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“A definition of school is ‘four walls surrounding the future.’”

ROLAND BARTH

Message from the Superintendent

• Roy Cole •

This school year has been a good year in a so many ways. However, in a family of 1500 students and 150 staff members, seldom does a year go by without issues to deal with and challenges to confront. We are a very active district with every day being unique to every school in every community. By and large, we have really good students whose needs are being served every day by really good teachers and administrators who care about these students and work hard to help all students be the best they can be. We are also fortunate to have so much parent and family support and support of community DEAs and organizations. As well, we are most fortunate to have the support of our DEC, the support of our various partners in education coupled with a strong and supportive staff at the regional BDEC Office in Inuvik. For the leadership and support being provided by all our partners, I am extremely grateful as they are enabling our education system to be effective and grow on a daily basis. We will see the fruits of our labors as our youth grow to become young men and women and provide the leadership which is so necessary for the future growth and development of our communities, region, and territory.

We are presently making plans for the next school year with the hope that we can build on the successes of this school year. According to the data provided by each

Well, this is the second and final edition of our newsletter for the school year 2008 - 2009. As I write this message two of our schools, Inualthuyak School in Sachs Harbour and Helen Kalvak School in Ulukhaktok, have closed for the summer vacation with all other schools being closed by June 26. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly a school year goes by.

school principal, student attendance has increased from last year for our district overall in every month with September being just marginally lower than last year. The data also show that seven of our nine schools have significant growth. The student attendance data provided by the principals show that up to and including April overall district student attendance has increased from 74% in 2007 - 2008 to 81% in 2008 - 2009. I will conclude on this point by stating that while we are showing growth in student attendance, we must be diligent in pursuing even greater attendance next year. While I don't have sufficient space in this newsletter to address it, I would like to say that, coupled with attendance, we must take the necessary steps to ensure that students stay in school. Currently, we have too many students who, for various reasons, some over which we have little or no control, have 'dropped out' and are no longer attending school. From September 30, 2008 to May 01, 2009, BDEC unfortunately, has lost 9.8% of its students.

As a further update on this year with plans for next year, I identify a few highlights:

- We have had a successful year in the addressing and attainment of the goals of our Strategic Educational Plan. I will be updating our trustees at the June Board meeting.
- Staffing - We have had a successful

staffing season with practically all teachers hired for next year.

- We will be hiring five Guidance Counselors to help our schools address the many needs of our students.
- We will be delivering a High School course, Science 10, to some students in Aklavik and Fort McPherson from Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik. This is a pilot project which, if successful, will be expanded to other schools in the following year. This project is an attempt to provide students in our outlying communities with academic courses which ordinarily they wouldn't have access to.

As a summary statement, I wish to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been involved this year with our education system and who have helped our teachers and students achieve as well as they have. I want to especially thank Mina McLeod, DEC Chairperson, and the trustees who have helped me many times this year through their direction, advice, encouragement and leadership. I look forward to working with them closely in the upcoming year.

Mahsi Cha, Quyanainni, Thank you

The Beaufort Delta Education Council board members made a motion in June 2007 in regards to rewarding the school with the highest monthly school attendance. In 2007 - 2008 school year the school with the highest monthly percentage was the Chief Paul Niditchie School in Tsiigehtchic. This school year, 2008 - 2009, the percentages varied throughout the Beaufort - Delta. Superintendent Roy Cole, mentioned that school attendance has increased by 7% this school year. We look forward to seeing an increase in school attendance percentages in the coming years.

BEAUFORT-DELTA SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2008-2009													
COMMUNITY	SCHOOL	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	TOTAL
Aklavik	Moose Kerr	88.87%	87.55%	81.31%	72.28%	84.38%	86.05%	75.64%	76.84%				81.61%
Fort Mcpherson	Chief Julius	97.14%	86.70%	92.79%	90.33%	92.74%	86.36%	73.82%	81.59%				87.68%
Inuvik	SAMS	90.25%	88.63%	86.36%	82.90%	88.58%	84.83%	82.01%	77.69%				85.16%
Inuvik	SHSS	82.33%	79.84%	78.16%	72.36%	82.30%	76.74%	73.94%	70.52%				77.02%
Paulatuk	Angik	90.63%	68.00%	72.42%	77.32%	66.67%	71.94%	86.74%	89.06%	74.52%			77.48%
Sachs Harbour	Inualthuyak	85.07%	91.72%	86.97%	97.09%	97.54%	69.08%	85.35%	96.48%	81.67%			87.89%
Tsiigehtchic	CPN	93.90%	94.70%	89.47%	91.39%	86.93%	95.80%	96.08%	88.89%				92.15%
Tuktoyaktuk	Mangilaluk	67.16%	68.03%	70.59%	65.81%	72.80%	64.38%	66.57%	64.09%				67.43%
Ulukhaktok	Helen Kalvak	70.56%	81.06%	76.01%	81.44%	80.43%	79.87%	72.42%	76.08%	77.17%			77.23%
Monthly Total		82.09%	84.49%	82.32%	83.84%	79.97%	80.96%	82.07%	81.08%	77.00%			

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Aklavik	Moose Kerr	97.03%	87.83%	79.24%	77.37%	77.93%	83.30%	64.35%	74.42%	79.53%			80.11%
Fort Mcpherson	Chief Julius	91.82%	90.25%	90.98%	80.98%	87.83%	77.70%	61.97%	69.41%	71.41%			80.26%
Inuvik	SAMS	90.25%	88.38%	88.40%	78.39%	80.48%	80.21%	81.66%	80.23%	80.58%			83.18%
Inuvik	SHSS	82.98%	79.27%	79.26%	72.70%	81.35%	67.82%	67.68%	70.00%	69.17%			74.47%
Paulatuk	Angik	66.92%	55.99%	59.11%	64.01%	50.51%	43.30%	36.67%	39.43%	46.44%	29.97%		49.23%
Sachs Harbour	Inualthuyak	71.34%	91.15%	84.99%	81.90%	74.93%	79.05%	84.86%	90.68%	77.36%	79.12%		81.54%
Tsiigehtchic	CPN	97.58%	98.66%	96.59%	96.70%	90.97%	84.89%	93.73%	90.09%	91.18%			93.38%
Tuktoyaktuk	Mangilaluk	69.42%	63.79%	57.47%	50.92%	48.80%	50.83%	48.95%	48.63%	39.43%			53.14%
Ulukhaktok	Helen Kalvak	80.62%	87.09%	81.24%	79.39%	79.38%	75.23%	76.70%	68.48%	74.42%	80.77%		78.33%
Monthly Total		72.96%	84.81%	81.50%	79.69%	73.54%	73.88%	71.44%	68.55%	70.11%	69.02%		

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Beaufort-Delta Education Council's Mission

BDEC's mission is to form a partnership with parents, students and educational staff in order to provide quality education for our children and to promote the general educational development of our communities

BDEC's Strategic Goals

- Instill greater pride in heritage
- Increase student attendance, participation, achievement and program completion
- Provide effective support to schools, staff, DEAs, and BDEC members
- Develop BDEC's and DEAs leadership, innovation, accountability and capacity for success
- Utilize strong and effective partnerships to advocate for quality education across the BDEC region

HISTORICA FAIR

Students created projects about persons, places, events, and traditions of the Northwest Territories and/or Canadian history, culture and heritage. Students presented from Fort Simpson, Yellowknife, Deline, Tulita, Norman Wells, Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, and Kugluktuk.

Historica Fairs are coordinated by the NWT Heritage Fairs Society. This volunteer based organization is dedicated to encouraging young people in the NWT to explore and share the histories of their families or communities, as well as the heritage of the people and places of the Northwest Territories. The opportunity to take part in a Historica Fair is enriched when students explore a 'personal connection' to their heritage. Students are encouraged to develop their projects in any of the official languages of the NWT.



The students and chaperones pause for a group photo with Commissioner Anthony Whitford who is the Official Patron of the NWT Heritage Fairs Society.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie School



- SAMS has hosted the Territorial Historica Fair very successfully this year.
 - We have incorporated swimming lessons for every child in the school into our program.
 - SAMS had all students attend Rachel Reindeer Camp which was sponsored by the Inuvik Native Band.
 - Drum dancing took place 3 times a week all year long and elders worked in our Inuvialuktun classes throughout the year.
 - Mr. Sam Lennie worked with our grades 4-6 students making jiggling sticks. Our grade 6 students had the opportunity to go to the National Pingo site in Tuktoyaktuk on an overnight trip.
 - Our grades 4-6 Inuvialuktun classes had the opportunity to go muskrat trapping with Mrs. Day on overnight trips.
 - All of our grade 5 students had the opportunity to go fishing at Campbell Lake or Sitidgi Lake.
 - Discover E Science completed workshops with our students.
 - Our library has made amazing progress with the Chapters grant of \$10,800.00. We are in the process of computerizing the entire library. Mr. Richard Van Camp will be at our school this week along with George Littelchild his illustrator to work with all the students. Our literacy rates are improving dramatically.
 - We had an amazing extra curricular program again this year with opportunities for many students to participate in sports, leadership and after school activities.
 - We had an Earth Day celebration on April 22nd.
 - We have two Beaver volunteers who run after school tutoring Mondays -Thursdays.
 - We had a student teacher from the University of Victoria working with Ms. Cathi Ross.
 - Our choir has performed at two concerts as well as in the community.
- Overall, we are very proud of the accomplishments at our school. Once again our graduations are on June 23rd for Kindergarten and Grade 6.

PRINCIPAL JANETTEVLANICH

SAMS receives the... Music Education Excellence Award

Sir Alexander MacKenzie has a music teacher who teaches all grade levels, kindergarten through grade six, with an enrollment of 364 students. In addition to classroom experiences, children are able to participate in music ensembles such as choirs and instrumental groups.

SAMS teacher Cynthia Maynard have been awarded the Kodaly Society of Canada's Music Education Excellence Award. This award is given to elementary schools that apply for the award and meet criteria set by the Canadian Coalition for Music Education:

- all students in the school receive specialized instruction in music
- the music teachers have specialized expertise in music and education
- the music program incorporates quality traditional and composed music
- the students receive at least 60 minutes of quality music instruction per week

The school has been awarded a Music Education Excellence certificate for 2008-09 and gift certificates from music industry sponsors.

BEAUFORT-DELTA EDUCATION COUNCIL SCHOOL CALENDARS 2009-2010

Community Name	First day for Teachers	First day for Students	First day for Christmas Holidays	Last day for Christmas Holidays	First day of Easter Break	Last day of Easter Break	Last day of School for Students	Last day of School for Teachers	Number of Sessional Days	Number of PD Days	Number of Admin. days	BDEC In-service	Civic Holidays	Total # of days
Aklavik	Aug. 26	Aug. 31	Dec. 18	Jan. 02	April 01	April 12	June 23	June 25	182	5	5	3		195
Fort McPherson	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Dec. 2	Jan. 02	April 02	April 11 (Sunday)	June 23	June 24	185	5 2 floating	2	3		195
Inuvik SAMS	Aug. 26 PM	Aug. 31	Dec. 18 PM	Jan. 03	April 01 PM	April 11	June 24	June 25	178	5	4.0 & 4.5 Staff Admin	3	.5	195
Inuvik SHSS	Aug. 26 PM	Aug. 31	Dec. 18 PM	Jan. 03	April 01 PM	April 11	June 24	June 25	178	5	4.0 & 4.5 Staff Admin	3	.5	195
Paulatuk	Aug. 24	Aug. 28	Dec. 19 (Saturday)	Jan. 10	March 30	April 05	June 25	June 25	182	5	5	3		195
Sachs Harbour	July 28	July 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 03 Jan 04 is Admin Day	N/A	N/A	May 14	May 15	183	5	4	3		195
Tsiigehtchic	Aug. 24	Aug. 26	Dec. 21	Jan. 03	March 29	April 05	June 18	June 18	183	5	4	3		195
Tuktoyaktuk	Aug. 31	Sept. 01	Dec. 21	Jan. 03	May 17	May 23	June 28	June 29	183	5	4	3		195
Ulukhaktok	July 31	Aug. 04	Dec. 15	Jan. 06	April 02	April 05	May 31	June 01 AM	180	5	2.5 & 3.5 staff	3	Aug 3 (1)	195



Madison Pilling,
FORT SIMPSON



Jessica Wenghofer,
INUUVIK



Tara Jane Kokak &
Keisha Westwood,
KUGLUKTUK

Mangilaluk School's SUPER SOCCER TEAM



Super soccer students from Grades 6 – 9 are full of ego and ready for the next year's soccer tournament in Yellowknife. The girls put in their efforts to fund raise along with Gloria Gruben, Education Assistant at the Mangilaluk School. They had bake/rummage sales, 50/50 draws, cake/pie raffles, native arts raffles, loonie/toonie auctions, luncheons, recycling, and received some donations from the surrounding communities and organizations. Thanks to E.G.T., Dowland Contracting, T.C.C., along with community supporters.

“Special thanks to our local Inuvialuit for donating arts and crafts. The girls really had an enjoyable experience on one of their first tournaments. They look forward to this again and they know how important it is for them to stay in school and have good behavior and a positive attitude. They have experienced travelling away from their family and this has brought them closer to their family members and siblings. They know they can't always get what they want without working towards it. Thank you Dorothy Loreen for your time and support... wonderful having you along side the team. Remember girls make school your priority, have fun and enjoy yourselves!”

GLORIA GRUBEN, EDUCATION ASSISTANT



From left back row is Kristen Jacobson, Alisa Nogasak, Hannah Lucas, Tiana Elias-Kuptana, Danielle Gruben, Darcie Bernhardt, Chukita Gruben, Kira Loreen, Middle row Myself, Melody Teddy, Jaylene Nasogaluk-Kasook and in the front row our Captain Kathleen Nogasak.

BDEC HOMEBOARDING

In section 10 of the Education Act it states:

If a senior secondary education program is not offered in the education district in which a student resides and the student registers with a school in another education district that offers a senior secondary education program, the education body for the education district in which the student resides shall in accordance with the direction of the Ministers, provide the student with accommodation in the education district in which the student registers.

Home Boarding will be offered to students from Sachs Harbour and Tsiigehtchic because these communities do not offer high school courses.

The Beaufort-Delta Education Council (BDEC) funds the home boarding program for the students while they attend high school in a different community that offers high school courses.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to call the Home Boarding parents before their child travels to the community where their child will reside during the school year. At this time the parents/guardians have the opportunity to ask questions and/or voice concerns. When the student is in attendance at school and living in the home boarder's care, community parents are encouraged to continue to communicate on a regular basis.

For the school year 2008-2009 BDEC had 12 students from Tsiigehtchic and 9 students from Sachs Harbour. Of these 21 students, 4 have graduated from Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik.

BDEC continues to find home boarding guardians for the parents who would like their students to attend senior high school, administers the student's attendance for the home boarding guardians payments, meets monthly with students for updates on their school studies, provides social get-togethers, monitors students attendance and behaviour at school. BDEC staff meet monthly with the home boarding students.

Application forms to become a Home Boarding Guardian can be picked up at the Beaufort-Delta Education Council office or for more information call (867) 777-7322 or (867) 777 - 7136.

BDEC would like to say an extra special 'Thanks' to all the Home Boarding Guardians for this school year. With your commitment and dedication we would like to express our gratitude to you for providing and welcoming the students into your home.

YELS Introduction to Mining program field excursion.

Two of the top students from the Youth Entry Level Skills (YELS) Introduction to Mining program attended a two day tour of mining related sites in Yellowknife and the surrounding area. Bessie Lennie and Wade Vaneltsi were given the opportunity to practice on a 1.2 million dollar simulator for half a day before going out into the field, and actually operating underground mining equipment. The expressions on their faces as they operated huge pieces of mining equipment revealed such a strong interest in learning, and pride of accomplishment. Considering Bessie never drove a car before, it was amazing to see her quickly learn to operate such massive pieces of equipment. They were also given a tour of the Giant and Con Mines, and the Kimberlite Career and Technical Centre. The field excursion will surely stay with them for the rest of their lives as a very positive learning experience.

AUSTIN ABBOTT, YELS



Mangilaluk School TUKTOYAKTUK, NT



- During the period of March 30 - April 9, 2009 seven high school students were successful in completing a Construction Tools and Materials CTS course sponsored by Aurora College Mobile Trades Training Lab which is presently in Tuktoyaktuk.
- Joel Ross-Gruben and Nina Pokiak, two grade nine students, attended the 2009 Territorial Historica Fair Showcase in Inuvik, May 21-24 accompanied by their sponsoring teacher, Betty Elias. Joel was presented with the Aboriginal Award and Nina, Portable DVD Player for her work on aboriginal culture and the towns in the region.
- Ryan Walker, Grade 12 student was chosen to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair, May 10-17, in Winnipeg. Ryan says it was a great learning experience.
- Our attendance awards incentives are: Each month awards are given for (a) Perfect Attendance (b) Most Improved Attender (c) The class with the highest attendance for the month-Principal prepares a dinner.
- Rachel Binns, School Counselor, has started a Bullying Program for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. This program will continue into the new school year.

PRINCIPAL FRED BUTLER

Angik School PAULATUK, NT



As the 2008-09 school year draws to a close, I wanted to share some of Angik School's many successes this year. This was definitely a year where our school and our students were on display... and a year of many wonderful accomplishments! Angik School was involved in many new and exciting initiatives and our students represented their school and community respectfully and with style. Here's what we've been up to...

OPPORTUNITIES

This year we had students participate in the YELS program, the Inuvik Skills Canada Competition, the Polar Perspectives Youth Forum in Yellowknife, the BLAST conference in Alberta, a Soccer Clinic, a National Photo Competition and our Annual Science Fair, just to name a few. In each of the events that our students participated in, they were always congratulated on their efforts and fantastic behaviour! A number of awards, prizes and medals were earned by our students and they should all be very proud of their achievements!

INITIATIVES

In early 2008 Angik School hosted its first annual Career Fair inviting companies and agencies from all over the north to set up booths to showcase possible career paths for our students or other community members.

As well, 2008 also marked the introduction of online learning to Paulatuk! Through the generosity of NorthwesTel, Angik School was chosen as a pilot community for Sunchild E-learning and is able to offer online courses to students who need courses that we are unable to offer, who have family commitments and can't attend regular classes or who need preparatory courses.

SPORTS

This year Angik School was able to participate in SHSS' Annual Volleyball tournament in Inuvik, BDEC's Regional Sports Tournament in Inuvik and the Super

Soccer Tournament in Yellowknife. Our teams showed their Angik School Piqtuq Pride and their positive sportsmanship at all three tournaments; no matter how our teams ranked in the events, everyone had fun and you couldn't wipe the smiles off anyone's faces!

SCHOOL ENHANCEMENTS

Changes to our physical space has allowed for the addition of a school library! With some hard work and additional funding, we hope to have the library up and running next year.

Due to the generosity and support of the Paulatuk DEA, we were also able to supply each of our classrooms with a SMART board and projector! This is an incredibly exciting addition to our school as SMART boards add a dynamic to learning that can really enhance student interest and participation.

GRANTS

Angik School also qualified for three very generous grants from the Food First Foundation and was able to launch a 'Kids in the Kitchen' cooking program that teaches students how to prepare healthy meals. Funding was also granted to help support our breakfast program and to bring in fruit and veggies for snacks!

Once again Angik School's HEART team was approved for a grant through the NWT Status of Women's Council to fund HIV & AIDs awareness in the North. The students participated in an awareness week, raised money for Aids research by selling Heart-O-grams, created a colouring book about AIDS/HIV and are developing an awareness DVD. The colouring book and DVD, along with a teacher's guide with lesson plans and resources, will be sent to all BDEC schools.

FUNDRAISING

Angik School students showed their generosity and willingness to give to those less fortunate through

Aboriginal Language Cultural Coordinators

The BDEC Inuvialuit/Gwich'in Centre on Tuma Street in Inuvik not only provides office space for our Aboriginal Language Cultural Coordinators, Rose Marie Kirby and Liz Hansen but it provides the much needed space that allows for the implementation of some of the key actions of BDEC's Strategic Plan. This includes the accessibility of the Inuvialuit and Gwich'in teacher resources for all of our teachers. This is a valuable collection of historical data, books, pictures and artifacts that are available for teachers to supplement the curriculum. The building also provides the space for the Liz and Rose Marie to



Liz Hansen and Rose Kirby

provide ongoing in-service on the piloting of the Inuvialuktun/Gwich'in Second Language Program for the Language Instructors across the Beaufort-Delta region. To increase capacity and fluency in the Aboriginal languages, BDEC has also accommodated the request of community members to use the centre for evening language classes. Liz and Rose Marie continue to build on the partnership with the Gwich'in Tribal Social and Cultural Institute and the Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre with the objective to support the acquisition and development of Aboriginal language materials for use in schools.

participation in a number of different Fundraising campaigns. This year we raised \$1240 for the Terry Fox Foundation, \$1235 for World Vision, \$97 for CanFar and \$437 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. The students are currently working on a campaign called "Pennies for Patients" to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada. It's amazing to see students work so hard just to give to the less fortunate!

ATTENDANCE

Although all these initiatives, events, trips and projects are fantastic, Angik School's greatest success would have to be the increased attendance we have seen compared to last year and previous years! With the implementation of a very strict attendance policy, and some seemingly new found motivation, student attendance has improved and consequently, student course completion has also increased! A school can only be as successful as the students who are in it...

This has been a fun-filled, busy, successful year for Angik School and we can only hope that next year can bring even more!

PRINCIPAL JESSICA SCHMIDT

*BDEC would like to apologize for their error in the last newsletter – **Anna Mae McLeod** should have read **Anna Lee McLeod**... sorry!*