skills.

~ Written by Arthur Murgatroyd



**Students Practicing their  
Skinning**



**Students Learning how to skin a wolf**



**Students Learning to Set a Snare**

## Excellent Turnout at Student Led Conferences

On November 29th, the students at Eliza Van Bibber held their third annual Student-Led conference night. The students used their Assessment for Learning skills to show their parents what they are excelling at and working on in school. It was great to see the strong turnout again this year! I would like to extend my appreciation to parents and guardians for your continued interest and participation in your children's education.

~ Written by John Duclos



**The Staff and Students at Eliza Van Bibber School would like to wish all Selkirk First Nation Citizens a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

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## Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar!

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

First day back to School —January 3rd

High School Exams — January 23rd —26th.

Human Dogsled Race—February 2nd

P.D Day (No School) - February 3rd.

Yukon Quest Starts in Whitehorse—February 4th.

Girls' Night Out Program Begins—February 6th

Heritage Day (No School) - February 24th