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News



The school year is moving along. We are already on the down side to Winter Break. I hope everyone will enjoy a safe and Happy Halloween.

The school year is moving along very swiftly. There have been many good educational events. Chemainus Secondary School hosted one of the School District's Implementation Day events that featured Successful Strategies for Teaching and Learning Mathematics presented by Dr. Raheal Jalan. This went very well and it appears

there are going to be follow seminars on this topic.

The October Professional Development Day that was held at Chemainus Community Elementary featured Calvin Helin was well attended.

October 30th at Quamichan Middle School there is Extending Practice Through Instructional Intelligence. There are six workshops to attend, one will be on APTN's Raven's Tales, how to integrate Aboriginal Content into the Curriculum. I look forward to seeing educators attend.



Traditional Balance Weaving Conference

Hosted by Stella Johnny

Friday, November 16th, 2007

Registration & Master Weavers Displays – Open to Public
10:00 am- 3:00pm -

2 hour Mini-classes begin in the afternoon with the following sessions:

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
5:45 pm - 7:45 pm
8:00 pm -10:00 pm

Saturday, November 17th, 2007

Opening of the Day

8:30 am: Coffee and donuts

2 hour mini Class Schedule:

9:00am—5:45pm

Dinner & Entertainment 6:00pm- 10:00pm

Sunday, November 18th, 2007

Meeting for future conference or training - 8:00 am-10:00 pm.
Open for Public sales - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

For more information please contact Stella @ 250-746-8604 or
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Aboriginal Education Grants

Aboriginal Education completed the grant review process. There were some very well thought out applications. We were impressed by the work that went into the applications and the links that educators made to curriculum learning objectives.

The Aboriginal Education Department was able to accommodate all schools that applied for grants. Over \$76,000 was applied for and \$45,00 was allocated.

Aboriginal Education is looking forward to hearing from the educators about how their educational initiatives as the result of the grants impacted the students.

Aboriginal Education wishes the best of success to the successful grant applicants.



Reminder: Provincial Conference

13th Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal Perspective in Teaching and Learning

November 22-24 at the Weston Bayshore, Vancouver, BC

There are many beneficial workshop to attend at this conference. The Keynote address on the first day will be by Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC's representative for Child and Youth Care.

The keynote address for day two is by the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education and Minister responsible for Early Learning and Literacy.

Your Principals and Department Heads have all the information about this conference, or call Aboriginal Education.



Resources and Books

Teachers, if you are looking for books with Aboriginal content here are some suggested websites:

<http://www.oyate.org/catalog/index.html>

<http://www.corelearningresources.com/>

<http://turtleisland.com/>

<http://www.goodminds.com/>

According to Oyate Publishing here are a couple books to avoid; for their content:

- *The Indian in the Cupboard*. Illustrated by Brock Cole. New York: Avon (1980) *The Return of the Indian*. Illustrated by William Geldart. New York: Doubleday (1986)
- Michael L. Cooper, *Indian School: Teaching the White Man's Way*. New York: Clarion (1999)
- Susan Jeffers, *Brother Eagle, Sister Sky*, Illustrated by the author. New York: Dial (1991)

About Our Organization...

The Aboriginal Education Department is committed to supporting the goals of the Enhancement Agreement. These goals are:

- Increasing the presence of Aboriginal culture, language, and history in schools for all students
- Increasing access to and skill level in the use of technology for Aboriginal students

- Increasing attendance
- Increasing academic achievement for Aboriginal students
- Increasing academic preparedness of Aboriginal students

For more information on the Enhancement Agreement, please contact the Aboriginal Education Department.

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