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NAKASUK NEWS

March 14, 2014

Important School Dates:

March 19th - Scholastic Book Fair for Students (9:00 AM - 3:45 PM)

March 20th - Scholastic Book Fair for Parents / Guardians / Community Members
(8:30 AM – 3:30 PM)

**March 20, 2014 - Report Card Day: Student / Parent / Teacher Interviews
(No School for Students)**

*** Please contact Taqialoo Garson, Secretary, at 979-5335 to make a
Teacher appointment and collect the Report Card.**

March 21st – No School for Students in the Afternoon: Staff Professional Development

March 22nd – John Sands Interschool Speed Skating Meet – 8:80 AM – 10:30 AM AWG Arena
(Sponsored by the Iqaluit Speed Skating Club and Speed Skating Nunavut)

March 24 & 25th – Heirloom Portraits for Kindergarten & Grade 5 Student Graduation Photos

March 27th – Nakasuk Parent Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM All Parents / Guardians Welcome!

April 5th – Nakasuk Choir Performance / Community Choral Festival (7:00PM Inuksuk High School)

April 7th – 11th – Staff QSO Professional Development Days – No School for Students

April 14th – 21th – Spring Break – No School for Students or Staff

May – On the Land Excursions (Specific dates to be announced)

May 19th – Victoria Day / Statutory Holiday – No School for Students or Staff

May 28th & 29th – School Musical Performances “There’s A Monster in My Closet” – 6:30 PM

June 8th – Kindergarten Graduation – 2:00 PM

June 10th – Grade 5 Graduation – 6:30 PM

June 18th – Sports Day

June 21st – Nakasuk Drum Dancers perform in National Aboriginal Day Concert (Alianait)

June 24th – Last day of school for students; Report Cards go home

June 25th – Last day of school for teachers

**For a complete listing of Calendar dates, information and more Good News Features, visit
the IDEA Website at:**

<http://www.iqaluitdistricteducationauthority.com/nakasuk-school-blog.html>

Good News Feature: INUKTITUT LANGUAGE WEEK AT NAKASUK!

The Territory of Nunavut recently completed a two week long celebration of Inuit Languages. It was an opportunity to learn and appreciate the history, use, status, importance and diversity of Inuktitut across our Territory. The theme was "Our Language Keeps Our Culture Strong."

We celebrated Inuktitut during Inuit Language Week in Nunavut. The week provided us with an opportunity to further enhance Cultural and Inuktitut curriculum outcomes. The Nakasuk School Inuktitut Literacy Committee organized various events for Students, Staff, Parents / Guardians, and Partners in Education. The students had an opportunity to learn and collaborate with students at different grade levels. It was gratifying to observe their smiling faces and witness their pride when they successfully accomplished a task or demonstrated a particular skill! It was a fun week and a positive promotion of Inuit cultural and societal values!

We thank all participants for their exceptional efforts, and, we thank the Inuktitut Literacy Committee Members (left to right, are): Susan Tigullaraq (Student Support Teacher); Annie Petaulassie (Gr.2 Teacher); Ooloota Maatiusi (Nakasuk School Elder); Lorna Kalluk (Student Support Assistant); Leeveena Nuyalia (Vice-Principal / Committee Chair); Muatee Maatiusi (Gr.3 Teacher); Caroline Alariaq (Gr.4 Teacher); and Valerie Idlout (Gr.1 Teacher-abs. from photo).

Some of the Inuktitut Literacy Activities were:

- Students read stories over the school Public Address System in Inuktitut.
- Parents / Guardians / Community Members / Guests read stories to classes.
- Buddy Reading: Inuktitut readers read stories with English readers.
- Inuktitut Book Making and Imilluqta (Wind Makers)
- Traditional Inuit Children's Games: Nulluqtaq (celebratory game); Ajagaq (Bone Game); and Nakataq (game to develop eye / hand coordination)
- Story Telling with Elders
- School wide DPA (Daily Physical Activity) event where students learned traditional songs / dancing such as Quluppaijuusi.

The attached photos are from some of the activities that took place during the week.



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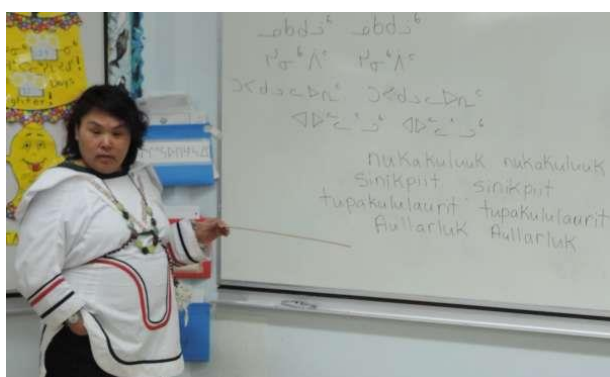




New Book Donations for Us!



Inuit Games!





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Volunteers Welcome!

At Nakasuk School, we offer a variety of programs and extra-curricular activities to enhance core curriculum delivery. We believe that it is essential to acknowledge all areas of a child's growth and development; including their intellectual development, their physical, social, and emotional well-being.

If you are interested in volunteering throughout the school day and / or assisting Teachers with extra-curricular activities, please inform your child's Homeroom Teacher or contact the Principal / Vice-Principal at 979-5335.

Listed here are some of the activities that may be of interest to you:

Activity	Contact
After School Sports (Grades 3-5)	Cassandra Young – Physical Education Teacher
Drama Club / School Musical (Grades 3-5)	Kelly Esford – Director – Grade 5 Teacher Shannon Richardson – Grade 4 Teacher
Nakasuk Choir (Grades 2-5)	Marlene Letkeman – Director Amanda Kerton - Director
Mind and Body After School Program (Grades 3-5)	Christa Kunuk - Director
Breakfast / Lunch / Snack Program (All Grades)	Christa Kunuk / Cathy Welsh / Susan Tigullaraq
Spirit Team Committee (Gr. 4 & 5 Students)	Grade 4 & 5 Students & Teachers
Skating Program (Grades 1-5)	Child's Homeroom Teacher
On the Land Program (All Grades)	Leeveena Nuyalia / Keith Oqallak
Science Fair (Grade 4-5)	Grade 4 / 5 Teachers
School Library	Jessica Theriault
Drop the Pop Week (All Grades)	Cassandra Young
Nakasuk Literacy Events	Leeveena Nuyalia – Chair Person Marlene Letkeman – Chair Person
Tae Kwon Do After School Program (Grade 5)	Joanne Peters
Amanda Kerton's Grade 2 Sewing Club	Amanda Kerton
Bridge Building (NAPEG Science Program) (Grade 5)	Charlene Maerzluft / Kelly Esford
Grade 4 / 5 Leadership Program	Grade 4 / 5 Teachers
Elders Program (All Grades)	Leeveena Nuyalia / Rosemary Twerdin / Jeannie Sagiatook / Muatee Maatusi
Inuktitut Language Club (Grades 1-5)	Caroline Alariaq

*Please note: After School activities will be cancelled if temperatures exceed -35° C.

In addition, you may volunteer in your child's classroom. Daily activities are:

- Reading one-on-one with a child
- Assisting during DPA (Daily Physical Activity)
- Working with students at Learning Centres
- Assisting Homeroom Teachers with preparation (photocopying / laminating / resource organization etc.)

Throughout the year, you may be interested in assisting in the preparation for special events:

- On the Land Program
- Elders Program
- Fundraising Events
- Proposal Writing
- Spirit Days
- Christmas Concert
- School Musical
- Graduation Events
- Other events as they may arise



We sincerely thank our Parents / Guardians and Partners in Education for their genuine interest in our students and support of programming and curriculum initiatives at Nakasuk School!

