



CONNECTIONS

Connecting to Your World

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ESL

We are running an ESL class again. (English as a Second Language) It is held every Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Call 727-3207 to sign up or just drop in on Monday night.

Cold Winter

It sure has been a cold winter this year. Many days of below -30 and wind chills have been hard to believe some days, dipping as low as -43. We have had a lot of sunny day too, but the sun just doesn't seem to be very warm. The ice road across the lake is better than a lot of years. I have noticed the days getting a little longer, so there is some encouragement that spring is on its way.

We had a pretty slow start to the New Year, but things are back in the swing of things now. We have a couple of students very close to graduating. It is always exciting to see an adult reach that goal. It just seems that they appreciate it

a little more than the younger ones.

We are missing the 12 students that we had downstairs in the computer lab, that were working on the GoodJob Skills Program. We are hoping that they are all getting jobs or furthering their education.

Check out our website

www.redlakeadultlearning.org

February;

Is the shortest month of the year. It celebrates Groundhog day on the second, Mardi Gras on 12th, Valentine's Day on the 14th and Family Day on the 19th. It is also Black History Month. This year Ash Wednesday falls in February on the 13th.

The birthstone for February is Amethyst and the flower is Violet.

February is Black History Month

Lincoln Alexander was a Canadian politician and statesman who served as a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons. During his time as an MP, he was appointed to be the federal Minister of Labour. Later in his career, he was selected to be the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, a position he held from 1985 to 1991. He was the first black person in Canadian history to become a Lieutenant-Governor.

Lincoln was born in Toronto, to Mae Rose who migrated from Jamaica and Lincoln Alexander I who was a porter on the Canadian Pacific Railway, who came to Canada from the Grenadines. Lincoln served in the Royal Canadian Air force during World War II. After the war he completed his studies at the Hamilton Central Collegiate and then attended McMaster University. He graduated from Osgood Hall Law School in Toronto in 1953. While in office he raised public awareness about education, racism, and issues that affect young people. After his term ended in 1991, he became Chancellor of the University of Guelph. After a long career dedicated to public service, he died on October 19, 2012 at the age of 90.

Famous Quote by Lincoln Alexander;
 “Anyone can become a great part of the Canadian life and make a difference. Don’t get sucked in by saying you can’t because there’s always a future in this great country of ours if you work hard and stay in school. There’s no job you can’t have if you want it bad enough and have confidence in yourself.”

Recipe Corner

Donut Muffins

- ½-cup sugar
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ½ cup of milk
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1-cup flour
- ¼-cup butter melted
- ½-cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and grease a mini-muffin tin. Mix up the ½-cup sugar, ¼-cup butter in a small bowl and nutmeg in a large bowl. Then, add in the milk, baking powder and flour until just combined. Fill muffin tins about ¾ full and bake for 15-20 minutes.

During baking time get your cinnamon-sugar topping mixed up! Melt ¼-cup butter in a small bowl and then in a separate bowl mix together the cinnamon and sugar. When the muffins are done, remove them from the pan. Dip the tops in the melted butter and then roll the whole muffin in the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Let cool and try not to pig out too badly!!

Labour Market

As stated in last month's newsletter, here are more facts and figures concerning the essential skills in the area of Labour Market.

- There are almost 2.2 million people across Canada between the ages of 25 and 64 without high school diplomas. According to Statistics Canada, the employment rate for adults with less than high school completion in 2009 was just 55%. (Statistics Canada)
- The majority of adults needing to upgrade their literacy skills are already in the workplace. Of adults who scored at the absolute lowest level of literacy, 62% were employed.
- Jobs which previously required low educational attainment for entry are now being filled by people who have completed high school or even possess degrees. An increase in the relative supply of higher skills, in turn, alters the job content to increase the complexity of tasks and knowledge required of these occupations. (The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development)
- Over 60% of the earnings premium associated with high school graduation and slightly fewer than 50% of the earnings premium associated with a university degree can be attributed to increased literacy skills. (Literacy in Ontario)
- People with low literacy skills are about twice as likely to be unemployed for six months or more. (Literacy in Ontario)
- Low-skilled adults have a greater chance of being unemployed than those possessing higher literacy skills and the duration of unemployment for those with low skills may also be greater. Those with low literacy skills are clearly at a serious disadvantage with respect to access to the labour market. (Literacy in Ontario)

Watch next month for facts and figures on Economic Growth.

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Sponsors for 2012/2013

"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.

- Balmer Motor Hotel
- Contact North
- Dr. Matthew Walkiewicz and Dental Associates
- Forever Green Gift Boutique
- Lakeview Restaurant
- Red Lake Lions Club
- Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre
- Red Lake Career and Employment Services
- Rubicon Mineral Corporation
- Sobey's Red Lake
- Wilson's Business Solutions

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2013/14 year, we have an information package available to anyone interested. Please contact our office for more information.

Build a word

How many words of two or more letters can you build from the letters in this word?

ADVICE

You don't have to use every letter. You may use the letters in any order. You may also use the same letter more than once. We found at least 28 words that were not proper names. How about you?

Writing Corner

Weather

Whether the weather be fine
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold
Or whether the weather be hot,
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not.

...May Swenson