

Beaufort-Delta Education Council

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Message from the Superintendent

• Roy Cole •

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The Beaufort-Delta Education Council is committed, through its Strategic Education Plan for 2008-13, to delivering the best possible education to our students and assisting each school's professional staff with the resources to enable them to create and provide meaningful learning experiences on a daily basis for all students.

For 2009-10, BDEC, with the support of families and community partners, will once again be focusing on the importance of daily student attendance. Students cannot achieve the needed level of academic achievement without their being in school on a consistent and daily basis. A report from a meeting last year with ECE personnel in Yellowknife stated that on average NWT aboriginal students miss over one day of school a week. This means they miss two years of school by Grade 10. For me, these figures are both telling and startling. Also, I will add here that in some of our schools the worst attendance is in Kindergarten and this unfortunately translates into these young students being behind from the get-go and we find this to become more pronounced as the students move through the school system.

The logical sequence from the foregoing is the fact that many parents, educators

and community leaders are disappointed with the fact that so many students who pursue college have to do a year of upgrading after graduating from high school. I too am unhappy with this scenario but I realize, at the same time, that in order for this to change students must have better attendance in school from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and they must commit themselves to doing a more academic program with the needed diligence, work ethic and passion that propels them directly into a regular college, or indeed, any post-secondary program. Amongst other things, BDEC is providing strong literacy and numeracy programs in all its schools as well as providing the resources and dedicated personnel to enable students to be the very best that they can be. However, it does indeed take a whole community to educate a child and we need everyone to be on the same page to guarantee that needed student academic success.

In upcoming newsletters I will speak to other initiatives which BDEC is pursuing this year. Of course, each school has its own monthly or weekly newsletter which appraises you of what's happening in your school in your community.

As I have stated on so many occasions, I operate through an open door policy and welcome anyone to drop by to see me if you may have any concerns about education within our school district.

I close this message by stating that when a school district holds great expectations and believes that the best opportunities are still yet to come, wonderful things can happen for its children.

Mina McLeod, Chairperson of Beaufort-Delta Education Council

As Chairperson of the Beaufort-Delta Education Council, I use this edition of our newsletter as an opportunity to welcome all staff and students to the 2009-2010 school year. We eagerly approached the start-up of this new school year and feel confident that this year will be another rewarding and successful year for everyone.

A newsletter message does not allow me sufficient space to address what BDEC stands for and represents with its many initiatives already in place. However, I definitely feel a need to speak to the importance of student attendance and having all students attending school on a daily basis. Our Board trustees have unanimously agreed that all BDEC schools will strive annually for 90% student attendance as well as 90% student retention for each of our schools. In light of the significant gains and improvements in student attendance in 2008-09, I am optimistic that, within the timeframe of our present Strategic Education Plan, 2008-2013, we can achieve these goals.

In addition, while I recognize and acknowledge that many parents/guardians live very busy and demanding lives today, it is important that all parents/guardians accept full responsibility for their children's attendance at school. Parents/guardians must support their children's schools and teachers and acknowledge the need and urgency for their children to be in school on a regular and daily basis. Parents/guardians are accountable for their children's education and hence need to work closely with their community schools to see that their children achieve at their optimum levels. After all, more than ever, education is the pathway to the future.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all staff for being members of the BDEC team and look forward to working with you this year.

Like our Superintendent, I, too, am but a phone call away.

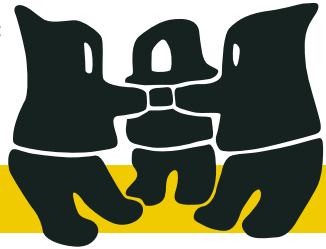
Mahsi cho, Quyanainni, Merci, Thank you.



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Samuel Hearne Secondary School

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SHSS Terry Fox Run and BBQ – September 14 - 18, 2009

SHSS Regional Volleyball Tourney – October 16 and 17, 2009

Samuel Hearne Secondary School took part in the NWT Cross-Country Running Championships in Rae-Edzo, during the weekend of Oct. 1st-Oct. 2nd. This marked the first time that SHSS has ever sent a team to this event and it was also the only representative from the Beaufort Delta region. Seven athletes trained diligently and worked together with recycling and a bottle drive in the community to make the event possible. The team enjoyed a trip that will not soon be forgotten. All seven of the athletes displayed excellent sportsmanship and were fine ambassadors for the school and town of Inuvik. Four of the runners at the event had podium finishes, which is a remarkable feat in itself (Lance Gray - 1st in Junior Boys, David Deslauriers - 3rd in Midget Boys, Matthew Skinner - 2nd in Juvenile Boys, and Cullen McLeod - 3rd in Juvenile Boys).



The staff and students of SHSS are very proud of the team and their accomplishments. Both coaches for the team - Cristy Latham and Brian Drake - are extremely proud of the team and the manner in which they conducted themselves. The athletes and coaches of the team would like to extend a huge THANKYOU to Paula Guy, Lorne Guy, and Eric Church at SHSS for all of their help behind the scenes in making this trip possible. Also, they would like to thank The Royal Canadian Legion, The Ladies Auxiliary, and BDSRA for assisting with the teams fundraising efforts. Below is a list of athletes from SHSS that took part in the event:

Lance Gray • Sydney Dunlop •
Cullen McLeod • Logan Ruben •
Matthew Skinner • Allison McDonald
• David Deslauriers • Cristy Latham
- Coach • Brian Drake - Coach



Sir Alexander Mackenzie School

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August 31, 2009 was the opening day for students at S.A.M.S. this year. We have been very fortunate in that we have had a very low staff turnover this year and things are up and running quite smoothly. Our staff and students have returned refreshed from summer break and we are ready to see great progress in all of our students this year.

We are busy getting ready for the Olympic Torch Relay in Inuvik on November 4th and are excited about the 2010 Winter Olympics. Plans are underway for our very own S.A.M.S. Olympics.

The fall is a busy time for planning all sorts of activities and programs for the school. This year we are planning to have all of our students take part in swimming lessons again. We are currently seeking sponsorship for this and look forward to having our students one step closer to water safety and improved swimming skills. This is so important in the Inuvik area as we are surrounded by so much water.

We work closely with several partners in the community to provide quality programming to our students. We plan on weekly drum dancing, On-The-Land activities, Gwich'in Nature Day for grade three students, Environmental Stewardship with Parks Canada and the grade 6 trips to the Pingos. Elders will be working in our school providing role models for our staff and students and for this we are very grateful.



Inuvik drummers and dancers

This year we will also continue to focus on improving academic skills in our students. Our dedicated teachers will be assisted by the Program Support Teachers and assistants as well as B.D.E.C. staff to deliver the very best program that we can. Of course, parents are an integral component of this and we will be meeting with parents to come up with the very best program plans that we can for students requiring student support.



Solar Car visits SAMS

The Beaufort-Delta Education Council held a workshop for the District Education Authority's secretaries from the communities of Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Ulukhaktok, and Paulatuk. Donna Maring from the finance department covered a lot of topics in the financial duties to be covered by each DEA. Camellia Gray discussed some topics in the DEA / DEC roles and duties as well as the responsibility's of each DEA member.



DEA Assistants with Donna Maring, Finance Department



BDEC Teacher Orientation 2009-2010

The Beaufort-Delta Education Council held their BDEC Conference on Differentiated Instruction. 100% of BDEC teachers, administrators, EAs, School Community Counselors, Guidance Counselors attended a three-day BDEC district-wide conference focusing exclusively on Differentiated Instruction. The conference was held in Inuvik September 23 – 25, 2009. International specials in the field of DI presented sessions to district staff over the three day period. Consultants and principals will work with BDEC teachers on the implementation of DI in their classrooms. A district level committee consisting of consultants and board office administration and one teacher from each school will be established to plan for DI implementation over a 3-5 year period. Presenters Susan Close, Kathie Nunley, Kim Geddie worked with teachers (K-12) on the classroom implementation of DI principles.



Shiela Kindred and Christy Mackay from Hay River, NT provided a presentation on "Practical Differentiated Instruction Strategies."



Samuel Hearne High School Home Economics class provided baked goodies along with a few lunches at the BDEC Conference. The students performed their duties with professionalism, excellent mannerisms and such ease. BDEC would like to thank the students for their outstanding efforts during the conference.



The Aboriginal Instructors in the Beaufort-Delta district attended another Phraselator Training program and a presentation with NWT Literacy on Material and Resource Development.

Graduation Data for BDEC District

| SCHOOL | 2002/2003 | 2003/2004 | 2004/2005 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2008/2009 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Chief Julius School | 3 | 5 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 12 | *10 |
| Helen Kalvak School | 2 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 1 | *5 |
| Mangilaluk School | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 6 | *9 |
| Moose Kerr School | 1 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 8 | *4 |
| Samuel Hearne Secondary School | 18 | 22 | 16 | 23 | 18 | 32 | *37 |
| Angik School | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | *1 |
| TOTAL | 29 | 43 | 51 | 56 | 56 | 61 | *66 |

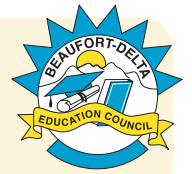
* Confirmation on actual numbers will be received by December 31, 2009

Beaufort-Delta Education Council Staff Members – 2009 - 2010

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| Roy Cole, Superintendent of Schools | 777-7332 |
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| Greg Storey, Supervisor of Schools | 777-7131 |
| Camellia Gray, Public Affairs Coordinator | 777-7322 |
| John Whelan, Comptroller | 777-7128 |
| Donna Maring, Finance Officer | 777-7134 |
| Kurt Scheiwiller, Finance Clerk | 777-7189 |
| Austin Abbott, Skills Program Coordinator | 777-7367 |
| Jean Pierre Langlois, Itinerant Skills | 777-7161 |
| Liz Hansen, Gwich'in Aboriginal Language Cultural Coordinator | 777-7107 |
| Rose Marie Kirby, Inuvialuit Aboriginal Language Cultural Coordinator | 777-7371 |
| Reg Carpenter, Math/Science Consultant | 777-7199 |
| Claudine Wells, Student Support | 777-7421 |
| Sandy Carpenter, Social Studies/English Consultant | 777-7167 |
| Michael Reardon, LAN Manager | 777-7153 |
| Andrew Samoil, Curriculum, IT Consultant | 777-7382 |
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HAPPY REMEMBRANCE DAY!
NOVEMBER 11, 2009





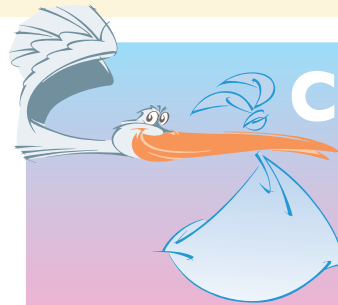
Beaufort-Delta Education Council School District Calendar 2009 - 2010

| Community | 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 |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Aklavik | Aug. 26 | Aug. 31 | Dec. 18 | Jan. 02 | April 01 | April 12 | June 23 | June 25 |
| Fort McPherson | Aug. 26 | Aug. 27 | Dec. 21 | Jan. 02 | April 02 | April 11 (Sunday) | June 23 | June 24 |
| Inuvik SAMS | Aug. 26 PM | Aug. 31 | Dec. 18 PM | Jan. 03 | April 01 PM | April 11 | June 24 | June 25 |
| Inuvik SHSS | Aug. 26 PM | Aug. 31 | Dec. 18 PM | Jan. 03 | April 01 PM | April 11 | June 24 | June 25 |
| Paulatuk | Aug. 24 | Aug. 28 | Dec. 19 (Saturday) | Jan. 10 | March 30 | April 05 | June 25 | June 25 |
| Sachs Harbour | July 28 | July 29 | Dec. 21 | Jan. 03 Jan 04 (Admin Day) | N/A | N/A | May 14 | May 15 |
| Tsiigehtchic | Aug. 24 | Aug. 26 | Dec. 21 | Jan. 03 | March 29 | April 05 | June 18 | June 18 |
| Tuktoyaktuk | Aug. 31 | Sept. 01 | Dec. 21 | Jan. 03 | May 17 | May 23 | June 28 | June 29 |
| Ulukhaktok | July 31 | Aug. 04 | Dec. 15 | Jan. 06 | April 02 | April 05 | May 31 | June 01 AM |

Join us for the **BDEC Regular Board meeting**

November 19 – 20, 2009

in Inuvik, NT. Please call **Camellia Gray at (867) 777 – 7322** for more information.



Congratulations

on the safe arrival of...

Nova Faye Kinney, weighing in at 7 lbs. 8.5 oz., proud parents Justin and Stephanie Kinney for September 25, 2009

Kahlen Grace Lewis, weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 oz., proud parents Gary and Nancy Lewis for September 29, 2009.

Beaufort-Delta Education Council SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ADDRESSES 2009 – 2010

| Schools | Principal Names |
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| Angik School P.O. Box 100 Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0 (867) 580-3201 (F) 3105 | Jessica Schmidt Jessica_Schmidt@bdec.learnnet.nt.ca |
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| Moose Kerr School P.O. Box 120 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 (867) 978-2536 (F) 2829 | Frank Galway Frank_Galway@bdec.learnnet.nt.ca |
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