



CONKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear students, parents, Kookums and Mooshums,

Tansi!

Welcome Back!!!



Happy New Year or if you are part Ukrainian like me Merry Christmas. Welcome back to the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. I really enjoyed the Christmas feast and Christmas Concert. It was a treat! A huge thank you to Statoil for sponsoring Quest Theatre from Calgary who helped produce our Christmas Concert.

Beaver Volunteer

During the 13 years I was in Fort Providence, the school always accessed a program through the Frontiers Foundation called Operation Beaver. They provide volunteers from around the world to help with education or housing in Northern Canada. They made a huge difference at Deh Gah School. A few of the local school board members remembered the Beaver Volunteers who were in the community many years ago to help with housing so they approved my request to access this program.

So on Monday, we welcome Miss Olivia Loccisano who will be assisting in the junior high class in the morning and the grade 4 to 6 and the junior high class in the afternoon. More information about Miss Olivia will be placed on our website and in the next newsletter after she arrives. Please welcome her when you see her.

School Website

Please visit our school website www.conklincommunityschool.ca for up to date school news and latest photos of our students at work and at play.

Energize Oil Country

Each class in our school has entered a 10 week challenge called **Energize Oil Country**, to be physically active for a least 60 minutes each day for a chance to win an all-expense trip to see the Edmonton Oilers play at Rexall Place. **This contest is sponsored by the Edmonton Oilers and Cenovus.** While the students are at school, they get at least 60 minutes a day of physical activity. But for Saturday and Sunday, and no school days, we are asking the community to get their children moving and active for one hour each day by going for walks, organizing sliding or skating parties, playing outside and so on. The goal is to get the kids off the couch and away from the video screens to lead healthy active lives. Each week, students complete "energy logs" and I submit the results to the contest. More info to follow.



Healthy Relationships

Starting next week for junior high students who have parental permission, Tammy Lockyer who is Family Violence Specialist, will be working with these students to develop healthy, positive relationships through a program called the Fourth R Healthy Relationships Plus Program. The program lasts 15 weeks. She will be here every Wednesday afternoon to work with our students. This program was chosen because it addresses the bullying issues the school is experiencing plus much, much more. More info will be attached to the students consent forms that will be sent home today.

While Tammy is here or any other adult who is helping our students, it is expected that the students demonstrate fairness, safety, participation, teamwork and fun always last!

We are still looking at other programs and strategies for the younger students.

Attendance, Awards and Early Dismissal

The school continues to do well with attendance with only one month out of four slightly below 90%. The other months are between 92 and 95%!!! **Way to go Conklin!** As always, we celebrate this success and others with our monthly assembly tomorrow at 11:30am in the school gym. Please join us and honour our students. **After lunch on that same day, there will be early dismissal at 12:15pm** so staff can have their monthly staff meeting.



At the end of each month, all grade 9 to 12 students in Northland School Division who attended school 90% or better are entered into a monthly draw for a \$50 gift card. Congratulations Jacob Deranger for being selected this past month. Way to stay in school!

Any questions or you want to chat over a cup of coffee or tea, please stop by the school and say hi!

Mahsi!

Mr. Carson, Principal

Important Dates:

Friday January 8 – Awards Assembly – 11:30 am – Please join us!

Friday January 8 – Early Dismissal – 12:15 pm – Staff Meeting

Friday January 22 – No Classes – Staff PD

Wednesday February 10 to Friday February 12 – No School – Teachers Conference

Monday February 15 – No School – Family Day