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Connecting to Your World

Winter is Here!

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Yes, winter did arrive with a bang this year. One day we had grass and open water and two weeks later we had gone through 3 snow days and have two feet of snow and the lake is completely frozen over.

Students are beginning to show some wear and tear, they are needing the Christmas break. The crunch is on to get courses finished and exams written. It is more difficult to attend school as an adult. We try to balance home, school, jobs, and often children. It is quite a feat to balance their lives. The increased activities over the Christmas season are thrown in and they are at their max.

School will close on December 17th, 2010 with classes resuming on January 3rd, 2011.

A lot of classes are finishing up

right now, such as Excel and Simply Accounting. Some will be starting again with the second part of the class in January. And there will be some new interest classes starting up in the new year. Keep checking our website to see what is new.

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We would like to thank all those that have helped us out through the year. We could not survive without community help. And you have given of yourselves so freely. Thank you.

We would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Christmas Basket Draw

This year the draw was won by

ticket #_____.
Congratulations!

We would like to thank the Balmer Hotel and the Lakeview Restaurant for hosting our basket this year. A thank you also to Forever Green for the lovely job of wrapping and decorating the basket.



Literacy and Work

As recently as the 1960's, what mattered in most industrial jobs was physical endurance. Bosses would give a new employee a tool, tell them what job needed to be done and that employee would be considered hired and trained. There were no instructions regarding technique, reports to write on the computer, health and safety forms to fill out or training manuals to consult.

Not so today. Now in our changing economy and rapidly evolving world people are seeking training in order to find, keep, upgrade and change jobs.

The basic skills needed for successful employment today are expanding and we need to keep up.

Learning for Work

It is virtually impossible to separate literacy and work. People learn at work and they also learn for work. Literacy groups with the support of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities aim to provide effective workplace literacy and essential skills programming to support a productive workplace, an engaged workforce and a prosperous Ontario.



About Workplace Literacy and Basic Skills

Workplace Basic Skills are the core skills that employees need to do their jobs successfully. These skills are critical to the success of modern businesses.

Workplace basic skills include literacy skills and other important skills, attitudes and behaviors that are important to workplace success and better performance. Gaining basic skills also has a positive impact on employees' attitudes and behaviors. This is often just as valuable to employers as the skills gains themselves.

Workplace Basic Skills include:

- Understanding and ability to use prose such as reports, letters, and equipment manuals.
- Communicating effectively
- Understanding and ability to use documents such as safety instructions, assembly directions, maps.
- Understanding and ability to use numbers by themselves or charts and tables
- Thinking critically and acting logically to solve problems and make decisions
- Using computer, technology, tools and information systems effectively
- Ability to build and work in teams
- Positive attitude toward change
- Willingness and ability to learn for life

We can help: we can provide computer training ie; Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Simply Accounting and/or customer service basics. The training can take place at the worksite or at our facility. This service may be free depending the size and nature of the business. We can also help you to obtain your high school diploma.

Recipe Corner

Wife Saver

9 slices bread, torn into bite size pieces

½ cup dice fresh mushrooms

½ cup chopped green pepper

16 oz Cheddar cheese, grated

½ cup chopped onion

2 cups cubed cooked ham

8 eggs

2 cups milk

Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Layer half the torn bread in the bottom. Sprinkle the mushrooms and green pepper over the bread layer. Sprinkle with half the cheese. Top with remaining bread, then layer with the onion and ham. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Beat together eggs and milk; pour over mixture. Cover with aluminum foil, and refrigerate for 12 hours or so. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more.

Classes coming up at the Centre:

Simply Accounting Level II starts January 6, 2011

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm

Cost: \$60.00 and \$40.00 for manual (optional)

Simply Accounting Level I starts in March

Cost: \$60.00 and \$40.00 for manual (optional)

Online Photo Album Workshop

Tuesday and Wednesday night from 6:00pm to 8:30pm

January 11 & 12 OR January 18 & 19

Cost \$25.00

Excel Level 1

January 25, 2011 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Cost \$50.00 and \$40.00 for manual (optional)

Financial Survival

Tuesday Evening, starting January 18, 2011 for 5 weeks

Cost: \$25.00 for each or all five evenings for \$100.00

Drop-in Computer every Friday morning

Time: anytime between 9:00am and Noon

Cost: FREE!

Call to book your seat!

Something to think about.....

In Ontario

30 % of the population 15 years of age or older have less than a high school education

Over 65% of those with low literacy are of prime working age (26-55)

There are 350 literacy and upgrading programs working across the province to offer Literacy and Basic Skills training to 50,000 Ontarians each year

Without the basic literacy and numeracy skills necessary, worker will struggle to meet the increasing expectation of complex workplaces and changing economy

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Sponsors for 2010/2011

"It is not how much you give or do, but how much you put into giving or doing." ...and we are very grateful for those people in our lives.

Here is a list of this year's Corporate Sponsors.

- Contact North
- Dr. Matthew Walkiewicz
- Goldcorp – Red Lake Mine
- Hotel 105 Bar and Grill
- Keewaytinook Okimakanak
- Lundy's Foods
- Red Lake Marine Products Ltd.
- Red Lake Lions Club
- Royal Canadian Legion – Red Lake
- Russel S. Smart, Barrister and Solicitor
- Sobey's – Red Lake
- Subway
- The Water Buffalo

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2010/11 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.

Writing Corner

See the lacy snowflakes
Falling from the sky;
On the wall and housetops
Soft and thick they lie.

On the window ledges,
On the branches bare;
Now how fast they gather,
Filling all the air.

Look into the garden,
Where the grass was green;
Covered by the snowflakes
Not a blade is seen.

Now the bare black bushes
All look soft and white,
Every twig is laden,
What a pretty sight!
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Coffee House

Don't forget to mark your calendar,
our Coffee House is
on February 26th, 2011.
We will be looking for talent again,
singing, playing an instrument, poems and
art work.
It is a night just for adults and it is always such
a hit.
Make sure to call if you have a talent to share with
others.
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