



# Xit'olacw

## Community School

May 27, 2011

Proud To Be Home  
Of The Eagles!

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### Welcome to Sports Day



**At Xit'olacw Community School**  
Friday, June 3, 2011

Bring out the family and enjoy a day of  
fast, fun and action packed day!

Bring your sunny umbrellas and lawn chairs

Bernadette  
Dean  
Casey



### Grade Two Hot Dog Sale

On Sports Day  
Friday, June 3, 2011

12:00 p.m.—until sold out!

Hot Dog—\$1.00  
Juice—\$1.00  
Freezies—.50 cents



Concession will be held in the  
Grade Two Classroom

Kukwstumckalap: Bernita Saul

### Bake Sale

Please support the Grade  
Five Bake Sale on  
Friday, June 3, 2011  
—Sports Day

- Grade Five Class



## A note from Gladys...

### Books

Our school is coming to a close, so it's time to start looking for any books that belong to our library and please return them.

### Pictures

If you missed the deadline you can mail your proofs to the company on your own. Please do not bring them to the school. There is a \$10.00 late fee charge per package.

PSP Sundance,  
8 MacLaren Place, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6N5  
Att: Hazel



### Calling All Eagles!

I have this special book I received as a gift but never used. I have a perfect idea for me to treasure—your AUTOGRAPH! If you played on any team sport for the Eagles I would like your autograph, jersey number and sport you played as an Eagle. This book will be on my desk at work and I will bring it home daily and you are welcome to come by my house to sign it. If you **want to add a bit of art, that's great. Hope you can sign my special book.**

### Flake Rodeo

Thank you very much for all the help preparing for this day.  
My hat is off to you & my hands held high:

- \*Casey & Miranda for making a lot of the tags, & banners.
- \*to the pancake makers, breakfast was excellent
- \*to the big brothers & sisters for making sure your little buddies were picked up & brought to breakfast
- \*to all who helped keep our field free of garbage
- \*to the staff for great participation as team leaders
- \*to all the elementary students for participating
- \*to the high school students for participating
- \*to all the moms, dads, grandparents, uncles, aunties for your participation
- \*to all our visiting students that jumped on a team to join us in the fun
- \*we proved we can have so much crazy fun as a group, and still look good. Yee Haw!



Special Education Students  
K Group  
**At Rosa Andrew's Farm with Chantel and Kamana**  
May 2011





## April 2011 High School Attendance

**16** students with perfect attendance and **11** students with 2 or less classes missed.

<b>Perfect Attendance</b>				
the names underlined have perfect attendance for January - March				
Myrtle Dan	Georgina Dan	Clair Wallace	Kayla Gabriel	Tupac Grandbois
Antonaya Leo-Billy	Ncat7aoq Pierre	Lacey Dan	Payton Dan	Talon Grandbois
Carl Smith	Ruby Joe	Donny Wells	Miles Andrew	Julius Leo
		Clara Edwards		
<b>Less than 2 absences</b>				
Atom Nelson	Albie Nelson	Sutikem Bikadi	Edwin Pierre	
Colton Frank	Trent Smith	Bryton Nelson	Eric Pierre	
	Rhona-Lee Pierre	Jeannine Nelson	Jada Frank	

Perfect attendance = 2 entries into a draw

Almost there = 1 entry into a draw

It's a new term so cookies for good attendance draw will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

what 's the draw for? A big batch of chocolate, chocolate chunk, coconut cookies  
ohh, so yummy and home made by T.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Dr. Russell Bishop,  
founder of the Te Kotahitanga program,  
from the University of Waikato, New Zealand  
**was a special guest at the Xit'olacw Community School.**

Dr. Russell Bishop together with Mere Berryman, and Maori Elders as well as other educators are spear heading the **implementation of the Te Kotahitanga program in B.C. in a number of schools in which the Xit'olacw Community School is included.** It is a very exciting program that is enjoying great success in New Zealand for Maori students. Dr. Bishop as **well as the Xit'olacw Community School and the Mount Currie Board of Education are confident that implementing the same practices here will also result in major academic improvements for our children.** To date we have been very busy learning many of the techniques we need to know to go forward including collecting and graphing data to give evidence to the situation as it is now and charted improvements in the future.

Our school is supported by the First Nations School Association in this endeavour and are assigned a coach, Pat Pearce, a retired Superintendent from the Gold Trail School District. Pat has been working closely with us during this school year and has been an excellent guide through all the tasks in order to be ready to begin implementation this September. Dr. Russell Bishop in his presentation yesterday talked at length about the profile and skills of an effective teacher of aboriginal students. His presentation gave staff a very good understanding of what to expect in the coming year, as to what will be developed and supported to reach the goal of becoming an effective aboriginal educator. I should perhaps point out that these techniques have been used in schools with Maori and Non-Maori students in New Zealand and have proven to have success in improving academics.

This program sets the path for the next five years and is integrated with the School Growth Plan resulting from our School Assessment this year. The three goals for improvement are Literacy (Reading), Numeracy (Math) and Culture and Language. Dr. Russell Bishop was pleased with these goals and stated that they are very interconnected and you need all three to be successful.

Staff have been so busy preparing for the implementation of the program and although it is very hard work we are very motivated and excited about the initiatives underway. In order to fulfill the requirements for the program there are changes needed including the scheduling of classes.

To summarize, I invite you to read the following quote about the problems we work to rectify. We have been working to improve the nature of the educational experience for our children since opening our own school:

We are dealing, it would seem, not so much with culturally deprived children as with culturally deprived schools. And the task to be accomplished is not to revise, and amend, and repair deficient children, but to alter and transform the atmosphere and operations of the schools to which we commit these children. Only by changing the nature of the educational experience can we change the product. To continue to define the difficulty as inherent in the raw material, the children, is plainly to blame the victim and to acquiesce in the continuation of educational inequality. (Ryan, 1976, pp. 61-62)

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COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL  
CALENDAR  
JUNE 2011



Thank You to Willow Mumford for submitting photos for the Flake Rodeo and students at **Rosa Andrew's Farm**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Immersion Class to One Mile Lake	2 Grade 4 Class to Richmond Wave Park	3 SPORTS DAY (BERN, DEAN, CASEY) TERM 3 ENDS	4
5	6 Locker Clean Up K, 1 and 2 to Brennan Park	7	8 Kindergarten Grad.	9	10 Grade 5-7 to Tsawwassen Splash Down	11
<b>HIGH SCHOOL SUPER COURSE 6 JUNE 6—10, 2011</b>						
12 Confirmation and Holy Communion	13 June 12-13 Grade 8-11 to Kelowna	14 ELEMENTARY AWARDS	15 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS Grade 4-5 <b>Pam's</b> Ranch (Pem. Meadows)	16 Grade 1— Culture Centre and Park at Meadow Park	17 June 17-18 Grade 8-11 to Osoyoos, B.C. Last Day for Students	18
<b>HIGH SCHOOL SUPER COURSE 7 JUNE 13-17, 2011</b>						
19 <b>Happy Father's Day</b> 	20	21 Summer Solstice National Aboriginal Day	22 GRADUATION CEREMONIES	23	24 Last day for Staff	25
26	27	28	29	30	Breakfast / Lunch Program The cost for the Breakfast/Lunch Program is \$30.00 per month for one person, or \$35.00 per month for family rate. See Glenda Gabriel for your payment.	
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