

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS OF FORT LIARD

Echo Dene School students Trey Timbre and Brent Kotchea have been busy at school this year, especially when it comes to shop class.

With the help of their shop teacher, Phillip Meaney, Trey and Brent have learned to fashion souvenir pens. The young men were having such success with their newly learned craft that they had an idea: why not

sell the pens? So they took their idea to Acho Dene Native Crafts and staff there agreed.

Each pen is made from scratch with diamond willow from the community and labeled however the buyer would like. Pens are for sale at the craft store and printed with Fort Liard, NT as a souvenir, however Trey and Brent are more than happy to take orders on their

pens and will personalize them however the buyer wishes.

It is nice to see local work by young artists on display. The pens are expected to be popular with tourists as a souvenir and these young men are more than happy to receive monetary recognition for their newly learned craft.



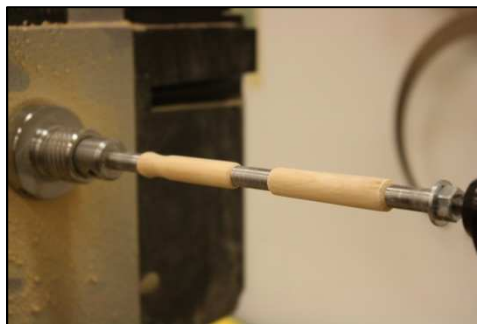
Diamond willow pieces are formed into blocks, then drilled through the middle for the



Brent Kotchea prepares a block for the lathe using a drill press.



Trey Timbre uses a lathe to shape his blocks of wood to the shape of a pen



Above, from left: Trey Timbre transfers print to the pen using a wood-burning tool; Brent Kotchea tries a new design for his pen; Trey Timbre with his finished pen.

From far left: Brent Kotchea with his finished pen; pens for sale on display at Acho Dene Native Crafts.

# TAKE NOTE...

*Birthday Greetings... May 19<sup>th</sup>*



*Happy Birthday to Donny Bertrand!  
May you enjoy your special day.  
Wish you all the best.*

*With love always Loretta and Dawn*



RECREATIONAL MIXED VOLLEYBALL  
FOR AGES 17 AND OVER

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
8:30 TO 10:00 PM AT THE SCHOOL  
GYM. NEED INFO?  
TALK TO CHERYL BERTRAND.

The Library is open at the Echo Dene School, five days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30 to 7:00 PM and on Saturday from 12:00 till 5:00 PM. Come in and see how easy it is to find that Book!

The Library's Authors of the Month are Robert Munsch and Robert Muchamore. Jamie and Kathy have been busy shelving new books and there is quite an assortment: Plant Identification Books, Wild Meat cooking, Graphic Novels. We have books by Blondin, and Fumoleau so whether you are looking for a novel, mystery or historical references, we will be happy to assist you. Free internet access is available. Come on in!

If you have an interest in the Library and would like to contribute to its growth or direction please come in. Your help and support is needed to make it Your Library.

## playtime for preschoolers

at the community hall  
every Tuesday and  
Thursday 2:30 p.m.



Moms, Dads and Grandparents..come out  
with your child...ages 1 to 4 welcome.

Lots of fun stuff for the kids to play with!

Preschool teachers will be there with Children  
from the preschool.



Aurora College

Fort Liard Community Learning Center

### Congratulations Aurora College Adult Learners

Recently, the Adult Basic Education program finished with six successful students. Congratulations Kristen Kotchea, Edwin Isaiah, Linda Duntra, Karen McLeod, Stacey and Jonathan Buckley. On May 5, 22 family and friends of the students attended a dinner to celebrate their accomplishments. Great work students!

# THE WORD FROM THE FIRE HALL

## Smoke Signals

Upcoming training and workshops this summer:

### Fire Extinguisher Training and BBQ

We will be conducting Fire Extinguisher training later this summer. We don't often get an opportunity to use a Fire Extinguisher, would you know what to do if you had to? Call the Fire Hall for more information.

### Cold Water Boot Camp and BBQ Part 2 in June

Last summer we had a workshop where you could learn how to save your own life if you fell in the water. We will be having this workshop again. You can win a Life Jacket, boating safety kits; learn to save your own life. Sounds like a great deal to me.

## Helmets

Far too many kids don't wear a helmet while bike riding. If you have a child with a bike he should be wearing a Bike Helmet that fits well. If you have a bike helmet that doesn't fit your child give it to someone who it will fit. Watch for posters.

### S.A.F.E. Smoke Alarms for Everyone

The Fire Department will be working hard to make sure you have a new working Smoke Detector in your house. If we missed you please call the Fire Department 770-4104 and let us know. You can also pick up a Smoke Detector at the Fire Hall.

**Remember Smoke Alarms are a sound you can live with!**

If you have ever thought of joining the Fort Liard Fire Department, Call Robert 770-4104 come down to the Fire Hall and have a coffee . All we ask is you to be a minimum of 18 years of age, male or female, and willing. We will take care of the rest.

## Mahsi



Fort Liard Fire Hall, photo by Dylan Steeves

# SOCCER SUCCESS!!



Fort Liard U19 Boys team (with players from Resolution and Providence) and coach Dustin Hope

## 'Rock Around the Clock' Soccer Tournament in Grande Prairie

From April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19 soccer players, 2 coaches and 3 chaperones travelled to Grand Prairie to play soccer at all hours of the day and night! Our boys and girls in the U12 and U14 categories played on the Fort Simpson teams and our U16 and U19 teams had players join their teams from Fort Simpson, Fort Resolution and Fort Providence. All Fort Liard players made us proud by putting in their best effort in every game and improving playing skills dramatically over the course of the tournament. The girls U12 team won the silver medal and U14 girls won the bronze medal! WELL DONE EVERYONE. You represented your community and school very well with your good sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

**Mahsi Cho to coaches Jamie and Dustin and to chaperones Collin and Christine.**

# ROAD SAFETY WEEK



**Canada Road Safety Week**  
**May 16 – 23, 2011**

By working together, we can ensure that:

- Drivers are sober and alert
- Occupants are buckled up and children are properly secured
- Aggressive drivers are stopped
- Drivers are not distracted behind the wheel

Transport Canada / Transports Canada

## SAVING LIVES DURING CANADA ROAD SAFETY WEEK

May 16 - 23, 2011 will mark Canada Road Safety Week, a national campaign to make Canada's roads the safest in the world.

This week has been strategically chosen, as it is the first "summer" long weekend. More people are traveling and traffic collisions are more frequent. Police vehicles will be stationed at key locations in and around Fort Liard to remind people that safe driving habits save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways.

The focus during Canada Road Safety Week will be on behaviours that reduce risks for drivers, passengers and other road users: sober and alert driving, seat belt use, and refraining from all aspects of aggressive driving. All enforcement agencies across the country have been invited to participate.

Anyone can become a victim of unsafe driving --- whether by direct involvement or when a loved one is affected. Police agencies across the country are collaborating on this project because they have seen this kind of devastation, and because

they know that the involvement of the driving public is essential to achieve safer streets and highways.

Canada Road Safety Week is sponsored by Transport Canada and endorsed by police and is part of "Road Safety Strategy 2015", which has a goal of making Canada's roads the safest in the world and is the replacement strategy for the previous 10 year plan known as "Road Safety Vision 2010".

**For further information or questions please contact: The Fort Liard RCMP Detachment 867-770-1111**

## SCENES OF BREAK-UP



# SINCERE THANKS

*The Beauty of the trees, the softness of the air,*

*The fragrance of the grass, speaks to me.*

*The summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky,*

*The rhythm of the river, speaks to me.*

*The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning,*

*The dewdrop on the flower, speaks to me.*

*The strength of the fire, the taste of fish, the trail of the sun,*

*And the life that never goes away, they speak to me and my heart soars.*

Poem by Chief DAN GEORGE

These verses are depicted on all the drawings by NEIL KOTCHEA and are seen at the Community Centre, Hamlet/ADK Offices. This is a part of NEIL we see and he is an inspiration for us all in his caring attitude for this community and being proud to live here. We finally have a Youth who takes the initiative to clean up voluntarily, the main street which is wonderful to see and makes us proud to have him in the community.

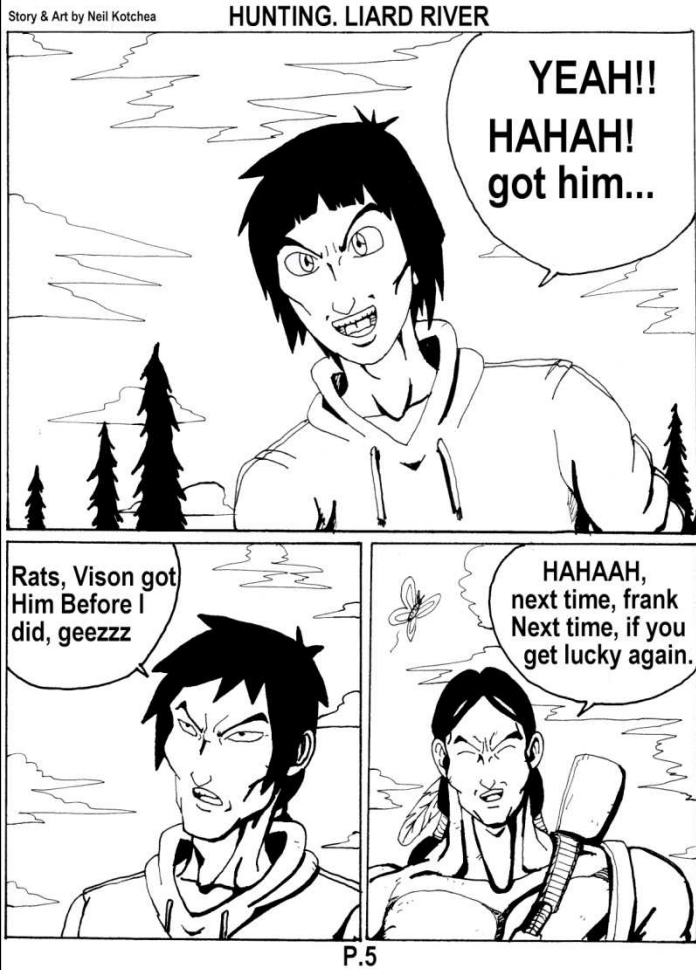
The people who throw garbage on the ground after Neil's hard work should be ashamed of themselves.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge him on his hard work and he should be PROUD of who he has become and don't let anyone tell him otherwise. At least he is attempting to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

**NEIL KOTCHEA, THANK YOU FOR CARING AND BEING CONCERNED FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND DOING THE CLEAN-UP. YOU ARE AN EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL AND A GREAT ROLE MODEL TO ALL THE YOUTHS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**THANK YOU NEIL FOR A JOB WELL DONE...**

Community members;  
ANGUS MCLEOD AND IRENE MCLEOD



## THE RCMP NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE!

In the last 2 months 3 vehicles have been vandalized by scratching or sustaining broken windows. The RCMP are asking the public to bring forward any information in regards to these events.

The cost of insurance is high and the persons who own these vehicles will have to cover all the costs unless we can locate the subjects responsible.

Acho Dene Koe Vehicle – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011: broken window

Private Vehicle – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011: scratching of paint

Private Vehicle – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011: scratching of paint

All tips are welcome.

Call the Fort Liard RCMP @ 770-1111

Sincerely,  
Cpl Minty

On August 29, 2010, RCMP in Fort Liard recovered an improvised explosive device that had been located in a playground.

Fort Liard RCMP are conducting an extensive investigation and are requesting the assistance from the public; should anyone have any information in regard to this matter, please contact Crime Stoppers or the Fort Liard RCMP.

**Crime Stoppers Contact Number: 1-800-333-000**  
**Fort Liard RCMP Contact Number: (867)-770-1111**



*Keep an eye out for  
news on the  
upcoming Bike  
Rodeo!!*

## ATTENTION ATV OPERATORS

The Fort Liard RCMP Detachment would like to remind ATV operators that if you operate an ATV on the roadways in Fort Liard or on the Highway you must comply with the following regulations set out in the **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ACT**:

- Your ATV must have a working white headlight and a working red brake light
- The operator has to be **14 Years old** or older
- The operator and the passenger must wear helmets and the chin straps must be securely fastened
- No more than **TWO** people can be on the ATV
- Your ATV has to be registered (license plate must be attached to the ATV)
- You must have valid insurance on your ATV

The RCMP will be doing traffic stops on ATVs throughout the summer. People found not following these regulations will be issued an offence ticket. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Fort Liard RCMP Detachment 867-770-1111.

Thank you



**You** wouldn't **forget** your pants...  
So **don't** forget a **helmet**.

This message is  
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the Fort Liard Fire  
Department

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# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

*Students who maintain a high level of attendance at school are recognized every month at an assembly. Next month's assembly will be on the afternoon of **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** to recognize those students who had a high attendance for the month of May. Parents are encouraged to attend!!*

## ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION for MARCH

### K/1 Class



### Gr. 5

Brandon Hardisty 100%

### Gr. 9/10

Emily Amprako 100%  
Tina Klondike 100%  
Brent Kotchea 97%

### Gr. 1/2

Chantel McLeod 100%  
Jackson Yeadon 100%  
Ava Yeo 100%  
Briann Nelson 97%

### Gr. 6/7

Collin Needlay 100%  
Camilla Bertrand 95%

### Gr. 11/12

Collin Needlay 100%  
Camilla Bertrand 95%

### Gr. 3/4

Leona Berreault 100%  
Meghan Yeo 100%  
Charlene Bertrand 100%  
Mikala McLeod 100%  
Wyatt McLeod-Gargan 100%  
Dallas Sassie 100%  
Holly Fantasque 97%

### Gr. 8

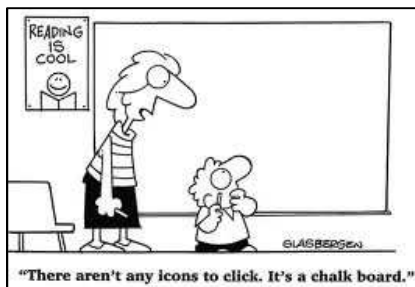
Alinda Edda 97%

**TOTAL = 16 STUDENTS**

## ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION for APRIL

### K/1 Class

Elizabeth Nelson 100%



### Gr. 5

Brandon Hardisty 100%  
Dylan Steeves 100%

### Gr. 9/10

Darla Sassie 100%  
Patricia Duntra 100%  
Emily Amprako 95%

### Gr. 1/2

Chantel McLeod 100%  
Keanna McLeod 100%  
Ava Yeo 100%  
Briann Nelson 100%  
Matthew Wezelman 100%  
Nathaniel Yeo 100%  
Logan Hardisty 95%

### Gr. 6/7

Keith Nelson 97%  
Nathaniel Lomen 95%  
Selena Lomen 95%  
James Duntra 95%

**TOTAL = 30 STUDENTS**

### Gr. 3/4

Leona Berreault 100%  
Meghan Yeo 100%  
Charlene Bertrand 100%  
Mikala McLeod 100%  
Wyatt McLeod-Gargan 100%  
Dallas Sassie 100%  
Angus Capot-Blanc 100%  
Sherina Capot-Blanc 100%  
Jordan Hikmak-Nelson 100%  
Hailey Sassie 100%  
Megan Steeves 100%

### Gr. 8

Briant Kotchea 100%  
Alinda Edda 100%