

Okanagan Indian Band**Senk'lip News**

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

Province and Metis Nation of BC Leave First Nations in the Cold

Press Release - Okanagan Territory - May 12, 2006

The Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and the Metis Nation of British Columbia signed an Accord this morning in Vancouver without any due or meaningful consideration of the interests and rights of BC's First Nations. "How can the Province even attempt to negotiate with a special interest group when they have yet to deal with the inherent Aboriginal rights and title of First Nations peoples in British Columbia?" asks Chief Stewart Phillip, Chair of the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Chief of the Penticton Indian Band. The Accord being signed today represents a refusal by the Province to recognize and respect the fact that Aboriginal people were here first and held Aboriginal title in British Columbia before Europeans or the Metis ever arrived. Chief Stewart Phillip further said, "Let there be no question, we are the Indigenous people of this territory."

The Accord reached today purports to address subjects such as Housing, Education and Economic Opportunities for Metis. "They say that this agreement with the Metis is separate and apart from our Aboriginal rights, title and interests," says Chief Fabian Alexis of the Okanagan Indian Band, "but we are affected when the Province pits our rights and interest in limited resources against the Metis without our involvement and behind our backs."

The Accord also states that the Province and the Metis will deal with "Metis Identification" as part of the Accord process, raising the murky issue of just who is Metis. "There is a lack of control over who is recog-

nized as Metis, which is tied to the self-identification aspect of Metis rights," says Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band, "and this uncertainty over Metis identity affects our ability to control who hunts within our territory."

The Okanagan people are stewards of the land and resources in Okanagan territory and have a protocol that must be followed when others want to use Okanagan lands and resources. "Metis and non-Okanagan people have always required our permission to access our territory to harvest resources," says Lower Similkameen Chief Joe Dennis.

The signing of the Accord isn't the first time this year the Province has refused to recognize Okanagan rights and title within Okanagan territory. Earlier this spring the Okanagan Nation Alliance intervened in the summary conviction appeal of a Metis hunting case in which the accused claimed a constitutionally protected Metis right to hunt within Okanagan territory. A Provincial Court decided the case at trial without ever hearing the Okanagan perspective, despite the fact that the offence took place in the heart of Okanagan Nation territory. As Chief Alexis points out, "The Willison court case is critical in order to ensure that our rights aren't diluted by the creation of other constitutional rights within Okanagan territory without Okanagan input or consent." The summary conviction appeal in R. v. Willison was heard at the BC Supreme Court in Vernon in April and is currently under reserve.

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Okanagan Indian Band
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Community Development Major Projects Report

Submitted by OKIB Community Development Division

Capital Projects Update:

Community Development has received approval and funding for the Round Lake Water System Upgrade and a well has been drilled. The well is one of the best that the Band currently has and testing of quality is in progress and should be completed in the next week or so.

Approval has also been received for the Salmon River Water System upgrade feasibility. A well has been drilled, which has hit the same aquifer as the one drilled in Round Lake. Testing of the well will begin next week. The proposal for the Bradley Creed/Six Mile water systems upgrade has been forwarded to INAC by Urban Systems for their approval.

The Band has been approved for 20 additional housing units for 2006. Funding for these units will facilitate the building of a 15 unit apartment building in Duck Lake and a 5 unit assisted living complex at Head of the Lake.

Indian Affairs has stated that they will cover the cost of servicing due to the fact that the Band is using the land for higher density housing. Civic Engineering is working with the City of Kelowna regarding Sewer and Water hookup arrangements.

Community Development is in the process of finalizing the 5 year capital plan update.

Comprehensive Community Plan:

The Draft Final Report is complete and is being put together with CD's and Covers for submission to INAC for the next phase of funding.

Fire Hall Equipment/HOL Fire Hall:

Indian Affairs has returned the Equipment list and has instructed the Band to work with FNESS to complete a list that addresses the actual needs rather than a wish list. Community Development has passed this back to the Fire Department for completion.

Health Care/Administration Building Complex:

David Nairne and Associates have met with Health and Community Development to begin design of the building. A tour of other facilities took place to compare structures and designs for input into the new building. A meeting was held on Friday April 28th to move forward with design of the building.

Property and Utility Taxation Information:

The Final Report has been forwarded to Council for action.

Ministry of Transportation Discussions on Road Access and Tenure Issues:

The Band has an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation with associated funding to discuss road safety, access and tenure issues. MOT and Community Development will be working on a schedule and work plan. A meeting was scheduled for May 17th.

Canada Post Civic Addressing:

The Community Development Division met with Rick Ould of Canada Post and gave him all of the information he needed to proceed with his part of the project. Community Development has been notified that they will be moving ahead with civic address during June and July 2006.

Housing Rent Collections and Evictions:

Community Development has met with the Credit Bureau collections and has the information required. The Bureau will take over the accounts for six months and would charge 25% of the amount collected. During that time the delinquent accounts would be on the credit bureau but when the accounts return to the Band, they would also be taken off the credit bureau.

A meeting with the Band's Legal Council is being arranged to get advice on the next steps in relation to evictions.

Phase 17 Housing:

The Community Development Division has received a Conditional Commitment of Subsidy from Canada Mortgage and Housing for the next phase of housing. The Band has been approved for six housing units.

Assisted Living Complex:

Community Development and Health met with Ted Thomas of Ted Thomas Design to start preliminary design of the 5 unit Assisted Living Complex. Ted Thomas has designed several of these complexes and has a set of plans which can be modified to suit the purposes of the Band.

Six Mile Creed Dump Closure:

The final report on the Closure of Six Mile Creek Dump has been forwarded to INAC by Kala Groundwater. It is anticipated that funding will be forthcoming in the next few months so the Band can finalize the closing of the Dump.

Six Mile Creek Sub-Division:

INAC has approved this project and added it to the capital project list. Urban Systems has submitted an application for funding to INAC to proceed with the Sub Division.

911 Emergency Services Project:

The Community Development Division met with the North Okanagan Regional District and is waiting for a draft agreement which will be forwarded to Community Development and then brought to committee. It will take approximately 3 months for 911 to take effect once the agreement has been signed.

Renovations:

Community Development has applied for six renovations and is awaiting inspection of six completed renovations. Money has not been forwarded from INAC for renovations as of yet.

Meetings with Other Developments:

Community Development has met with the City, Ministry of Transportation and the Regional District regarding upcoming changes to Roads within the City of Vernon. The City is attempting to keep the Band informed on all potential changes and development within the Municipal limits. Regular meetings are scheduled with the City of Vernon's Planning Department regarding Developments within the City's Boundaries.

The Community Development Division is also meeting with the City of Vernon, North Okanagan Regional District and Coldstream regarding the Sub-Regional Growth Strategy with the next meeting taking place on March 23 in Vernon.



Business Development Presents:

Arts, Craft Sales and Marketing Workshop

Saturday
June 17, 2006
9:30-4:00pm
Training Centre



Hosted by
Okanagan Indian
Band

TO REGISTER

CONTACT:
Floyd Oppenheimer @
(250) 542-4328

These workshops will instruct participants involved in the arts and craft sectors in; product development; marketing (distribution, pricing and promotion); record keeping; financial planning; and business planning. Other topics covered will include but are not limited to:

- BC Aboriginal Tourism Trends
- Selling Through Galleries
- Selling Opportunities
- Aboriginal Intellectual Property
- Co-ordination of craft shows
- First Nation Art Grants
- Resources/Links for Artists
- Supplies and Raw Materials: Your first profit

Anastasia Hendry, artist and owner of a wholesale native craft business for over 12 years will deliver the workshops. A workbook will be developed for the participants and will include a wide range of capacity development tools, research and contacts for selling in both BC and the United States.

LUNCH PROVIDED

Okanagan Nation Transition Emergency House Summer Student Position

Housekeeper

Under the direction of the Organizational Director this position performs general housekeeping and minor administrative duties. This position carries out the following duties in a daily routine schedule.

Duties

1. Cleans, dusts, and vacuums residence bedrooms, living room, kitchen.
2. Mops, scrubs, strips, and waxes floors.
3. Cleans and disinfects bathrooms, doors, and other areas as required.
4. Washes windows and mirrors as needed.
5. Maintains and cleans equipment.
6. Moves/re-arranges chairs, tables, furniture, and equipment.
7. Sweeps sidewalks, pick up litter and puts garbage out for collection.
8. Refills towel, tissue, and soap dispensers.
9. Performs minor residence maintenance such as changing light bulbs, assists with the preparation of bed space.
10. Sanitizes garbage cans, cleans washer and dryer.
11. Unload and stores supplies.
12. Maintains and cleans up storage areas of the residence.
13. Works with other staff on special events held through out the summer, which can be fund raising or social events for residents.
14. Works on other duties that may be assigned by the Organizational Director.

Experience and Education

1. Must have the ability to follow written and oral directions.
2. Must be in school and returning to school in fall of 2006.
3. High School or University/College student.
4. Experience in cleaning an asset.

To apply, please send resume to:

Okanagan Nation Transition Emergency House
Pam Louis
RR 2 Site 60 Comp. 27
Penticton, BC V2A 6J7
Fax: (250) 493-4952
Email: pam_louis@shaw.ca

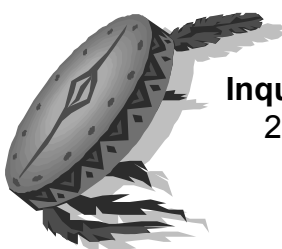
National Aboriginal Day Arts & Crafts Sale

We are inviting all First Nations Artisans & Crafters to bring your crafts for sale.

Location: Polson Park, Vernon BC

Date: June 21, 2006

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Inquiries: FNES (250) 558-3345
2902 - 29th Ave Vernon BC



OKIB Health Department 3rd Annual Health Fair



Location: Head of the Lake Hall

Date: June 29, 2006

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

For further information contact the
OKIB Health Department @ 542-5094

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM to be offered in SPALLUMCHEEN

Are you interested in working with young children to help them build their skills?

Classes will take place from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm beginning September 2006. You must have successfully completed Grade 12.

Students who have completed the 10.5 month program can begin working in a daycare centre. Upon completion of 500 hours or work, they can then apply for an ECE License.

Download our full calendar or application forms from the Native Education Centre website (see right) and apply or register directly online or contact:

Deanna Leon-Cook, ECE Program Director
SPALLUMCHEEN INDIAN BAND
Splatsin Child Care Society
splatsin@telus.net
(250) 838-6404 ext. 1



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- Digital Filmmaking
- Elder Care
- Family Counselling
- Early Childhood Education
- Justice Studies
- Land Stewardship
- Tourism Management

For further information visit
www.necvancouver.org
or call Admissions at
604-873-3761 ext. 328

Okanagan Chinook Left to Fend for Themselves

Press Release - Westbank BC

The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) is shocked and deeply disturbed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada's apparent unwillingness to work on restoring a population of less than 50 Okanagan River chinook salmon, the only remaining run of chinook returning to Canada through the Columbia River system. This has been compounded with a surprise move by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) to down-list Okanagan Chinook from Endangered to Threatened, based on a single year's stock assessment data collected in October 2005.

There is limited baseline information and much work needs to be done to address scientific information gaps and to develop recovery plans to rescue the chinook population. Collecting stock information is critical to determine how to move forward with stock recovery. "We haven't been contacted by DFO or COSEWIC to discuss the present

status of these fish despite the fact that we were the organisation who wrote the status report," Deana Machin ONA Fisheries Department Manager said "It looks like there will be no program for conducting research and monitoring of Okanagan chinook this year - at least not one that DFO will be involved with."

After the ONA developed the salmon status report that lead to COSEWIC emergency listing the species as Endangered in 2005, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) finally allocated a small amount of funds for one spawning season to conduct the enumeration and sampling of Okanagan chinook. That was the first time that the Federal Government allocated funds to spend directly on scientific assessments.

However, this seems to be as far as the Federal Government is willing to go. The ONA has developed several project proposals for

further research and distribution of information about this compromised stock, but unfortunately, these proposals have not been granted funding. Two funding programs which are awarded by DFO have turned down proposals on Okanagan Chinook and to date DFO has not identified resources to fund chinook assessments this year.

"Salmon are an integral part of our culture, traditions and diet. History has shown that these fish can't recover on their own and with fewer than 50 chinook remaining, we are unwilling to take a 'wait and see' approach," said Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band. "We've made our commitment to chinook recovery very clear, but I guess Okanagan Chinook aren't Endangered enough for DFO to take action and work with us on this."

Chief Stewart Phillip, Penticton Indian Band and ONA Chairman stated, "We can only conclude that the Government of

Canada is not upholding its mandate to manage sustainable fisheries or its obligations to the Okanagan Nation in terms of our constitutionally protected rights to enjoy an assured access to fisheries and other resources for food, social and ceremonial purposes. If DFO will not come to the table and work with us, we will explore other avenues to conserve, rebuild and defend the Endangered Okanagan Chinook population."

The ONA will be seriously considering its legal options and other opportunities for Chinook recovery efforts with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Okanagan Nation's tribal relations in Washington State.

For more information please contact:

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Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Indian Band (250) 498-3444

DID YOU KNOW.....**If you are charged with a crime:**

Criminal charges are serious. You may have to pay a fine, report to a probation officer, or go to jail. You could get a criminal record, which limits the kinds of jobs you can get and where you can travel.

Don't talk to anyone about the charges against you until you have talked to a lawyer.

If you are arrested, the police must tell you two things:

- ~ The charge you are being arrested for, and
- ~ That you have the right to talk to a lawyer as soon as possible

You also have the right:

- ~ To be presumed innocent until proven guilty in court,
- ~ To a fair trial, and
- ~ To remain silent

Remember: anything you say can be used as evidence against you.

What you need to know:

- ~ You will be told that you have been charged.
- ~ The police will write a report
- ~ You need to get the details of the charge against you.
- ~ You need to take the information and the Particulars/Circumstances to a lawyer or to the Native Courtworker.

Do this as soon as possible after you have been charged. The lawyer/Courtworker needs this information to understand the charge against you, and to give you advice.

Going to court (First Appearance)

When you go to court, you, your lawyer or the Native Courtworker and Counselling, tell the judge what you plan to do (how you plead). You have three choices. You can:

- ~ Plead not guilty
- ~ Plead Guilty
- ~ Ask for more time (adjournment of court date)

NATIVE YOUTH PROGRAMME - 2006

Co-Sponsored by the UBC First Nations House of Learning (FNHL)

&

The Museum of Anthropology (MOA)

Summer Employment Opportunities

FIRST NATIONS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Native Youth Programme is a collaborative work-study programme. It provides students with an opportunity to learn about traditional and contemporary Northwest Coast cultures from their own experiences and research, and from local First Nations guest speakers. They will also learn about the resources at the FNHL and MOA and develop skills in public presentations using artifacts and visual aids at the museum. Participants will share this knowledge with other students and museum visitors through guided tours and presentations. Students are expected to study, write reports, and participate in study trips.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must be 15 to 18 years old, enrolled in high school, and must have an interest in First Nations heritage.

TERM: Full-Time
Start date: Tuesday July 4, 2006 to August 18, 2006
7 weeks
35 hours/week
8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday

SALARY: \$8.00/hour

FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Contact: Rhonda Sheena, NYP Programme Manager, (604) 822-6587
Email: rsheena@interchange.ubc.ca Fax: (604) 822-2974

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday June 15, 2006

The NYP summer programme is co-sponsored by the First Nations House of Learning and the UBC Museum of Anthropology. It is funded by the Aboriginal Career Community Employment Services Society and is also supported by the First Nations Endowment Fund at MOA.

*Please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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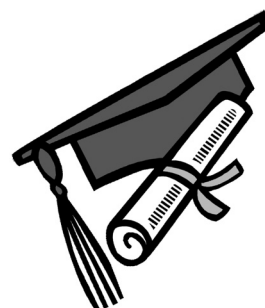
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WANTED

Do you know of someone who is graduating from Secondary School or Post Secondary?

The Okanagan Indian Band Education Department is looking for grad photo's to publish in the Senk'lip and possibly the ONA Newsletter.



Please forward pictures with a short profile of the student either by email or in person. For more information please contact Glenda at 1-250-542-4328 or by email at okibeducation@okanagan.org

Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Centre

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

Snc'c'amala?tn News
From Lorraine Ladan, Manager

Director on Vacation

I will be away from June 20 to 29 for my daughter's wedding in Toronto. The centre will be left in the very capable hands of Ramona Wilson (Joan's Birthday is on June 20, when I leave so I would like to wish her a early Happy Birthday! Have Fun!).

Aboriginal Day Closure

The entire centre will be closed on Wednesday, June 21 for Aboriginal Day. We hope that you will be able to partake in some of the special activities to celebrate Aboriginal Day around the community with your family.

Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, June 27

Don't miss it! We are anticipating that each child will have a family member in attendance to share in this memorable occasion.

Last Day of School

Preschool and Kindergarten will end at noon on Thursday, June 29. Best wishes to our departing Kindergarten students:

Maria Alexis
Nathan Allen
Patrick Camilleri
Vanessa Clough
Draigan Fairgrieve
Colton Goodwater-Paul
Jordan Goodwater-Paul
Lilah Goodwater Jack
Reid Lawrence

Taylor Munger
Matthew Peters
Talon Williams
Emily Wilson
Charlene Woloshen

S c h o o l Registration

If you have not yet registered your child for Preschool or Kindergarten, please contact us to do so immediately. We are really looking forward to having all three year olds who will be four by December 31, 2006 move into Preschool, and all of our Preschool children move up into our Kindergarten.

There really are many advantages to having your child attend Kindergarten at Snc'c'amala?tn. We have an excellent Teacher and Teaching Assistant. Our class size is favorable to the students and we provide an Okanagan language and cultural program. Kindergarten is full-time, five days a week, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A morning snack and nutritious lunch is provided for all students. We have a beautiful and safe outdoor play area. In addition, we have daycare on site at an extremely reasonable price. If you have any questions, please call Lorraine Ladan, Director, at 545-3800. We look forward to having you give your child the advantage of our Kindergarten program for a great school start.

Summer Day Camp

This year our Summer Day Camp for 6 to 10 year olds will run as follows:

Session 1: July 10
to 27
Session 2: July 31
to August 17

The camps will run from Monday to Thursday. Fees will be announced in early June when registration packages will be available.

skimxist Room - Infant/Toddler



*Ramona Wilson - Room Supervisor
Barb Marchand, Lisa Abe, Rae Cohen - Assistants*

Wi, from the skimxist room.

The children are learning so many wonderful things: to go up the ladder and down the slide, to take turns with friends, to wash hands before every meal and after changing diapers or using the toilet, to use a spoon or fork to eat and to remain sitting during the meal, to paint and draw on paper and not the walls, to sing, hum, talk, blow bubbles and use hand signals to communicate and most importantly that their caregivers will respond in a respectful and caring way.

We love to be here with the children and we enjoy each day to the fullest extent.

Happy first birthday to Cheveyo on June 30.

From all us cubs Hydaya, Hunter, Pwalken, Nahko, Kara, Deagan, Mackenzie M, Mackenzie S, Cheveyo, Qui'umqen, and Nathan.

mhuya Room - 3/5 Year Old Daycare and Head start

*Josie Ferguson - Room Supervisor
Vanessa Antoine - Head Start Coordinator
Maria Volansky and Luda Chirkoff - Assistants*

Wi, from the mhuya room.

The weather is beginning to feel like spring. Our room is in spring mode with art projects like butterflies, frogs, flowers, chalk art, and spray bottle painting.

We have tried a few experiments as well, such as sprouting bean seeds in cups and bags, growing mold on bread and a root farm. We get to learn how plants grow roots to drink the water and then grow upward toward the sunlight. In the





root farm, we are watching radishes, onions and carrots grow. It sure will be interesting to see the differences in them.

We had a parent day on May 26 in lieu of Mother's Day and Father's Day, as families have many different dynamics to them. The parents were able to make sandwiches with their children and salads were available. Parents were invited to spend the morning with their children doing art, playing outside, and having fun playing inside with our toys. We are so glad our parents could come!!

May 19 we went to Mona Williams's house to see the beaver dam. The children enjoyed the flowers, horses and the walk. The lake sure is getting high now. It was too high for us to walk all the way down to the beaver dam, Too bad! Maybe next year.

Vanessa, Josie, Luda and Maria

Spəpl'ína? Room - Preschool

Laura - Preschool Supervisor

Donna Lewis - Assistant

Nancy Eustache - Special Needs Worker

Wi! from spəpl'ína? room.

I (Laura Miller) am back again but in the Preschool this time. Susan Nelson has taken medical leave and I will be filling in the position until the end of June. We all miss her very much and hope Susan will feel better soon!!

Thanks to Joan Vedan who has been coming in to help out whenever we need extra help. I also see what a hard worker Donna Lewis is. Donna puts a lot of extra time in the Preschool and just because she loves her job. It is a challenge to work with her and keep up. Thanks, Donna.

We welcome Lauren, a work placement, in joining us for a few weeks. She has helped us in many ways and fits right in with our students. Thanks Lauren.

for coming in and showing us how to do the Friendship Dance and making beaded necklaces with the children and Walline Parker for singing and drumming fun songs. Thanks to Glennis, our Speech Therapist, for coming in every week. She is now on holidays, have fun Glennis!! Thanks to all you gals, you are doing an awesome job with our children.

We went to the Library and the children picked out books for us to read during the month. We have been practicing a lot of scissor work and rhyming which is a very important part of pre-reading skills. We are planting flowers and baking a cake for the Mothers, and we also made paper flowers.

We went on a field trip to see a beaver dam at Mona's by the lake. Thank you to Wanda Duncan and Corbin (Rylie's mom and brother), Joan Vedan (Sundance's mom) and Vern Tronson for helping with the children. At school, we learned about beavers and had a water table with a beaver dam. Awesome!!

In May we will be working on flowers and Mother's Day, farm animals, caterpillars and butterflies. (WHEW!)

In June, the themes are different each week: the Jungle, the Circus, Father's Day, ocean life, and beach days and grad, as well as a plan for Aboriginal Day activities throughout the week (busy little bees).

We have had Logan's and Giselle's 5th birthday in the month of May. There will be a couple more 5th Birthdays in June; Rylie and Victoria. Happy Birthday to everyone else with a birthday this month.

We also ask any of the Elders to come and visit us as we would love to have you.

Laura, Donna and Nancy

Pqel'qin Room - Kindergarten

Tanya Saddleman-Joe - Kindergarten Teacher

I've been doing lunch breaks in the Infant and Toddler Room. Quite a few of the Preschoolers were in the baby room when I was the supervisor of that room, so it is good to be in the Preschool. I'm enjoying it!

Our many thanks to Shirley Paul for coming into our room every day for the Okanagan Language lessons, to Mona Williams

Trish Johnson - Assistant

Wi from the Pqel'qin Room.

It has been another busy month in the Kindergarten room. Our themes for May have been plants and flowers, the farm, Mother's Day, pets, and at the end of the month we will be learning about pond animals and zoo animals. We've learned a few more letters and sounds and the children have really enjoyed graphing our favorite colours, farm animals, bugs and ice cream flavors.

On May 9 we went for our annual field trip to Farmer Val's farm and the children really enjoyed themselves. They were able to meet and pet a lot of farm animals, help collect eggs from the hen house, help churn butter and have a horse ride. Thanks to Tiffany and Kara for helping out at Farmer Val's.

On May 10 our class went down to Komasket Park to release our Kikinee. Our class takes part in the Okanagan Nation Alliance's Salmonoid Enhancement Program. In the fall Keith Louis collected some Kikinee eggs for our aquarium and we watched them hatch to become Alvin's and released them as fry's. This year we released around 30 Kikinee, our most successful year so far! A big thanks to Keith Louis for leading the field trip.

On May 16 our class once again was invited to sing for the Vernon School District's Annual Aboriginal Student Celebration. The children spent a lot of time practicing with Shirley, Walline, Trish and myself and were excited that they were going to perform.

At the end of May our class will be going to the pictographs past Whiteman's Creek as part of Mona's cultural program. Keith Louis from the Okanagan Indian Band will escort our class to the site and talk about the pictures.

Congratulations to Charlene Woloshen, Maria Alexis, and Teylor Munger for finishing their 3rd home reading sheet and having read a total of 90 books, excellent job, awesome reading!!!

Tanya and Trish

Secretary/ Receptionist

Joan Vedan

Wi, I would like to do a special Limlimpt to Trish in the Kindergarten room for bringing me fresh flowers every week for the office. Sometimes it's the little things that make our lives and days happier!

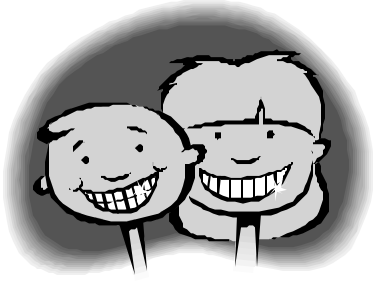
I hope everyone has an excellent Father's Day and Aboriginal Day on June 21.

Limlimpt Joan Vedan

Precious Smiles

Fluoride Varnish and Dental program

How will Fluoride Varnish help my Child's Teeth?



- ~ Fluoride varnish helps prevent cavities by making the enamel (the white outer surface of teeth) stronger.
- ~ If your child has the beginning stage of decay (white spot) fluoride varnish can stop those spots from turning into cavities.
- ~ The fluoride varnish can help prevent decay, but the habits that started the decay must change:
- ~ No bottles in bed
- ~ Sippy cups should have water only. Juice should be in a regular cup and only at mealtime.
- ~ Brush your child's teeth twice a day with a smear of fluoride toothpaste.
- ~ Give healthy snacks, avoid nibbling and sipping all day

If you are interested in having your child's teeth Fluoride Varnished Contact: Sandie Derrickson or Sharon Cullen at OKIB Health Department 542-5094.

Car Seat Lending Program

The OKIB Health Department has recently purchased 3 Infant car seats.

The purpose of the program is to assist parents by providing a certified infant car seat to safely transport their child home from the hospital.

If you or someone you know in the community needs a car seat, please contact: Sandie Derrickson at the OKIB Health Department at 542-5094.



Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meeting

In Enderby at Spallumcheen Band Hall
(Beside SuperSave Gas on Highway 97)

The meetings start at 7pm on Thursday nights.

For further info contact Wilma Maxine at (250) 838-6496

Senklip Submissions

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