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January Newsletter

Message from the Principal:

Good Day! January is here, 2015 is here, I see great things happening for Cst. Robin Cameron Education Complex & Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation this year.

I would like to welcome everyone back from the holidays and hope you had a great New Years celebration. Each year brings new opportunities and challenges into our lives and hope many of you cease those moments. Set both short and long term goals to the best individual you may become.

Semester two classes begin February 2nd and I would like to encourage the youth to pre-register at the school. Cst. Robin Cameron Education Complex will implement two new pilot programs; *Mental Health and Addictions 10* is a course approved by the Ministry of Education. I would like to thank the Willow Cree Health staff in working with CRCEC staff to write course program. This course is the only one in Canada that I am aware of and this will truly impact our youth in the community. The *Pimacihowin Project* is a program to introduce trades and skills through Industrial Arts Program at CRCEC. Youth will be learning about plumbing, electrical, career work experience, drafting, carpentry, and construction through renovations coordinated with housing coordinator and public works director. This program will only be available to 12 youth this semester.

Cst. Robin Cameron Education Complex along with Prairie Spirit School Division (Stobart Community School) has been working towards a partnership that will improve programming offered to youth from Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation. This partnership will be a good step forward for future partnership in other areas of education system.

Once again, I want to welcome all parents and community members to the school to tour what a day in the life at CRCEC really consists of. We have an open door policy and encourage parental involvement.

Important dates for January:

Jan. 27-29 High School Semester One Final Exams

Jan. 29 (Family Literacy Night-Cree Culture and Language)



Grade 5

Mrs. Sherry Gardipy- Ms. Kendra Sutherland

Happy New Year!

Our classroom had lots of fun at our Christmas concert. We danced to Thriller for the Christmas concert it was hard to learn and remember but we managed to do it!

In January we will be learning about:

- Statistics and probability in Math
- We also have new words in spelling every week
- We are going to be learning about mysteries and legends in Reading
- Changes in matter in Science
- Treaties in Social Studies



Just a reminder please dress warm for the weather it is going to be very cold this month!

By: Julianna DeBray and Evangelina Smallchild

Grade 6

Ms. Lori Greyeyes- Ms. Desirae Cameron

Hello from Grade 6

December was a very busy month!! The students were busy reading a novel as well as learning and practicing for the Christmas Concert, learning about angles, and Canada. The students read a novel called "The Family under the Bridge", learned about various types of angles and how to measure angles. They also practiced really hard to ensure their community would enjoy their singing. The students are will continue to learn about Canada throughout the month of January.



I am looking forward to a busy month of January and anticipating the students' eagerness to learn!

Grade 7

Mrs. Pam Sokol- Ms. Bernadette Cameron

Hi from the grade sevens,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.
Have a great year.
Students appear happy to be back at school, all rested up.
Our concert was a great success; everyone did an awesome job performing their songs and so on.

Hope you dress up warm for our cold Saskatchewan winters-stay warm. Have fun, work hard.

Thank-you from the grade 7



Grade 8

Ms. Shanna Bear- Mr. Preston Gamble-Ms. Monica Cameron

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and even better holiday. I am glad to be back in school, I missed everyone, and I'm sure everyone is eager to get back into the swing of things. The Grade 8's have had a very fun and interesting month in December. We did a lot of practicing in preparation for the concert which was a success. Thank you for those who were in attendance.

We have a lot planned for the month of January. We will be starting our new units in Science, Social Studies, Math and ELA, I cannot wait to begin. We have a lot of work to do and cannot wait to get started.

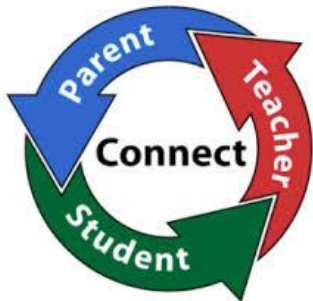


Happy New Year!

Grade 9

Mr. Aaron Gamble- Mrs. Jolee Eagle

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Grade 9 students are back and eager to take on new subject matter. We have new work in all subject areas. We are going to finish up our novel study this month.

The students are refreshed and rested up for the tasks ahead. Our next reporting period will be in March 2015. The following students will be receiving Perfect Attendance awards for December: Trina Cameron, Germaine Roy, Justin Smallchild, Preston Smallchild Tatiana Gardypie, and Caryssa Yazzie. Congratulations to these students on their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Adam Bartsch

(High School Mathematics & Science)

Welcome to the New Year! January will be a busy month in the senior wing of the school. Exams starting on the twenty-seventh will keep students' brains filled with information ready to spread it out onto paper to show how smart they are. It is really important for students to attend class in these last few weeks as important information and valuable review time will be provided to ensure success. By the end of the month I will be starting to coach badminton on Wednesdays. I hope to have a lot of participation and fun with this activity as it is my way of getting rid of the turkey pounds I gained over the Christmas break.



Ms. Anthazia Kadir
(High School English Language Arts & Arts Education)

Hello all, (Tansi)

Anthazia here! Blessing everyone...Happy New Year.2015 will be a great year. I am looking forward to journey into my 2nd Semester at CRCEC with my teachers, the community, and future students.

Semester one ends in January and final exams prep is well on the way. Students in grade 12, English Language Arts will be writing their final exams 27th-29th. Parents Moshums and Kookums please ensure that they attend classes regularly and are doing some preparing for their exams at home.



Final Exams from a First Nations Perspective -

I have decided upon consulting with our principal to have first nations culture be included in the final exams for students in grade 12., English language Arts A/B. Students will have the opportunity to prepare answers for one of their questions based on first nations customs and traditions : song, dance, drumming and oral story telling.

The Drama class of four students is moving along well. January production is well on the way. Can't wait to share with the staff of CRCEC and the community the amazing talents these girls possess.

Drama Club

Students in the middle school are part of a drama club held every Wednesday 4-5 pm. Can't wait for warm weather so we can take some of our session's outdoors.

2nd Semester Addition

In the second semester I will be adding creative writing to my teaching timetable.

Lets work together to motivate and encourage "Our Children, Our Future"

Mr. Elwin Cameron
(Physical Education & History)

Tanisi Kiyawaw?

Happy New to you all and may 2015 bring joy and prosperity for you, your family and friends.

CRCEC will be taking interested students to the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Indoor Track & Field Championships (www.saskatf.ca) on February 27 & 28, 2015 at the Saskatoon Field House. Students from CRCEC must pay the \$60 entry fee on their own and can participate up to a maximum of 4 events. Students can obtain the entry form from myself or go to Saskatchewan Athletics website at www.saskathletics.ca or www.saskatf.ca. The early bird entry deadline is February 2, 2015 and the last deadline is February 20, 2015. CRCEC Will transport the interested athletes to and from the meet, but only those that paid the entry fee. If you have any questions and/or concerns please call me at the school at your convenience.

Also, Jr. Boys Basketball will resume their league schedule on Wednesday January 14, 2015 at Martensville at 4pm. For more info on this see December 2014 Newsletter.

Lastly, the Badminton season is quickly approaching, so practices will start Wednesday January 14, 2015. If you are interested in helping in any way you can please do come to the school and get involved. Thanking you in advance and enjoy 2015!

Ekosi Pitaman,



**Mrs. Inez Cardinal-Mr. Junior Eyaphaise
(Cree Language & Culture Program)**

Tansi, Kitatamiskatinan,

We would like to extend our best wishes for the New Year.

For the month of January we are going to be hearing stories / legends / history from elders. We are going to continue written and conversational Cree.

The Cree 10, 20 30 will be ending their first semester; they will be finishing up any assignments for their marks. Before the Christmas Break we had an Elder's Appreciation Banquet, those who attended received a gift from C.R.C.E.C. AND C.B.M.E.S.

Ekosi Pitama

**Mrs. Bard Gardypie
(Native Studies & Information Processing)**

It is wonderful to be back in school even though we need to adjust to the cold weather. It's really hard to get used to the cold weather even if we expect it. I suppose it's a great conversation starter.

We hope you had great times with your families during the holidays. Most of the students were happy to be back. Division IV students will complete their first semester on January 26 with finals exams on January 27 – 29th. We are just completing the last units or modules in all the classes. We will start reviewing for the finals late next week. Please encourage your students to work to their fullest potential to ensure their success.

Until next month,



**Mr. Ashely Sylvester
(Industrial Arts Teacher-Pimacihowin Project)**

Another year has come and gone. In 2014 we started a project called Pimacihowin 4Success in construction 10, 20 and 30. This project was created to implement opportunities for youth in the school, which will prepare them for the trade sector in Canada. So far the students renovated the weight room in the school, assembled forms for footings, poured cement, built basement walls, put in hardwood floors, installed kitchen cabinets with counter tops, mounted bathroom counter top, set up stair runners, and tiled a bathroom. As you can see the students are introduced to a wide variety of trades that will help them in their future and we hope to continue on in 2015.



**Mrs. Elaine Thomas
(Career Guidance Counsellor)**

Tansi, Happy New Year & All the Best in 2015!

The new year is once upon us, with that, comes new ideas to enhance the student's learning at C.R.C.E.C. The school has partnered with Willow Cree Health Services- Indian Residential School & Brighter Futures Departments to have a Mentorship Program for Div. IV students. The R.C.M.P. will begin classroom visits to share information on the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), other topics of interest. There will be more information to follow.

The girls group will resume on Tuesday, January 13, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Miranda Sutherland
(Student Services Teacher)

*** Mr. Everett Gamble-Ms. Valentina Baldhead-Ms. Gina Gamble-Ms. Nicole Gamble-Ms. Dawn Gamble***
Tansi Kahkiyaw!

The Student Support Services team wishes you all a Happy and prosperous New Year, and send a warm welcome back to the students and staff of C.R.C.E.C. We also hope your holiday left you all with wonderful memories to cherish forever. With the excitement of the new year upon us, we are looking forward to a spending a great 2015 working alongside everyone. At the moment, Student Support Services is busy getting students back into the school groove with academics and following the schools rules. This month we are learning about resolutions, setting reachable goals and learning about Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights, and his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. We look forward to seeing you at our Family Fun/Literacy Night on the 29th.

Ms. Cheryl Sutherland-Math Catalyst Program

Happy New Year!! A new year with new math outcomes to be taught and learned. The Math strand which must be taught to the Grades 5-9 students from January 5 - 23 is Statistics and Probability. Then, from January 26 - February 7 the Numbers and Operations Math strand is to be taught during that time period.

The following is a description of what the teachers should be teaching the students during their Math classes. Understanding Probability is to understand and use the everyday language of chance and make statements about how likely it is that an event will occur based on experience, experiments, and analysis. The definition of collecting and organizing data is to plan and undertake data collection and organize data for effective interpretation. The students will also learn to locate, interpret, analyze, and draw conclusions from data, taking into account data collection techniques and chance processes involved.

Please feel free to phone the school and talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding the Math classes and the content being taught.



Ms. Maureen Dreaver-Literacy Catalyst Program

I am sure everyone enjoyed their holidays just as much as I did. It is time to get back at it with reading and writing. Guided Reading will be starting soon. I will be starting a home literacy program right away. Those students that wish to participate will bring home a blue book bag with a book at their reading level and a book log. The DRA's will be starting again in February for grades 5-9.

i-read book challenge will be on again for grades 5-8. This is to see how many books students can read from January to June. Student awards will be given to students who have read the most in each class and also the class who has read the most books. Finding out who has read the most will be done by students filling in book logs or by charts in the classroom.

Happy reading to all and have a great year.



**Cst. Robin Cameron Education Complex
Severe/Cold Weather Policy**



Beardy's Education has reviewed the Policies pertaining to the School Busses and their scheduled routes in the event of severe or cold weather. The revised policy is as follows:

Temperature -45 or Lower:

- o Beardy's & Okemasis Bus Drivers WILL NOT make their normal bus runs
- o Schools WILL NOT be open and Staff & Students WILL NOT be required to come in on these days

Temperatures -40C or Lower (with or without wind-chills):

- o Beardy's & Okemasis Bus Drivers WILL NOT make their normal bus runs
- o Schools will remain open and students will still be able to attend school providing that the Parent and/or Guardian is able to drop-off and pick the student up on these days

Temperatures ranging from -35C to -39C:

- o Beardy's & Okemasis Bus Drivers will start their bus runs two hours later than usual and only providing temperatures and/or weather does not worsen for these days

Please listen for Severe/Cold Weather Announcements – Updates as they pertain to the Beardy's & Okemasis Bus Runs on:

*FM Radio - MBC 88.1
AM Radio - CJWW 600 and/or CKBI 900*

Temperature information will be based on information gathered from the Prince Albert and area Forecasts. The Coordinator of Student Services in consultation with the Education Director, School Principals and Bus Drivers will monitor temperatures and road conditions at 7:00am each morning and make a decision based on all of the information gathered. The Coordinator of Student Services will be responsible to provide any findings to the Drivers and/or above mentioned Radio Stations; it is the responsibility of the Bus Drivers to inform all families on their respective routes of any findings

Parents and/or Guardians may check in with the Principal of their children's school(s), or Education Offices to find out whether there will be any Busses running before or after school.

Cst Robin Cameron Education Complex: 467-4448
Beardy's Memorial Elementary: 467-2263
Education Offices: 467-4441



Parents

**On days when cold weather policy is in effect,
please make sure students do not walk to school
as frost bites take minutes.**

January 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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4	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Bingo	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 Bingo	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Last day of classes Semester #1</i>	27 Period #1 Final (am) Period #2 Final (pm)	28 Bingo Period #3 Final (am) Period #4 Final (pm)	29 Period #5 Final (am)	30	31



