

Okanagan Indian Band

Senk'lip News



"Ensuring the Future through Cultural, Social and Economic Development."

OKIB Fire Hall Grand Opening



The Okanagan Indian Band Volunteer Fire Crew

The OKIB Volunteer Fire Department hosted the Grand Opening of their new fire hall and new fire truck on Sept. 17. The fire crew would like to thank all of those who made it out to the opening and the dinner.

The OKIB Fire Department would like to thank the following sponsors that made this event possible:

Tolko Ind., Leko Precast, Shepherds Hardware, J.C. Electric, High Country Insulation, Smart Choice Plumbing and Heating, Armstrong Crane Services, DJ's Drywall, Eagle Rock Aggregates, Danburge Floors, Fermco Rentals, Little Kingdom Gas and Grocery, Wayne Watson Excavating, Watson Brothers Excavating, Okanagan Door and Windows, Speed Pro Signs, M & K Ready Mix, Westside Pro Hardware, Neil Corbet Construction, High Country Insulation, Cloverdale Paint, Westwood Cabinets, West Automatic Doors, G & I Grader Services, Fire Fighters, WinRoc Corp, Primrose Roofing, Elite Roofing and J.S. Woodworking.

New Address for Okanagan Indian Band

Please note that effective immediately, the Okanagan Indian Band has a new mailing address. Please be sure that all inquiries, correspondence, etc. is sent to the new address.

The new address is as follows:

**Okanagan Indian Band
12420 Westside Road
Vernon BC V1T 7Z3**

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Nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering 2005

Horseshoe Tournament

Submitted by Lyle Brewer

The 2005 Gathering featured a couple of closely fought horseshoe tournaments. On Saturday, a 10 team double knockout doubles tournament was held which attracted both novice and expert players. Richard Louis and Gerry Louis came out on top in the end after being sent down to the semi-final in the losers bracket by Bobby Bear and Ronnie Joe of Enderby. In the semi-final game, Richard and Gerry faced Wally Louis and Leslie Isaac who they had beaten in their opening game. Richard and Gerry came through again and beat Bobby and Ronnie in the rematch to take the tournament. The 1st place Jackpot prize of \$45 went to Gerry and Richard, the 2nd place prize of \$32.50 went to Bobby and Ronnie and \$22.50 went to Wally and Leslie, the third place finishers.

On Sunday, an 8 team double knockout singles tournament was held and Richard Louis came through the back door again after being sent down to the loser's bracket in his second game against Leslie Isaac. Richard beat Valerie Joe, Gerry Louis and Wally Louis to earn a rematch with Leslie Isaac in the final game. Leslie Isaac made it through to the final undefeated, but lost a close match to Richard. The 1st place Jackpot prize of \$22.50 went to Richard, the 2nd place prize of \$14.50 went to Leslie while \$10.25 went to Wally, the 3rd place finisher.

Next year's tournament will hopefully be bigger and better with improvements to the horseshoe pits and perhaps some added prize money.



Lyle Brewer presents 1st place drums to Jennifer Amos and Nick Hamilton



Don Isaac demonstrates impeccable form during Saturday horseshoes

Run For The Drum

Submitted by Lyle Brewer

The 3rd Annual Run For The Drum was held on August 21st, 2005 in conjunction with the Okanagan Nation/Okanagan Band Gathering. A small but enthusiastic group of 23 runners and walkers completed the challenging 5 km course. Hand painted hoop drums were given out to the top male and top female participants and an additional 4 drums were given out in a random draw. The top male this year was Nick Hamilton, also the winner of the male category last year. Nick amazed onlookers by starting the race in street shoes and finishing it bare footed. The top female was Jennifer Amos. Winners of drums in the draw included Ruby Alexis, Dixon Terbasket, Maggie Alexis and Thomas Allen. Ruby Alexis opted to donate her drum to the Snc'c'amala?tn Daycare.

Creekside Gardens Restaurant was the major sponsor of the event this year, donating 4 drums for the draw. Rod Cook of Kent MacPherson Appraisals of Kelowna donated \$200.00 for the artwork on the drums. The artwork this year was provided by Barry Brewer. The drums awarded to the winner of the male and female category were donated by the Okanagan Band and supplied by Vaughan and Mary Louis.

Next year's event will be bigger and better and will include a fundraising effort to support a charity that benefits the Okanagan Band membership.

Stick Games

Submitted by Walline Parker

I'd like to thank our stick gamers and Band for their support. We give thanks to Newport Beach for their support for a second year in a row.

We had five teams for the children's stick game tournament. Thanks to Harvey Parker for making and donating the drums, stick game sets and rattles. Also, thanks to Ramona Wilson for making the 1st place drum bags and Charley Louis for the leather pouches. Thanks go out to our helpers: Mary Louis, Ralph McBryan, Raymond Paul, Raymond Bonneau, John Jones and Shane Camille. Thanks to the OKIB for donating four jackets.

15 teams entered our tournament, and the winners were:

- 1st:** Harvey and Walline Parker, Edna and Casimir Felix
- 2nd:** Ray, Shirley and Ronda Paul, Vern Tronson and grandson Joseph
- 3rd:** A group from Canim Lake
- 4th:** Lauren Felix and team

The Kick Stick Tournament went to John Jones of Enderby

The traditional stick game was a hit too. Some of the items won were: blankets, Pendleton vest, beaded earrings, wing dress, bag, pouch, rattle, canned fruit and salmon. No drums, rattles or money were used during play.



Stick gamers getting ready to play

Nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering 2005

PowWow

This years PowWow was coordinated by Randi Robins. Thank you for all your hard work in obtaining the MC Derek Sheena, the two drum groups, Arena Coordinator/Whipman Steven Jimmy and drawing up the schedule for the specials etc. Also thanks to Emery Robins who was on site to assist and lend guidance when needed to ensure a successful event.

Slo-Pitch Tournament

This event was coordinated jointly by Jenny Louis, Helen Wilson and Sherry Louis along with various volunteers such as Judy Marchand who took on the task of scorekeeping and also coordinating other scorekeepers for the weekend.

The winning teams are as follows:

1st Place - Westside Connection

2nd Place - Mut Wi'e Mut Lut

3rd Place - T-Birds

Horseback Riding and Tiny Tots Events

Homer and Denise Alexis were generous in donating their time and horses to give the kids 2 hours both morning and afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. This was greatly appreciated by all.

Also, thanks to all the Day Camp Workers who coordinated and kept the younger kids busy with a variety of events and supplied little prizes. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Fashion Show

This event was coordinated jointly by Vera Gabriel, Ramona Wilson and Molli Bono. They did an excellent job with whipping this together as there were very limited entries prior to the day of the event. Several of the vendors helped them out along with some elders and spectators that had items to share.

Bingo

Westbank First Nations Youth Group coordinated this event and it was a big success with the Elders and all that participated.

Air Bands

This event was enjoyed by all participants and spectators. Thanks to the coordinators Shirley Louis and Laura Miller, you did an outstanding job.



Thanks

The Okanagan Indian Band would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out during the 2005 Nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering.

We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this event. This gathering would not have been possible without the help of so many people.

The Okanagan Indian Band would also like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions to the 2005 Nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering:

Upper Nicola Band, Westbank First Nation, Jenelle Brewer, Evolution Audio and Visual, Int Truck Centre, Subway, Newport Beach, Davidson and Company, Canwest Propane, Mandell Pinder Barristers and Solicitors, Uniglobe-Kalamalka Travel, Silver Star, Clark Robinson (Certified General Accountants), Wayne Watson, Maxnuk Consulting, Allen Donovan and Co., Black Press, Civic Engineering, Creekside Gardens, Barry Brewer, Alexis Riding Stable, Teddy and Maureen Marchand

We would also like to thank the following for contributions to the Loonie Auction Gathering Fundraiser:

Walmart, Mini Shadows Welding, Bakers Dozen, Silver Star, Helen and Dan Wilson, Marie Peters, Lyle Brewer, Jenelle Brewer, Martie Louis, Peggy Joe, Leonard and Virginia, Josie Saddleman, Davidson and Co., Pam Louis, Clark Robinson, Surplus Herbies, Uniglobe, Moore Décor World, Mandell Pinder, Morning Star, Civic Engineering, Watkin Motors, Val Chiba, Jenny Louis

We apologize to those who we have failed to mention. Your donations to these events are greatly appreciated.



Sn-qt-pas-xn-c'utn - Six-Mile Creek Education Centre

Located at Bonneau Road, off Westside Road, Vernon, B.C.
 Mailing address: c/o School District #22, 1401 - 15th Street, Vernon, BC, V1T 8S8
 Phone: (250) 542-9379 Fax: (250) 542-9068 www.sixmile@sd22.bc.ca

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Six Mile Education Centre graduating class of 2004/2005! We are proud to acknowledge the tremendous achievement of a record 12 graduates from the past year. The hard work and dedication of our students resulted in the number of graduates doubling the previous record of six set only the previous year. We would like to salute the following people for putting in the time and effort necessary to fulfill their dream of High School graduation:

Maela Bru, Stephen Counts, Dorothy Clarke, Deanne Craig, Page Nicholas, Kayla Johnson, Angela Lalonde, Martina Lewis, Cheryl Oppenheimer, Raven Robins, Rochelle Saddleman and Carmen Swampy

Greetings From Our School

Let me introduce the school to you. Sn-qt-pas-xn-c'utn, Six-Mile Education Centre, is a self-paced, individually monitored, adult education centre. **New Enrollments Now Being Accepted!** Although we are an adult education centre, approximately 30% of our students are school aged. School aged students who wish to pick up a course or two to graduate or who are not presently attending school can apply to register at the school. There is a process that will be followed.

You Are Invited to Register

We are now accepting applications for this school year. We invite all those OKIB and Westside residents who do not have their Grade 12 Dogwood graduation certificates to come and register by September 30.

To be eligible to be on the nominal roll with the Okanagan Indian Band, students must be registered on or before September 29, 2005, have work completed and meet all criteria. Eligibility requirements are determined by the Okanagan Indian Band Education Department.

Self Paced Courses

Everyone in our school has a program custom fitted to their goals and interests. Do you want to prepare for a college course and perhaps a trade? We can help!

Contact us Today!

The Six Mile Creek Education Centre is located off Westside Road

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

At the August 2nd, 2005 Okanagan Indian Band Chief and Council meeting, the Council reviewed the donations from 2004/05 and the current guiding principles for the Donation Policy. All donations are to be halted until further review by the Governance Committee with a recommendation brought forth to the council.

So at this time there will be no more donations provided due to a review of policy, and the Council Executive Assistant has been directed to ensure that NO requests are brought forward to the Council's agenda.

on Bonneau Road (between the New Horizons Elders building and the Health building). The school is a joint venture between the Okanagan Indian Band and School District 22 (Vernon). We are one of the four schools in the Vernon School District Alternate Programs. Our principal is Bruce Wietzel, the Vice Principal is Rick Dedora, our teacher is Larry Hemmingson and Anna Marchand is the Student Liaison.

Hours of Operation

The school is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We offer a variety of courses. You can check out our website at: www.sd22.bc.ca/altsch/sixmile. Please call (250) 542-9379 if you have any questions. We know you have a busy life so we work with you to create a schedule that will work with your work, family and daycare schedules.

Courses Offered:

Accounting 11, 12
 Biology 11, 12
 Chemistry 11, 12
 Communications 11, 12
 English 8, 9, 10 11, 12
 Earth Science 11
 Math 8, 9
 Math 10, 11, 12 Essentials
 Math 10, 11, 12 Application
 Math 10, 11, 12 Principles
 Physics 11, 12
 Social Studies 8, 9, 10, 11
 Science 8, 9, 10
 Family Studies 12
 First Nations Studies 12
 Geography 12
 History 12
 Law 12
 Technical and Professional Communications 12
 Business Computer Applications 11
 Data Management 12
 Earth Science 11
 Information Technology 11
 P.E. 11, 12
 Physics 11, 12
 Art 12

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Notice To All Elementary and Secondary School Parents

From: Okanagan Indian Band Education Department

Good day. By now you should have completed your back to school shopping, kind of feels like Christmas time with the wish lists for school supplies. Just a reminder to parents who have not submitted for the allowance and supply forms that you should do so as allowance and supply cheques will not be issued until the forms have been submitted to the Education Department.

SIX MILE EDUCATION CENTRE

Students attending the Six Mile Centre will have different forms that they will fill out at the school during registration. Registration takes place usually the week before school starts. Notices will be posted of the registration times and dates.

If forms are not filled out students can possibly be missed and not be put on the nominal roll.

Students/Parents that fill out the Student Allowance and Supply forms will be entitled to the following:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This allowance is paid at the beginning of the year once we receive the application for school supplies and the student is eligible to be on the nominal roll (Residence on reserve, type of school, status, age, including the Six Mile Education Centre).

Payments are as follows for school supplies:

Kindergarten - \$25.00 per student
 Grades 1-7 - \$35.00 per student
 Grades 8-12 - \$50.00 per student

STUDENT ALLOWANCE

There is a student allowance which is paid to all students in Grades 8 - 12. The allowance cheques are issued three times per year. The first cheque will be issued the second week of August for the months of September, October, November and December. The second cheque will be issued in January for January, February, and March. And the final cheque will be issued in April for April, May, and June. Allowance is paid automatically to all students who are on our nominal roll.

Grief and Healing Workshops Cancelled

Submitted by Judy Marchand

The "Grief and Healing" workshops for staff scheduled for September 20th and 27th, 2005 and the "Healing Grief" workshops, a series of five workshops scheduled for the community starting on September 23, 2005 at the New Horizons Building have been cancelled. The facilitator Gwen McArthur was unable to attend.

For the community workshops, the Health Department received only one registration. In the past we have had community members request workshops on suicide, nutrition, grief etc. The Health Department would like to receive response from the membership before scheduling more workshops. How should we be spending funds? How can we have membership involved? Through the Mental Health Program, we do pay for individual counseling sessions. We need input from the Membership. You can call the Health Department and share your ideas with the Health Director, Ellis O'Brien or staff members. Call (250) 542-5094.

The following rates apply:

Allowance Rates:

Grade	August	January	April	Total
Grade 8 - 10	44.00	33.00	33.00	\$110.00
Grade 11	88.00	66.00	66.00	\$220.00
Grade 12	132.00	99.00	99.00	\$330.00

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

There is also \$200.00 per student available per school year for school related activities. A student support services form (for each student) must be filled out to apply for payment or reimbursement.

IF A FORM IS NOT RECEIVED, ATTACHED TO THE RECEIPTS OR DOCUMENTATION, PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE.

This support service is provided for all nominal roll students for items such as: Pictures, school fees, school ski/swimming programs, P.E strip (shoes, shorts, shirt), indoor/outdoor shoes, school field trips, sport fees for school.

These are just some examples of items that were reimbursed or paid by the student support service.

You can either submit your receipts for reimbursement or you can fill out the cost of purchase form (you take the form to the store, and you and the store fill out the form together and payment is made directly to the store).

Due to auditing purposes we cannot approve payment/reimbursement of funds for school clothing i.e. jeans, socks, jackets, etc.

****Unless items being purchased are requested specifically for school related activities. I.e. field trips, day trips and extra-curricular activities, a reimbursement will not be provided.****

If you would like more clarification on these policies/procedures or for more information, please do not hesitate to call Glenda Bonneau or Kevin Ned at the Education Department at 542-4328 or by email at okibeducation@okanagan.org

There are Student Celebration T-shirts that have not been picked up by students, please call Glenda or Kevin for arrangements.

Senk'ip Newsletter Mail-out List

Please fill out the form and return to the address below or by e-mail to receive your newsletter by mail.

_____		_____	
First Name		Last Name	

Mailing Address			
_____		_____	_____
City/Town		Province	Postal Code

Mailing Information:

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Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Centre

Phone: (250) 545-3800 Fax: (250) 545-4553

From Lorraine Ladan, Manager

Edited by Joan Zabolot

Back to School

Welcome back, everyone, to a new school year.

Many of our staff and children have returned and we are very busy. The Daycare, Preschool and Head Start programs are quite full and to date there are thirteen students enrolled in the Kindergarten.

We have had two staff leave over the summer, two of our qualified Early Childhood Educators. Jen Hayhurst, from the 3 to 5 year old daycare room, has moved to Cranbrook and is working in a daycare there. Josie Ferguson, who was only with us a short time, has accepted a position at the Boys and Girls Club. We wish them both well. We are still searching for qualified Early Childhood Educators to fill these positions.

We have a number of staff who work on-call for us on a part-time basis. Welcome to those of you who are new and those who are returning. Our regular on-call staff presently are Jenny McCune, Luda Chirkoff, Karen Cooper and Rae Cohen. Walline Parker has been back as our on-call Cook. We really value the help and flexibility of these individuals.

Snc'c'amala?tn Closures

The centre will be entirely closed on the following days:

Friday, September 23 - Staff PD day
Monday, October 10 - Thanksgiving
Friday, October 21 - Staff PD day
Friday, November 11 - Remembrance Day

Traditional Thanksgiving Pot Luck

On Friday, October 7, we will be giving thanks for everything good by hosting a pot luck luncheon. We have done this the last few years and it has been a nice time of sharing and enjoying each other's company.

Please come and join us at 11:00 am. If you are able, we are requesting pot luck dishes for sharing. If traditional foods are your specialty, we would love to have them. Otherwise, any dish of your choosing: main courses, salads, appetizers or desserts are welcome.

Dental Health Day

Wednesday, October 12, we will be celebrating healthy smiles with a visit from the tooth fairy and the dental team. Fluoride varnish treatments will be available that day for the younger

children. If you would like more information on this preventative program, you may contact the OKIB Health Department.

Wanted: Early Childhood Educators

A variety of options are available to obtaining an Early Childhood Education diploma. If any band members are interested in pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education, please contact Lorraine Ladan at Snc'c'amala?tn (545-3800).

skimxist Room-I/T

Ramona Wilson - I/T Room Supervisor
Elaine Lavery - I/T Room Assistant

We started September with a full room, however most days we have been short a few children who are sick or still on vacation. This has been a good thing for us as we are still waiting to hire another assistant. Thanks to the snc'c'amala?tn staff who help us out whenever we need an extra hand. We welcomed our wonderful grandparents to visit us on September 12th. We would love to have more grandparents drop by to sit with us for a little while, perhaps to share stories and songs. If anyone would like to volunteer a little time, please contact Ramona or Lorraine to discuss it.

The children are enjoying our new sandbox and soon we'll cover the concrete sidewalk with a special rubber surface. We are so fortunate here to have such a safe and child friendly facility.

From all us cubs.

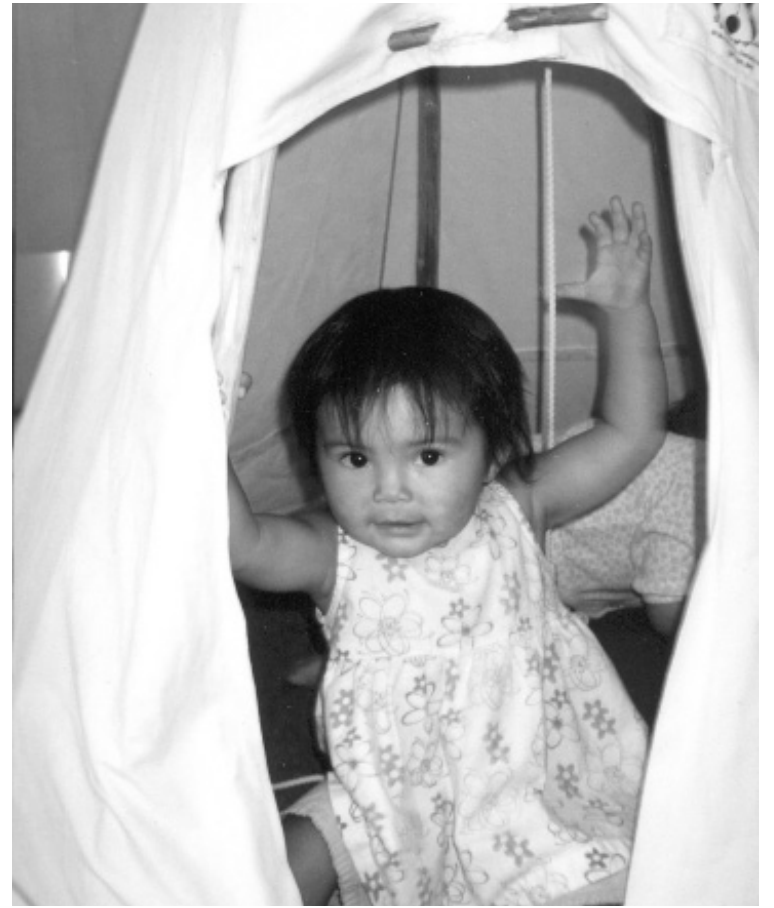
mhuya Room-3/5

Shannon Marsh - 3/5 Room Supervisor
Vanessa Antoine - Head Start Coordinator
Nancy Eustache - Special Needs Worker

Wi, from the mhuya room. We would like to welcome each and every one of our new students and their families to our room. We have 17 children in the Headstart program. They are Neave Allen, Shanny Bearshirt, Kate Camilleri, Renee Fairgrieve, Hannah Gibbs, Georgia Gregoire, Emma Havarth, Ayub Lakani, Brady Lawrence, Owen Lawrence, Taige Marchand, Dylan Oppenheimer, Blake Williams, Aleeya Williamson, Faith Yow and Jeremy Yow.

Happy Birthday wishes to Georgia on Sept 16th, Hannah on Sept 20th and Blake on Sept 25th. This month we would like to welcome Sapien Joe who turns three on Oct 11th and Kate Camilleri on Oct 18th.

This month we are learning about class



Mackenzie Miller playing in the baby teepee

and about our new classmates. The children are very artistic and have a lot of fun playing, listening during circle and when Vanessa reads books. The children like the dress up clothes we have and are very good at sharing. In art this month the children are cutting and pasting, paint stamping, finger painting and easel painting.

The children love the playground and going for walks down to Komasket. The children get exercise and fresh crisp air during the outings.

During the van ride in the morning, Mona Williams teaches the children Okanagan words like farm animals, how to count up to five and if they see local wild animals like the deer, coyote, ducks etc.

Vanessa you are doing an awesome job! The room is missing Shannon Marsh who hurt her foot and is off for a while. We miss her!!!

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who pull together and help one another out until more staff is hired. Limlimpt Joan Zabolot.

Spepl'ina? Room-Preschool

Susan Nelson - Preschool Supervisor
Donna Lewis - Preschool Assistant

Wi! from spepl'ina? room.

We welcome all the new Preschool students and parents! We have a full classroom of 23 children.

Happy Birthday wishes to Riley Peters who turned 4 on Sept 3rd and to Jacob Brewer who turns 4 on Sept 29th.



Papa joins Mackenzie and Sapien for a little snack

We are planning our kiknee field trip to six mile creek on Friday, September 16th with the Kindergarten class. We hope to have a good turn out of parents joining us on this fun and informative adventure.

Please mark Friday, October 7th on your calendars as we are having our annual Pot Luck with a Traditional Thanksgiving feast. We hope all the parents can join us at 11:00am for this scrumptious meal.

This month we have been learning about

the brain, gym, classroom/bus guidelines, learning the color red and the shape of circles. We encourage the children to practice their cutting skills at home as well as at school. Thank you to all the parents who quickly returned the field trip notices. We need them signed and returned in order for your child to attend the field trip as this is a part of Child Care Licensing Regulations.

with concerns or questions. Thanks, Susan.

Pqəl'qin Room-Kindergarten

April Alexis - Kindergarten Teacher

Trish Johnson - Kindergarten Assistant

Wi from the pqəl'qin room. September is an exciting and busy month in the Kindergarten classroom. This year there are 13 students. They are Maria Alexis, Nathan Allen, Patrick Camilleri, Draigan Fairgrieve, Colton Goodwater-Paul, Jordan Goodwater-Paul, Lila Jack, Reid Lawrence, Teylor Munger, Matthew Peters, Talon Williams, Emily Wilson and Charlene Woloshen.

We have been very busy settling into our classroom routines, getting to know one another and learning. We have started our Animated Alphabet program and have also been learning about shapes and numbers.

The children have Okanagan language lessons each day with Shirley Paul. Our Cultural Worker Mona Williams took us on a walk to pick choke cherries. We found they were all gone so we picked elderberries instead.

We will also be going on a fieldtrip to Six Mile Creek to see the kiknee with Keith Louis from the OKIB fisheries and on September 29th our class will be going on a tour of Davison Orchards to learn about apples.

Family Law Advocate Workshop

All community members invited

October 19th, 9:30am - 4:00pm - Legal dealings with the "Ministries"

Location: Career Access Centre

Laurie Wilson is the Family Law Advocate. She has been employed to work on a Nation level to assist our families. She works with professionals on behalf of individuals and their families. Her role is to seek solutions through inclusion and collaboration and by providing practical information and advice on handling legal cases. Come and find out more of the services she can offer you!

Lunch will be provided

If you are interested in attending please call:
Molly Brewer at 542-4328.



Okanagan Indian Band Land Holding Company

12420 Westside Road, Vernon, BC, V1T 7Z3

Ph: 1-866-542-4328 Fax: (250) 542-4990

Call for Bids - Sun Valley Ranch Grazing

As per direction from Okanagan Band Development Corporation Board of Directors (OKIBDC), the Sun Valley Ranch Grazing is being put up for tender.

The Board is calling for bids with the following conditions:

- 1) That the grazing fee be paid prior to livestock entering the pasture, and no later than October 4, 2005. Failure to do so will result in grazing privileges being awarded to next acceptable bid;
- 2) That the period of grazing be as of October 1, 2005 (or upon receipt of payment to OKIB) and no later than December 15, 2005;
- 3) That the cattle to be pastured number no more than 300 head;
- 4) Any outstanding debts to the band by bidder must be paid prior to bid being opened.
- 5) Bid to be in one name only.

All bids to be delivered to the attention of Sharmaine Gregoire, at the Okanagan Indian Band Office no later than noon on Friday, September 30th, 2005. Viewing of the bid openings will take place shortly after noon on September 30 and is open to all bidders.

For further information please contact Sharmaine Gregoire at 250-542-4328 (ext 222).

Deadline for bids is Noon on Friday, September 30, 2005 and bid opening at 12:05 p.m.

OKANAGAN NATION TRANSITION EMERGENCY HOUSE



Laurie Wilson
Family Law Advocate

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Healthy Teeth for Our Children

Children are not born with the bacteria (germs) that cause tooth decay. Bacteria begin to grow once the first tooth appears. Licking a soother, sharing a toothbrush, or sharing a spoon can pass the bacteria from parent to child. This can put your child at a greater risk for tooth decay. To prevent this from happening:

DO

- ~ Have a child size tooth brush ready for when the first tooth appears.
- ~ Clean a soother by washing with water or wiping clean.
- ~ Use a second spoon to test baby food.

DON'T

- ~ Don't share your toothbrush.
- ~ Don't lick a soother to clean it.
- ~ Don't share the baby's spoon.

Precious Smiles

A Program to Eliminate Baby Bottle Tooth Decay

The Okanagan Indian Band Health Department and the Dental Team from the Vernon Health Unit offer a Fluoride Varnish Program for Infants/Children from 1 -3 years of age. We have been working out of Snc'c'amala?tn Daycare/Preschool. The team will be there October 12, 2005.

What is this Program all about?

This is an informative session for parents/grandparents or other caregivers of children 1-3 years of age. The mini session includes:

- o Learning about Baby Tooth Decay
- o Procedure for checking your child's teeth
- o Assessment to determine if your child will benefit from fluoride varnish

Why are we offering this?

- o Early childhood cavities are very common in young children
- o Wait lists for hospital dental treatment are very long
- o Early childhood cavities are 100% preventable
- o Parents need to know how to prevent this condition

If you are interested in having your child seen, please call the Health Department at 542-5094 and ask for Sharon Cullen.

The OKIB Social Development Department Needs Your Helping Hands



Two hands are better than one, and three hands are better than two, and four hands are better than three.... And so forth. We need some extra hands to volunteer for the Annual Halloween Party and Annual Christmas Party to be held at Head of the Lake Hall. Last year was loads of fun and all that participated can agree.

This year we would like to have you come and help us be creative. We need people, young and not so young, to come out and paint, create games, decorate, blow up balloons and help keep all the children in fun happy spirits. So if you've got creative energy or just lots of good energy that you would like to share with us please contact Cindy Brewer at 250-542-4328.

Upcoming Events For Foster Parents in the North Okanagan

- ~ Sept. 8 - Foster Parent/MCFD Partnership Meeting
- ~ Sept. 9 - FASD "Telling Our Stories" Presentation and Panel Discussion
- ~ Sept. 14 - Coffee & Conversation, Lumby
- ~ Sept. 15 - Children in Care Committee
- ~ Sept. 15 - Info Session
- ~ Sept. 20 - Resources for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs
- ~ Sept. 20, Oct. 4 & 18 - Behaviour Support Group
- ~ Sept. 23 - Safe Babies: Brain Development
- ~ Sept. 27 - Vernon & Area Foster Parents Association - AGM & Conversation with Dave Dakin
- ~ Sept. 29 - Family Group Conferencing
- ~ Oct. 4 - FASD Initiative
- ~ Oct. 6 - Support Worker Meeting
- ~ Oct. 12 - Protocol Training, 9 - 11 AM
- ~ Oct. 12 - Protocol Training, 7 - 9 PM
- ~ Oct. 19 to Nov. 23 - Pre-service Orientation

For detailed information on these events, contact your Foster Parent Coordinator covering the North Okanagan region.

Noelle Typusiak

#301 -3402 27th Ave, (The People Place)
Vernon B.C. V1T 1S1
Phone/Fax: (250) 558-0939

Heritage Canada Award for Multi-media Project

Submitted by Cultural Research and Mapping Unit Department

In April of 2005 the Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Research and Mapping Unit (CRMU) submitted a proposal to Heritage Canada, Canadian Cultural Content On-line. The proposal was put together solely by the staff of CRMU under our own initiative to create an archival photo, audio, and video web site.

After months of correspondence we have finally received confirmation that our proposal was accepted for funding from the Canadian Cultural Content On-line, Heritage Canada in the amount of \$48,818.00.

This project, called "Kal?alqw", which means "Across the Line", will explore the ways the international border has impacted Okanagan people and will feature, in digital format, Okanagan Nation wide archival and community photographs, historic documents, audio and video recordings and oral history.

Some examples of material we will be searching for are photographs depicting the Okanagan people at work in the apple harvest, hop picking, berry picking, hunting, fishing, suicide races at Omak as well as here, horse trade, travel by horse and buggy, ranching, farming, sports such as boxing, hockey, baseball, etc.

All photographs will be scanned at your home and original material will be returned immediately. A digital copy of your collection will be kept at our archives for safe keeping. At completion in March 2006, this project will be easily accessible to all and be a valuable educational tool for people of ages.

Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognizing When Children are Hurt

****This next article is a very sensitive subject matter; it is part three of a four part mini series.**

The intention is to increase awareness that abuse is not just physical; it can be Mental, Sexual and Emotional as well.**

Submitted by Molly Brewer



What is sexual abuse?

It is very difficult for most people to talk about sexual abuse and even more difficult for society as a whole to acknowledge that the sexual abuse of children of all ages - including infants -- happens everyday. It is not an easy phenomenon to define, primarily

because permissible childhood behaviour varies in accordance with cultural, family and social tolerances. Sexual abuse, which is 10% of all substantiated cases of child abuse, is defined as the involvement of dependent, developmentally immature children in sexual activities that they do not fully comprehend and therefore to which they are unable to give informed consent and/or which violates the taboos of society.

Sexual abuse is any misuse of a child for sexual pleasure or gratification. It has the potential to interfere with a child's normal, healthy development, both emotionally and physically. Often, sexually victimized children experience severe emotional disturbances from their own feelings of guilt and shame, as well as the feelings which society imposes on them.

At the extreme end of the spectrum, sexual abuse includes sexual intercourse and/or its deviations. These behaviours may be the final acts in a worsening pattern of sexual abuse. For this reason and because of their devastating effects, exhibitionism, fondling and any other sexual contact with children are also considered sexually abusive.

Nontouching sexual abuse offences include:

- ~ Indecent exposure/exhibitionism
- ~ Exposing children to pornographic material
- ~ Deliberately exposing a child to the act of sexual intercourse
- ~ Masturbation in front of a child

Touching sexual offences include:

- ~ Fondling
- ~ Making a child touch an adult's sexual organs
- ~ Any penetration of a child's vagina or anus by an object that doesn't have a medical purpose

Sexual exploitation offences include:

- ~ Engaging a child for the purposes of prostitution
- ~ Using a child to film, photograph or model pornography

What should I look for if I suspect a child is being sexually abused?

YOUNGER CHILDREN	PREPUBERTY AND TEENAGE	OLDER CHILDREN	PHYSICAL INDICATORS
Compulsive masturbation	Stealing	Suicide attempts	Bruises or bleeding in external genitalia
Bed-wetting, soiling	Running away	Early marriage	Complaints of pain or itching in genitalia
Excessive curiosity about sex	Starting fires	Running away	Difficulty in sitting or walking
Altered sleep patterns	Excessive bathing	Pregnancy	Torn, stained or bloody underclothing
Learning problems	Being withdrawn and passive	Substance abuse	Sexually transmitted diseases
Separation anxiety	Girls pulling up skirts	Getting in trouble with legal system	Pregnancy, especially in early adolescence
Overly compulsive behaviour	Sexual inference in school artwork		
Developing fears and phobias	Teaching others how to masturbate		
Sexual acting out with peers	Becoming aggressive toward peers		
Becoming nonverbal	Succumbing to periods of deep depression		
Developing tension symptoms -- stomach aches, skin disorders	Developing tension symptoms -- stomach aches, skin disorders		
Becoming seductive	Alcohol or drug abuse		
	Falling grades		

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****Children often fail to report because of the fear that disclosure will bring consequences even worse than being victimized again. The victim may fear consequences from the family, feel guilty for consequences to the perpetrator and may fear subsequent retaliatory actions from the perpetrator.****

Sources: Berlinger & Barbieri, 1984; Groth, 1979; Swanson & Biaggio, 1985

NHL Hockey is Back

Regular season hockey pool

Rules

1. Each team shall consist of fifteen (15) players from any team or teams.
2. You may enter as many teams as you wish.
3. \$5.00 per team.
4. Points will be awarded accordingly:
 - 1 goal = 2 points
 - 1 assist = 1 point
5. Tiebreakers as follows:
 - 1st most goal as a team
 - 2nd most goals by players head to head until tie broken (most goals to least)
 - ie. Team 1 Team 2
 - player 1-45 goals player 1-45 goals
 - player 2-41 goals player 2-41 goals
 - player 3-39 goals player 3-37 goals
 - ~Team 1 wins
6. If teams identical all fifteen, then 50/50 split of that prize only.
7. Prize payout as follows less pool registration online (\$25):
 - Standings at the Olympic Break - 30% total pool funds split as follows:
 - 1st - 60%
 - 2nd - 40%
 - Final year end standings not including playoffs - 70% total pool funds split as follows:
 - 1st - 60%
 - 2nd - 40%
8. Standings and teams will be posted online, site to be named.
9. All pools received and paid by October 15, 2005 will be accepted.
10. No trades or replacements for injured players.
11. Teams and payment can be given to:
 - Jenny Louis at Public Works OKIB, Phone: 542-7132
 - or dropped off at Arrowhead gas and grocery
 - (formerly Racetrac Gas)

Please include the following in a sealed envelope:

- Team name
- Team owner
- Contact information, phone number, address
- Payment of \$5 per team

Any questions, feel free to contact Richard Louis Jr. at 558-1093 or at richard_louis766@hotmail.com

Senk'lip Submissions

The deadline for submissions to the Senk'lip Newsletter will be the 15th of every month. Please submit all articles or other material you would like posted on or before this date. All material can be forwarded to me at the training center (next to the health building), at the Band Office, e-mailed to me at holly.brewer@okanagan.org or mailed to:

Okanagan Indian Band
 12420 Westside Road
 Vernon, BC V1T 7Z3

Fall Clean Up

The purpose of the clean up is to enable residents to clean up their homes and yards of any unwanted items. To make the clean up more efficient for residents and drivers, we have decided to divide the reserve into two areas with different clean up dates. Clean up dates are on the **REFUSE/RECYCLING CALENDAR**.

AREA A

North of Pro Hardware - Includes Bradley Creek, Irish Creek, Head of the Lake, Round Lake and Salmon River.

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2005

AREA B

South of Pro Hardware - Includes Six Mile, Nashwito (Siwash) Creek and Whitman's Creek.

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2005

If you are unsure of the area in which you reside or the pick up date for your area, please contact OKIB Public Works at 542-3444.

To ensure orderly pick up of items:

- ~ Place items at your regular garbage pick up location.
- ~ All items must be placed out by 7:00am.
- ~ Drivers will only stop at each residence once.
- ~ Drivers will only collect items that are accepted at regional landfill.
- ~ Box or bag miscellaneous junk.
- ~ Scattered or loose junk will not be picked up.

Items that CAN be put out to be picked up:

- ~ Old furniture - includes sofas, beds.
- ~ TV's and microwaves.
- ~ Lumber and building products.
- ~ Paint, if the can is open and driver can see that the paint is dried.
- ~ Bundles of branches and bushes NOT larger than 3x3x3 feet.
- ~ Bicycles.
- ~ Any miscellaneous junk that you don't want.

Items that CANNOT be put out to be picked up:

- ~ Paint, if can is not open.
- ~ Car parts.
- ~ Major appliances - Fridge, stove, washer, dryer, etc.
- ~ Chemicals, lubricants, toxic products.
- ~ Any item that two people cannot lift.

DO NOT PUT OUT UNTIL THE DAY OF PICK UP

From OKIB Public Works and Housing 542-3444



NOTICE OF OKIB COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETINGS

(2nd Round of Meetings)

The Community Development Division will be holding its 2nd round of community meetings. The previous information collected will provide the foundation for discussion and the implementation of the ideas of the membership.

These meetings will focus on where residential, commercial, industrial, and parks and recreational areas should be allocated.

Band members are welcome at all meetings and are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting in their area.

Meetings will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the dates and at the locations indicated below:

October 3, 2005 at HOL Hall

October 6, 2005 at New Horizons

October 12 at Parkers Cove

October 13, 2005 at Round Lake Community Hall

October 20, 2005 at Duck Lake IR#7 (to be determined)

Food and refreshments will be provided so bring the family!

"Come make a contribution to shaping the future of our communities."

BOB OSBORNE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
PHONE: (250) 542-3444



Dinner of Appreciation Nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering Volunteers/Contributors & Okanagan Language Group

Date: Monday, October 3rd, 2005

Location: Head of the Lake Hall

Time: 6:00pm

As a little token of our appreciation, the Okanagan Indian Band is sponsoring a dinner of appreciation for the numerous volunteers and donors for the Nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering and the members of the Okanagan Language Group.

Everyone is welcome! Please come out and enjoy the delicious food with your family and friends.

Okanagan Indian Band Council

Note:

I encourage all the volunteers and donors from the Gathering to please come out and participate as your hard work and contributions were the backbone of the event and were greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Sharmaine Gregoire, Nk'ma'pel'qs Coordinator

Okanagan Indian Band Employment Opportunity

Family Preservation Worker

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants should be of First Nations Ancestry, with preference given to Okanagan Indian Band members. Applicant must be legally entitled to work with families and cannot have a criminal record. They should possess knowledge of drug and alcohol abuse and have good mediation skills as well as home support experience.

Purpose

To provide home support services to at-risk families, adolescents and children. The focus of this service has been on strengthening the family through planned intervention strategies, with emphasis placed on ensuring children's safety and enhance overall family capabilities.

Core Responsibilities

- ~ In-home services to families
- ~ Case management services
- ~ Provide reports and annual plan
- ~ Community education focusing on parenting, anger management for teens and adults

Essential Qualifications

- ~ BSW or minimum Human Services Certificate
- ~ Experience working one-on-one with families
- ~ Good Communication and organizational skills (written and oral)
- ~ Standard First Aid helpful
- ~ Valid BC Drivers License
- ~ Ability to establish a good rapport with clients
- ~ Self motivated with the ability to work independently and take initiative
- ~ Computer literate
- ~ Neat, legible hand writing
- ~ Knowledge of Ministry for Children and Family Development Aboriginal team

Desired

- ~ Interest in or willingness to work with families that are experiencing barriers and challenges
- ~ Good understanding of family dynamics and communication strategies
- ~ Ability to adhere to strong ethical principals and confidentiality

For a complete Job Description contact Sharmaine Gregoire.

Closing date: 4:30pm on October 14th, 2005

We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interested candidates should forward a resume with cover letter to:

Sharmaine Gregoire

12420 Westside Road

Vernon BC, V1T 7Z3

Phone: (250) 542-4328 **Fax:** (250) 542-4990

Okanagan Gathering Elders Raffle

1st Place - Quilt - Preston Gregoire - Vernon

2nd Place - Drum - Laura Miller - Vernon

3rd Place - Carved Antler - Jacquie Chileheetza - Merritt

4th Place - Blanket - Dora Boston - Vernon

5th Place - \$100.00 - Chico Jack - Vernon

6th Place - Picture - Lawrence George - Westbank

OKIB Employment Opportunity Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Centre

The following full time position is available: **Cook**

The Cook is responsible to provide food services to the Early Childhood Education Centre. The children's nutritional needs must be met in accordance with the Canada Food Guide and The B.C. Child Care Licensing Regulations.

MUST HAVE:

- ~ A Certificate in Cook Training or relevant experience
- ~ Foodsafe
- ~ Experience in kitchen management (meal planning, stock keeping, sanitation and cleaning and purchasing)
- ~ Knowledge of the educational aspects of nutrition as they relate to the development of children
- ~ Ability to prepare food for larger groups for special events
- ~ Ability to work cooperatively with other staff
- ~ Use of a vehicle for shopping is required

Preference may be given to those having knowledge of the Okanagan culture and traditions

Hours of work: 7.5 hours/day (reduced hours in July and August)

Rate of pay: \$10.20/hour plus benefits

A Criminal Record Check, Medical Certificate and References are required.

Deadline for Applications: October 12, 2005 at 12:00 noon

Mail or deliver resume, cover letter and references to:

Sharmaine Gregoire, Executive Assistant
Okanagan Indian Band
12420 Westside Road
Vernon, B.C.
V1T 7Z3
Phone: (250) 542-4328
Fax (250) 545-4553

ONLY THE APPLICANTS WHO ARE SCREENED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED.

OKIB Employment Opportunity Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Centre

The following full time position is available:
Early Childhood Educator for the 3-5 year old daycare

MUST HAVE:

- ~ Early Childhood Education Certificate
- ~ Eligible for registration as an Early Childhood Educator in B.C.
- ~ Current First Aid/CPR
- ~ Experience working with 3-5 year olds
- ~ Experience working as part of a teaching team

Preference may be given to those having knowledge of the Okanagan Indian Band community

Hours of work: 7.5 hours/day, may be alternating shifts.

Rate of pay: \$12.00/hour plus benefits

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OKIB Employment Opportunity Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Centre

The following full time position is available:
Infant/Toddler Educator

MUST HAVE:

- ~ Early Childhood Education Certificate
- ~ Infant Toddler Certificate preferred
- ~ Eligible for license to practice in B.C.
- ~ Current First Aid/CPR
- ~ Experience working with infants and toddlers
- ~ Experience working as part of a teaching team

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NOW OPEN



Monday - Saturday:
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday:
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Come in and see us!