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Parents gather to form Parent-Teacher Association

The second meeting of the Fond du Lac Ojibway School Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.) was scheduled for November 9, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

During the first meeting, October 17, parents discussed several concerns. One of the goals of the P.T.A. will be to build a positive image of the school. This will be done through monthly newsletters, stories in the Pine Knot and by word-of-mouth.

Parental involvement in their child's education was also discussed. Parents are needed to encourage students to attend regularly, complete homework

assignments, and provide input to teachers.

Principal Phil Minkkinen was available to answer questions about the teacher mentorship program, cultural education, standardized test scores and plans for a new school building.

If parents have any questions, concerns or need a ride to the next meeting, please call one of the following:

Patty Baker - 879-5016,
Sandi Savage - 879-0157,
Beverly Hale - 879-2105,
Loni Cran-Hovis - 384-3867.

Governor Perpich visits Ojibway School

Many distinguished guests, including Governor Rudy Perpich, visited the Ojibway School on September 30.

A special luncheon was served at the FDL gymnasium for the Governor and representatives from school boards and school administrations from around Northeastern Minnesota.

Environmental program awards were presented to several schools including the Ojibway School.

The Governor also presented poster contest awards to eight Ojibway School students. They were Anajanette Kingbird and Jean Skinaway, 12th grade; Mel Diver, 9th grade; Lori Northrup, 8th grade; Janelle Sam, 6th grade; Victor Kennedy, 4th grade, and Fellicia Martineau and Fawn McMillen, 1st grade.

The Student Council and their advisor, Mary Cane, had an opportunity to meet the Governor, too, as did several fifth, sixth, and seventh graders who helped with a clean-up project along the St. Louis River.

Tobacco-Free, Detention Policies

In order to keep you informed of school policies, this newsletter will highlight certain rules each issue. This month the Tobacco-Free and Detention Policies will be discussed.

TOBACCO FREE

The FDL Ojibway School is a tobacco-free facility. No smoking or use of any tobacco product is allowed on the main school campus or at the gymnasium.

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From the Principal

by Phil Minkinen

I hope you enjoy the first edition of our monthly newsletter. This task has been assigned to a teacher, Becky Philipsek, who has extensive newspaper background, so I am certain that you will be receiving the newsletter monthly.

The first quarter has raced past us. Report cards will be out the week of November 7th. Details for the Parent-Teacher conferences will be sent to you with the report cards.

As I am sure you all know by now, we began an elementary school this fall. There are over 90 students enrolled. Because this is so new to us and some of the materials have not arrived yet, not everything is as smooth as it will be when all the materials are received. We are hiring aides for all the elementary classrooms very soon. Please do not get impatient with us yet. Things are coming together.

The Headstart Program has now become part of the Ojibway School. This change will allow us to better

coordinate the curriculum between the Headstart and the kindergarten, plus enable students to make a smoother transition from Headstart to kindergarten.

We administered standardized achievement tests last week to all students in grades 2 through 12. The tests we give are the California Achievement Tests published by McGraw-Hill. The test scores are used to identify problems your children may have in academic areas. They are also used to identify areas in the curriculum that may need to be examined. A report of how your child did on these tests will be sent to you when the results are received by us. This usually takes from four to six weeks. These tests are administered again in the spring.

I hope that all of you will have the time to visit the school sometime in the near future. With the addition of the elementary school, it is a very busy place. It has also changed a great deal. I invite you all to visit us whenever you have the time.

INTRODUCING: Early Childhood, Elementary Staff

We feel it is important for parents to know the staff of the Ojibway School so we'll introduce a few members in each newsletter.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

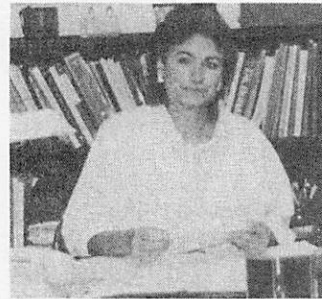
Cathie Hyopponen is the coordinator of the new Early Childhood Program.

This program works with children from birth to 6 years of age. Cathie works extensively with the Headstart program, but also makes home visits.

She has many activities and toys that parents may use in their homes to help prepare their children for future learning.

One of the most important functions of this program is to provide pre-school screening for three- and four-year-olds to help prepare them for kindergarten.

Any parents interested in receiving this service should feel



Cathie



Charlotte

free to call Cathie at the School.

Cathie went to school at Bemidji State University and the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She is currently working on her masters in education at UMD.

KINDERGARTEN

FDL's 21 kindergarteners are taught by Charlotte Northrup Armajo.

Charlotte went to school at the University of Minnesota.

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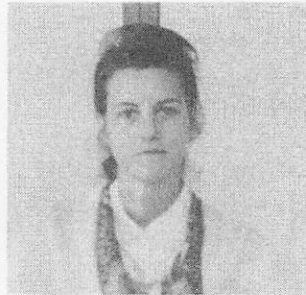
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Duluth. Though a FDL enrollee, she taught for four years in Wyoming. She decided it was time to come home to where her family is located.

She resides in Cloquet with her husband and four (soon to be five) children.



Mindy



Lisa

FIRST/SECOND GRADES

Mindy Crowley has 16 first graders and 4 second graders in her combined classroom.

Mindy graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth in elementary education with a coaching certificate. She taught kindergarten and second graders at Nettleton in Duluth before coming to FDL.

Her curriculum places a heavy emphasis on reading and math, accented with sign language, science, social studies and history. She also is working on personal relationships between students.

Her special class activities have included a field trip to the fire department and a visit from the Duluth Zoo.

THIRD/FOURTH GRADES

Lisa Pincombe is the third and fourth grade teacher. Currently there are 11 third graders and 13 fourth graders.

She received her degree in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin, Superior. Her student teaching experiences included 6 weeks in a kindergarten room and 6 weeks with third graders.

After graduation, she substitute taught in the Duluth

School District for four months.

While in college, Lisa specialized in reading. She hopes to emphasize comprehension strategies and their use in all areas of the curriculum.

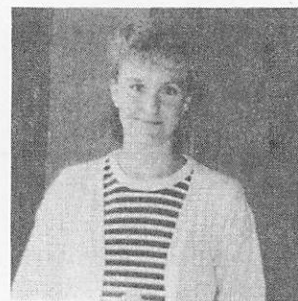
Lisa is married and resides in Duluth.

FIFTH/SIXTH GRADES

The fifth and sixth graders are taught by Chris Fairbanks Dickinson. There are 10 fifth graders and fifteen sixth graders.

Chris, a White Earth enrollee, grew up in Bemidji. She earned her degree in elementary education from Bemidji State University.

Chris feels there is a need to strengthen her students' basic skills. She hopes to integrate writing across the curriculum and develop a real interest in reading.



Kaye



Chris

CHAPTER I

Kaye Wohlwend is the elementary Chapter I teacher.

The Chapter I program provides special services for students who may need a little extra help. Kaye either assists students within the regular classroom or she works with them one-to-one in her classroom.

Kaye attended the University of North Dakota for four years and earned her degree in elementary education. She then went to Bemidji State University for one year for her kindergarten certificate.

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Basketball Schedules

GIRLS

NOVEMBER

15 Bug School Home 1 p.m.
17 Barnum Away 6 & 7:30
22 Cotton Home 6 & 7:30

DECEMBER

6 Two Harbors Home 6 & 7:30
15 Albrook Away 6 & 7:30
19 Floodwood Away 6 & 7:30

JANUARY

5 Albrook Home 6 & 7:30
6 White Earth Away
26 White Earth Home 1 p.m.

February

2 Nay Ah Shing Home 3 p.m.
7 Nay Ah Shing Home 3 p.m.
9 Bug School Away 1 p.m.
14 Nay Ah Shing Away 3 p.m.

BOYS

NOVEMBER

15 Bug School Home 1 p.m.
29 Finlayson (Scrim.) Home 5 p.m.

DECEMBER

13 Grand Marais Home 6 & 7:30
16 Finlayson Away 6 & 7:30
20 Cromwell Home 6 & 7:30

JANUARY

6 White Earth Away 1 p.m.
10 Heart/Earth Home 5 p.m.
17 Albrook Home 6 & 7:30
24 Floodwood Home 6 & 7:30
26 White Earth Home 1 p.m.
28 Heart of the Earth Away 5:00

FEBRUARY

2 Nay Ah Shing Home 3 p.m.
7 Nay Ah Shing Home 3 p.m.
9 Bug School Away 1 p.m.
14 Nay Ah Shing Away 3 p.m.
17 Grand Marais Away 6 & 7:30

Policies, continued

Students violating this rule will be placed in after-school detention for: 1st offense - 1 hour, 2nd offense - 2 hours, and 3rd offense - 3 hours.

DETENTION

After-school detention is used as a deterrent for unacceptable behavior. Individual teachers assign detention to students who are caught smoking, who are excessively late to class, for skipping class, or any other inappropriate behavior.

The student is informed of the detention and is required to stay after school from 3 to 4 p.m. each day until all assigned detention is served. In addition, the student will be prohibited from participating in any after-school activities until the detention hours are completed. This includes any trips, clubs, and athletics.

Students who fail to report to detention are assigned extra hours, and, after three skips, are suspended for one day.

Warriors gain experience

The FDL Warriors football team again competed in the Great Northern Conference. Although the team wasn't able to capture a win, the season was a real learning experience for the team's predominately young players.

Coach Joe Curran is already looking forward to next season. Players who return will have had between two and three years of actual game experience.

Volleyball team improves

The Ogichida volleyball team played an independent schedule that consisted of several scrimmages with Finlayson, Nay Ah Shing and Chelf Bug O Na Ge Shig School.

Sixteen girls competed on the team that was coached by art teacher Dale Sautbine. The girls had new uniforms and the gym was equipped with a new regulation net.

The girls drastically improved their skills and started to play like a team, Dale said.