

OJIBWE NEWS

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SEPT. '92 FOND DU LAC NEWS

The year is well underway, and our enrollment is substantially higher than last year. I would like to welcome all the returning Ojibwe students and the new students whom have joined us as well.

In addition to the new students at our school, we have also hired a number of new staff. I would like to welcome all the staff to our school as well and I hope we all have a most productive year.

A few changes have been made throughout the school, both in program and in staff duties. The changes were necessary because of the increase in enrollment. Listed are a few of those changes.

*Because we have over 40 students in our kindergarten program, it was necessary to run 2 classes. We have two teachers for each group: Steve Heikkila and Cynthia Carver Carlson, both excellent teachers! Cynthia also serves as our Early Childhood Special Education teacher for the 3-4 year olds. In the future, it may become necessary to make more changes within our kindergarten schedule. I will keep you informed in this area.

*Doug Ranthum is our new grade 3 teacher. It was necessary to divide grades 2 and 3 because of the large numbers. Melanie Strome is our grade 2 teacher and Mindy "J" is our grade 1 teacher.

*Chris Dickensen and Lisa Pincombe are our grades 4, 5 and 6 teachers. Chris and Lisa receive assistance from our chapter 1 aide Marcie Goodwyn, and Ramona Thompson, our classroom aid. Both aids, also assist all other elementary grades as well.

*Panji Gawbow teaches the Ojibwe language to students k-3. Panji also teaches a Drum and Dance class and offers the Ojibwe language as in an elective for students in high school.

*Sherri Root is our 7-12 Special Education teacher.

*Charlotte Hann is our k-6 elementary Special Education teacher.

*Catherine Gordon is our k-12 Special Education Aide.

*Darlene Enno is are new secondary communications teacher.

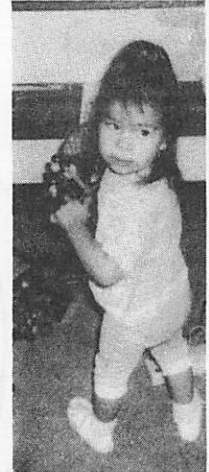
we have also hired a number of new people in our headstart program, including Julia Rennquist, May Houle, Judy Peterson and Amy Welsand. Grandparent volunteers include Mary Louise Villiard, Beatrice Welsand and Bill Otis. I would also like to thank the following volunteers for their effort over the last few weeks: Bruce Smith, Bob Omar, Annete Hilton and Sherri Lindquist; your assistance in the Head Start is more than appreciated.

The Ojibwe School is looking for parents/guardians who want to get involved with the school. If you have any interest in this area, please don't hesitate to call the school and ask me how you can help us. In the future reports of this newsletter I will ask and keep on asking for your involvement.

We are proud of what we have accomplished over the last few weeks and look forward to the rest of the school year. If you would like to share in our learning experience, please drop in on us anytime! Miigwetch.

By Mike Rabideaux

DAY-CARE CENTER



Day-Care Center

The Fond Du Lac Ojibway School has made a decision to have a Day-Care Center for the Teen parents.

The person who takes care of the little ones is Toni Fox. She was here last year, but graduated and I know some people miss her.

They only allow her to have three babies a day. The daily kids are Daimon James Reynolds belonging to Becky Reynolds, Clayton Leigh Ketteihut belonging to me, Richelle Mullen, and one more which hasn't came yet which is Heather Lynn Ojibway belonging to Karrie Smith. Cindy Defoe will also be bringing in Winona Marie Urrutia only sometimes though.

This program just started October 12th. They have some neat toys already and some really nice cribs. Cindy provided the babies with bumper pads for the cribs.

I thank the people who set the Day-Care Center up and hope it will be a success.





In our conversation with Sherri Root, our new elementary and secondary Special Education teacher, we found she had the answers to the following questions:

Q. What do you think of the Fon du Lac school?

A. I was in a bit in awe of its size when I heard it was K-12 school in such a small building. I also wondered how so few secondary and primary teachers could do a good job with such a large number of students.

Q. How about the students?

A. I've found the student body to be very cooperative and understanding. Many seem very interested in learning which makes my job as a teacher exciting.

Q. What do you think of the schedule?

A. The last two hours get a bit long for the classes which are mostly book-type learning (English, Math). It can also be great for more activities in the elective classes (Science, Art, P.E.) because the longer period of time allows for greater flexibility and lots of time for hands-on experience.



In this interview with Anna Defoe, the new I.S.S. supervisor, we asked her these questions.

Q. What do you think of the new school?

A. Sort of crowded for class space, but other wise the students seem to like the closeness of the surroundings.

Q. How about the students?

A. No comment. I only have the ones that need me, in I.S.S.

Q. What do you think of the schedule?

A. It should work, some of the later blocks are a little long, but they should survive.

More Comments About classes

Electives

Germain

Cindy Defoe Says" I like it."
Ausgezeichnet (great)

Hiedi Goodwin Says" It's alright."
Hiedi (Alexandria)
(Katja) Cindy

New Kids - New School

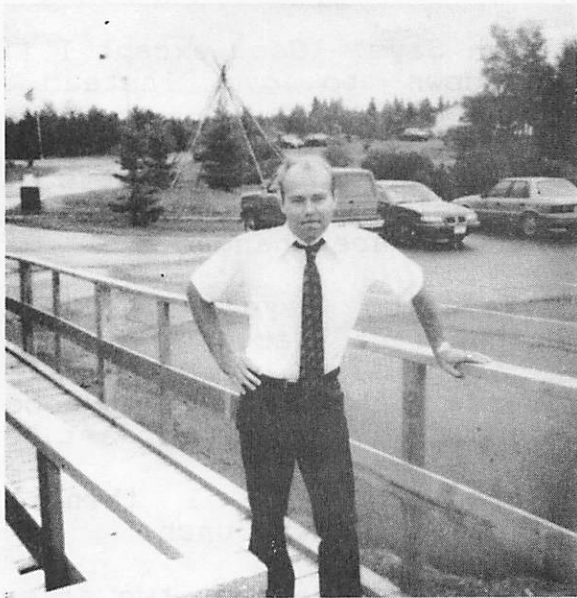
On September third, I surveyed a few of the new students, and came up with some interesting thoughts. For instance, one girl came to this school, who thought she would like to play volleyball and basketball. Now, she has already changed her mind about volleyball and is not quite sure about basketball yet. Quite Odd? I thought so, too.

As for the rest of the new students, they felt this is a pretty small school, and they all seemed to like that. They all felt the classes are interesting, and though they don't really know what a change our schedule is from last year, they don't seem to mind it. Most of our new friends hail from Duluth, one from Minneapolis, and some from other area schools.

Now to what I liked most about these students, they all seem to share the same opinion on one particular thing, how they like the their new friends and teachers, they all seem to like it here. I thought, "this is a good start." (so far) I also thought since the new kids are happy here, let's try our best to keep our new friends (and old friends .too) as happy as possible. lend a hand if they need any help, and they can tell their old friends back home about how great this small school turned out to be. maybe they'll come see for themselves, and before you know it, more students, bigger population, means we'll need a bigger and better school. By the time they start that idea again I'll be in college, but it would be nice to see new kids, and a bigger number of students, because these students are right....this is a nice school, and I think more Native American students should feel accepted by a new school, like these new ones have. Just a thought....

Tommy O.





In this interview with Mr. Heikkila, the new kindergarden teacher he answered these questions.

Q. What do think of the new school?

A. I am very happy to be teaching at this school. It's great to have grades pre-K-12 in one school.

Q. How about the students?

A. I have wonderful students. What I like best about teaching kindergarden is that they are always motivated to learn and try new things.

Q. What do you think of the schedule?

A. The school staff works well together. They have helped work out a schedule that is right for the needs of the kindergarden students.



Interview with Doreen Lynch-New phy-ed. teacher. How do you like our school? "I like it's different". Do you like our facility? "Don't like the casino being so close, but there's a nice size gym". Did you teach before you came to F.D.L.? "Yea, at Itaska Community College". So do like being a gym teacher? "Yea". About how many kids are in one class? "It varies from 20 to 30".

Anything changed

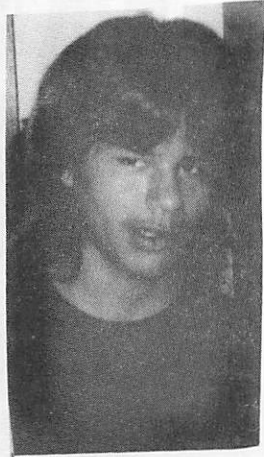
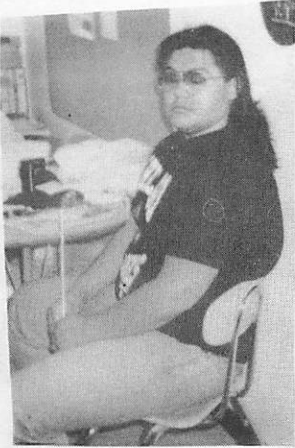
"For gym it needs more storage space." No room for anything. It would be nice to see a new school.

What classes do you have?

"Weight training, Seasonal Sports, 7th and 8th grade health...."

By

Melissa Diver



How do you like School?

Tony Smith Says" Good except I like walking down to gym instead of riding the bus."

Corena Whitecloud Says" It's fun it's probably more boring because the schedules are changed."

Jerry Reynolds Says" Fine. It's better than last year."

Cindy Defoe Says" It's pretty good I like the classes except for art."

Chey Thompson Says" I think we should have a longer lunch."

Mark Bird Says" The last two classes are to long."

Angie La Point Says" It' dumb."

Mike Peacock Says" It's confusing but more time to work."

Erik Gawbow Says" I don't like it. I espeacially don't like the long class."

Jay Smith Says" I like it. It would be nice to have longer breaks."

Peter Diver Says" It's sad having those long hours I don't like it. "

Tom Olson Says" It's pretty good." Dawn is in there."

Ojibwe Drum and dance

Azhibik Aubid Says " It's alright."

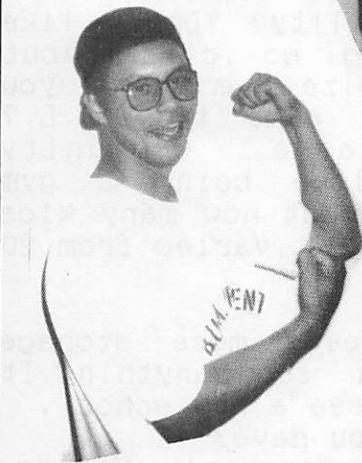
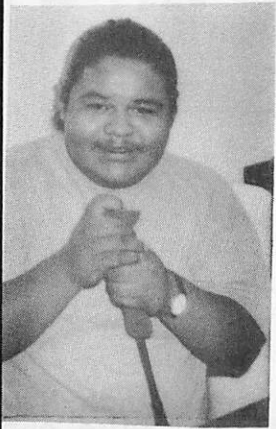
Dan Houle Says" It's okay."

Wieght Training

Erik Gawbow Says" Rather boring."

Ojibwe

Ira Aubid Says" Totally Totally awesome."



CAN YOU CANOE? CAN YOU CANOE?

This week from the 21st of Sept. to the 25th at the exciting Southview Resort, (Molstads), much fun. Events include canoe races for 7-12th graders and the teachers. There will be shore games for the k-6th graders. Even a potluck will be held on the 25th. All these festivities are sure to be fun, expect t-shirts for all entrees and prizes for all winners. Remember more people will mean more fun. So invite friends, family, and don't forget to bring yourself! See you there!

Thomas j. Olson

Comments

Jana: "It was cold and fun I fell in".

Karrie: "It was fun and cold".

Dick Diver: "Would of been better if weather was better too, winding, otherwise it was fun".

anonymous: "It was pretty neat, I think it's gonna be a fun annual event". "It was neat how all the staff and students interacted, I especially liked the drawings".

Pete: "Fun, it was pretty cool canoeing".

Junior: "It's pretty fun".

Mudd: "Ha, I didn't spill".

Missy: "I wasn't there".

Winners !!

Team Race:

First place:
Chris Boyd
Phil Houle

Second place:
Hubert Urrutia
Mike Peacock

Third place:
Larry LaPointe
Shawna LaPointe

Passenger pick-up

First place:
Shayne Thompson
Mike Peacock

Second place:
Angel Suttan
Tom Olson

Third place:
Chris Boyd
Phil Houle

Nine Person Relay

First place:
Hubert Urrutia
Cheyenne Thompson
Shawna LaPointe
Mike Peacock
Shayne Thompson
Larry LaPointe
Matt Whitebird
Azhibik Aubid
Ira Aubid

I'LL BE THERE

I'll Be There
When your not there,
Where can you be?
my heart tears.
When I think of you,
something goes wrong.
Why all the abuse?

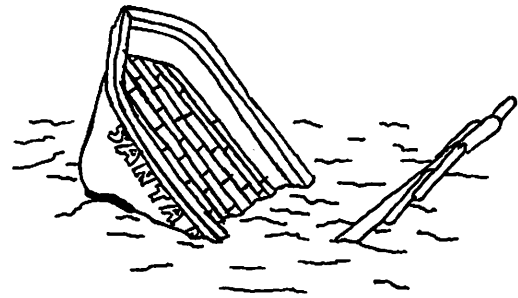
Lying alone in my bed
thinking of you,
Crazy thoughts running through
my head.
Stay by my side.
Tears running down my face.
I start to crumble.

Someone else is in my place
tears like a drumroll.
My last words, "I'll be there."
So much I had to say
but it's so unfair.
The last of the few is I love you

By
Melissa
Diver

Leadership Conference

Dan Clark, a guest lecturer, spoke to a leadership group, which included many student, representatives from around the area. Student representing the Fon Du Lac School were: 7th Grade- Corrina White Cloud, Leah Goodwin, 8th Grade- Keri Petonquat, Danielle Martineau, 9th Grade- Chris Boyd, Stephanie Urrutia, 10th Grade- Naomi Northrup, Angie LaPointe, 11th Grade- Richelle Mullen, also Pete Diver, Chandra Mullen, Cheyenne Thompson, and Preston Urrutia. The event took place at Marshall School, and culminated at the grand slam entertainment for lunch, Chaperones were Mary Cane and Barb Welna- Sept. 12, 1992



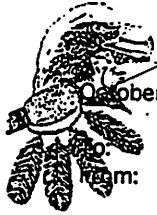
SINK THE SHIPE

This is a play that seventh through twelveth grade will be attending. The play has many performances that will be lots of fun and interesting. This interesting day, Wednesday Sept. 23, at 1:00. A flute player Kevin Locke will be there, and he might possibly see him do a hoop dance. Plus there should be about seven performances. All this fun will happen in Minneapolis. We will be loading the busses at about 10:00 a.m.

by,

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Comments from students about the play: New, current, liked "Mix a shawn", liked the hoop dancer he was great!



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To: All Parents/Guardians
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Re: Adult Educators in the Classroom

On October 21, 22 and 23 of next week a large number of our Ojibwe School staff will be traveling to Grand Portage. Our staff will be receiving instruction on how to integrate drug and wellness materials into our existing curriculum.

Because many of our staff will be attending this important workshop, a large number of substitute teachers will be needed to teach in their absence. Parents/guardians and interested community members, I need your help. Parents/guardians who would volunteer to come in and assist the substitute teachers in the classrooms would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping us for those 3 days (October 21, 22 and 23) please contact the school and let me know how you might volunteer your time. There are a number of classrooms (subjects) to choose from (K -12). Your presence in the classrooms will not only assist the substitute teachers, but will also show the students that you do have a vested interest in what your child is learning.

Here are some things that you could do during those 3 days:

- * Observe the teacher in the class, and watch how the students learn.
- * Have the teacher break the class down into a small group and work with that group to reinforce the lesson.
- * Work individually with students.
- * Work with other parents/guardians to discuss how teaching and learning has changed from when you were in school and share those thoughts with students.
- * Eat lunch with students.
- * Have recess with students.

If you are interested in helping us with education during our staff inservice, please call the school and talk to me. We will provide transportation and meals and a few laughs. Please get involved!

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