

# Nelna Bessie John School Monthly Newsletter

October, 2015

Greetings everyone!

## ***These are some of the main things we've been up to this past month:***

- On October 5<sup>th</sup>, everyone who wrote the Honourable Doug Graham, Yukon Minister of Education "Thank You" cards for his September 21<sup>st</sup> visit received their own special envelope from him. He looks forward to his next visit and so do we!
- Miss Kayla & Miss Shasta invited us to Sunshine's surprise birthday party after school on the afternoon of October 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had an awesome time and Sunshine was so happy to see her friends!
- As part of "Celebrate Walk 2015", we held our ***I Walk Day*** the afternoon of October 7<sup>th</sup> on the road outside the school. Everyone who participated walked over 1 kilometer each. Congratulations to everyone who was involved!
- Nick and Joe de Graff from the "Sea to Stream" program delivered and fertilized 223 Chum Salmon eggs the evening of October 7<sup>th</sup>. They should grow a lot by the time they visit us again in February 2016. Please remember that we can't open the tank as the sunlight is bad for the eggs right now.
- We were so lucky to have Miss Shasta give us a very interesting and educational talk on nutrition the morning of October 8<sup>th</sup>. Let's take what she taught us and use it in our daily lives to be healthy people!
- It sounds like everyone had a super Thanksgiving long weekend. Your parents must be very proud of your colourful art work on the school windows!
- We are very lucky that Miss Sarah has joined our school community as the new Educational Assistant (EA). She has a great deal of experience teaching and working with children. Here's a little bit about her:
  - She's originally from Nova Scotia, but has travelled a lot across Canada and the world.
  - Some of her main hobbies & sports include snowboarding, surfing, skiing and camping.

- She likes to play the guitar and is eagerly sharing her musical interests with us.
- Miss Sarah really enjoys her job at NBJS, the students, and being in Beaver Creek!
- Everyone loved the amazing reading and storytelling that published author Renelitta Arluk gave us at the Community Centre on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Beaver Creek Library for inviting us!
- Do your parents know that each of you is also an author? You all did an amazing job on your individual books that you made about our September 28<sup>th</sup> field trip to Snag. I can't wait to see what you'll write next.
- The following week Miss Patti Grabowski came to re-organize our library. She was so happy with the thoughtful "Thank You" card you signed and gave her. And we are very happy with the work she did in the library, even creating a special Halloween section for us!
- On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Miss Linda Harvey from Yukon College First Nation Language Centre came to see the awesome work you are doing with Miss Ruth & Miss Jolenda.
- We had our October 22<sup>nd</sup> "Yukon Shake-Out" earthquake/fire/evacuation drill a little early because Miss Penny was also here to see the incredible work you are doing.
- Everyone seems to be enjoying the tasty boiled eggs and muffins we have been serving for morning snacks courtesy of ***Food for Learning***. We will continue to organize various healthy snacks each month for students. However, parents may always send their own choice of snacks with their kids.
- We also had individual student photos taken this month, which were promptly sent home. Thank you Miss Sarah for being such a superb photographer!
- On October 28<sup>th</sup>, Miss Michelle and Miss Julie met with parents and preschoolers in our basement to help them get ready for school next year.
- Then we had Miss Shari visit us and show us the amazing world of children's books and how to unlock their secrets. Do you remember that she was the one that sent us the 10 great new big books that we have been reading?
- For Halloween, I posted your brilliant colouring on the school windows and we had a great time at the Community Centre. Thanks again Miss Kayla & Miss Shasta for inviting us to the awesome afternoon party!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- November 1<sup>st</sup>: Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour for daylight savings time.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Annual General Meeting will take place at 7 PM, followed by the monthly NBJC Council Meeting. Both Bob Walker (School Council Liaison) and Mrs. Penny Prysuk (our area Superintendent) will attend. Notices have been posted around the community inviting anyone to attend and to email items to be placed on the agenda to Kate Todd, SC Chair at [lilacs\\_2009@yahoo.com](mailto:lilacs_2009@yahoo.com). Finally, congratulations to Mrs. Tristian Nieman for being sworn – in as a new School Council member!
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 5<sup>th</sup>: Miss Catherine Bolduc – Gagnon from Yukon Education (our area French Monitor) will visit us. She will share her love of French Canadian culture with the students this winter and again next spring through many interesting activities.
- Mister Dan will be attending conferences in Whitehorse from November 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 6<sup>th</sup>. However, students will be in great hands with Miss Catherine, Miss Sarah and Miss Shasta until he returns!
- Please remember that everyone who substitute teaches or volunteers at school has passed a criminal check and is a competent person.
- November 9<sup>th</sup>: We hope that D.J. can take time away from his busy schedule to share his vast knowledge of how to make codes by hand and online during morning classes. He'll show you how math can be used in many interesting ways!
- Students should finish all parts of their mini-science project on our solar system before November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- I have sent home two letters sharing important updates and information so far (October 19<sup>th</sup> & October 26<sup>th</sup>). Please make sure your parents get anything I send home for them! I will send out further details regarding November 11<sup>th</sup> as plans are finalized. What I can tell you is that one of our very own students has been working very hard preparing to read a Remembrance Day poem!
- November 16<sup>th</sup>: In the morning, we will see a performance in the Community Centre by Vanier Catholic Secondary School students. Please come to the school before 9 AM as usual and be prepared for a surprise..... In the afternoon, we will help prepare a dinner at the Community Centre as part of our social responsibility duties.

- Please make sure you get lots of sleep, eat properly and take vitamins to make sure you grow properly and stay healthy. The cold and flu season is here and we don't want any of you to get sick!
- Do check out our website: <http://nbj.yukonschools.ca/> .You will see our monthly newsletters and many pictures.
- We will also continue to have visitors all month from various branches of Yukon Education helping the staff learn new techniques & technologies.
- A special request to all adults in our community: Please think about substitute teaching or volunteering at school. The children would love to hear about the interesting hobbies and lives of our community members. Anyone is welcome to contact me to arrange to
- read to the students, give a class on something they are good at or enjoy (arts & crafts, music, technical areas, etc.), or become involved in some other meaningful way. All they need to do is to first obtain a criminal record check and then email me at [Dan.Ritco@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Dan.Ritco@gov.yk.ca)

Sincerely yours,

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