

WINTER IS ON THE WAY



Well this is the part of the year when we are deepest into study. The Centre is full. We have a lot of students this year and they are sure an eager lot. You can almost hear the knowledge being absorbed. Contact North has students here during the day and some evenings are full to overflowing. The regular students are hard at it. They have had to make some serious adjustments this year. They have had to get used to a new teacher, which is hard after nine years with the same one. They have done well though. And we have the Job Readiness Program going on also. They are a young, lively bunch of young people that have added a new and pleasant dimension to our study area. It is interesting to see all the different age groups meshing together for the common purpose of learning. Notice how the days are getting shorter? Pretty soon it will be a blessing to sit inside and study.



FLU CLINICS

Monday, November 7: 2 to 7pm Golden Learning Centre

Tuesday, November 22: 2 to 7pm RLMPs

Wednesday, November 30: 4 to 7pm Cochenour Hall

EXCEL CLASSES

Excel classes are almost finished. We had a full class of eager learners, that did very well with their class. Excel is a spread sheet program that allows you to organize data, calculate mathematical functions, make decisions, graph data, and develop professional looking reports. It is very helpful in the workplace.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO) is a provincial literacy network of community based literacy agencies in Ontario. Their office is located in Barrie, Ontario. CLO was created in 1994 and incorporated in 1997, and is a membership organization serving 112 Anglophone community-based literacy-based literacy organizations in Ontario. Our Johanna White has just been elected to become one of their Executive Board Member. Our Congratulations to you Johanna.

WRITERS CORNER

We have a treat this month, one of the students from the Adult Learning Centre in Ear Falls, Heather Gamble, has written a poem and entered it to the "Poetry Institute of Canada". They called to tell her that she made it to the finals and it will be published in the book, "Island Dream". Needless to say, she is very excited and is very anxious to find out if she will win or not. Heather has been a student in Ear Falls since the Spring and is attempting to get her GED. It is a beautiful poem and she has given her permission for us to share it with you. Our warmest congratulations go out to Heather for such a beautiful poem and keep up the good work.

Empty Space

As night slips over me
I miss you more
In daylight I can surround myself
With things, jobs or people
But in the still quiet that is night
Memories haunt me
Or I turn to tell you something
But all I see is an empty space
Where you should be.

I talk to friends or Kit but it's not the same
I can't share what's been going on
Or laugh about the stupid things people do
My Star Wars pal is gone and I can't share
That final piece of the puzzle
I bought the soundtrack but it's bittersweet

You're not here to enjoy it with me.

Tears fall, the loneliness creeps into my soul
My best friend is lost to me, taken on her
next journey
And I can't follow you to that place
I know you're okay, no pain haunts your
steps now
But now I must walk alone taking my first
steps
In my new journey into womanhood

.....Heather Gamble

SIMPLY ACCOUNTING COURSE

Our Simply Accounting Course will start on November 7th and it booked up very quickly. We have had more people sign up to a waiting list, so it will probably be taught again in the Spring. Anyone interested in taking any of the computer courses should call us with their needs so that we can plan on more courses. Call 727-3027 and get your name on the waiting list and we will call you as soon as that course becomes available.

Tact is rubbing out another's
mistake instead of rubbing it in.
.....Farmer's Almanac

RECIPE CORNER

Chicken Stew and Dumplings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 1 teaspoon salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 large carrots, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 5 large potatoes, peeled and chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Put chicken pieces in a large pot over medium heat, and add enough water to cover 3 inches over the chicken. Add the salt, celery, pepper, carrots, celery and potatoes. Bring to a boil and let simmer for 40 minutes.

You can add dumplings now.

With a wire whisk, mix together about 1 1/2 cups of water with the flour, then add flour mixture to the soup pot until the broth has the consistency of gravy. Dig in and enjoy the meal!

MEANINGFUN MONDAYS

This program starts on November 14th. It is for parents and their children. Each child must be accompanied by his or her mom or dad. We will have a craft or a game and then we will help to prepare a snack and while we are enjoying our snack, we will hear a story by a celebrity story teller.

It will start at 5:30pm and go till 7:30pm and promises to be a very good time.

GENEALOGY COURSE

This course will be starting on November 8th and will run every Tuesday for the rest of November. It is a very interesting course and is being taught by Carol Smith. There are still a few seats available in this course. It is \$40.00. Genealogy strengthens family ties, and personalizes history and geography. You can learn about your medical inheritance and create a legacy for your descendants.

Trying to understand is like straining through muddy water. Be still and allow the mud to settle.

JOB READINESS PROGRAM

We are having great fun, learning new skills and meeting new people. We are running with a steady 12 students. They have been learning a lot of great things. The community support has been great. We have asked for speakers to come to our building for presentations and they have all been so obliging. We have gone out for job tours and presentations and everyone has been so helpful.

They have developed some very positive team work amongst themselves, encouraging each other and opening up to one another. Some very strong friendships have developed.

We have had speakers in discussing self esteem and body image. Others have given us tips on resumes and job searching. Still others have given us help with information on small businesses and apprenticeship.

We have had tours with the OPP, Red Lake Salvage and the Recreation Centre.

The students have taken their Smart Serve and arrangements are being made for First Aid and CPR and WHIMIS.

They are even beginning to squeeze in some volunteer work within the community.

It has been so nice to have them in our building on a daily basis. Keep up the good work, students.

VETERAN'S DAY

Veteran's Day is celebrated on November 11th in honour of those that have served in the armed force in the United States and Canada. It is a legal holiday. Armistice Day was chosen by President Woodrow Wilson because the Armistice ending World War I was signed on this date in 1918. The name of this day was changed to Veteran's Day in 1954 so that all soldiers could be honoured.

The poppy is worn to honour the soldiers that died in all the wars. This bright red flower grows wild in the fields where so many soldiers died and were buried. It was artificially made and sold on "Poppy Day" to raise money for the dead soldiers' families.



If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.

.....*Chinese Proverb*