

GRANDVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #1

September 30, 2009

March	-	Perseverance
April	-	Responsibility
May	-	Trustworthiness
June	-	Honesty

WELCOME TO GRANDVIEW

We have a few of new faces around Grandview this year and we extend a warm welcome to all of them. Mrs. Reshelle Bye and Mrs. Nancy Pakenham have rejoined our ranks as Educational Assistants. Mrs. Sandra Barnes has been hired to teach Grade 3 and Mr. Aaron Carruth has been hired to teach Grade 2.

Whether new, or not quite so new, we are all well on our way to another great year at Grandview.



Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Moore who gave birth to a healthy baby boy on August 19th. Mom and baby "Cameron" are both doing well.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Each month throughout the year we will be focusing on a different character trait. You can help by discussing the character traits with your child(ren) throughout the year. Our schedule for learning about the different character traits is:

September	-	Personal Goals
October	-	Respect
November	-	Citizenship
December	-	Compassion
January	-	Self Control
February	-	Fairness

OPEN HOUSE & PIZZA PARTY

Thank you to all parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our Open House / Pizza Party. It was a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher on an informal basis. We would also like to thank Rolling Hills School Council members for organizing the pizza party.



SUPERVISION BEFORE 8:58 A.M.

Just a reminder that supervision of children is available from 8:58 a.m. on. If children need to be dropped off earlier, arrangements must be made at the Rolling Hills Day Care Centre.

REMINDER TO VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that in order to volunteer in the school or on field trips (including skating) you must have a completed criminal reference check on file at the school. If your criminal record check is on file but it is from a previous school year, then you must submit an Offense Declaration form to keep your volunteer status current. As always, there is no cost for the criminal

reference check but the process may take several weeks.

MILK & JUICE

All Students eat in their own classroom and have the opportunity to purchase milk (white / chocolate) or apple juice to supplement the lunches which they bring from home. Students are requested to purchase tickets at the office on the 1st day of the week and, in turn, use the tickets to obtain either milk or juice at lunch time. The cost of tickets is \$.75 each or \$3.75 per 5 day week.



WORLD SCHOOL MILK DAY

This year, The Dairy Farmers of Ontario invited all of the province's elementary schools to take part in World School Milk Day (September 30th) by offering complimentary milk. Funding for this project was provided in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Adaptation Council's CanAdvance Program. In recognition of World School Milk Day, the Dairy Farmers of Ontario and Kawartha Dairy provided a complimentary milk to every student at Grandview on Tuesday, September 29th and to Kindergarten A Group students on Wednesday, September 30th. Grandview students would like to thank the organizations responsible for this generous donation. It was enjoyed by all.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

Our school magazine campaign runs from September 25th – October 13th. Please, take the time to browse through the catalogue that offers 700 of the most popular magazines, books and CD-ROMS available. By renewing your existing subscriptions or ordering new subscriptions through our school, IT COSTS YOU NO MORE, yet the profit stays in the community to help our students.

Thanking you in advance for your support.



PICTURES

Grandview's picture days are scheduled for Thursday, October 1st for Grades 1 to 4 students and "B" day kindergarten students and on Friday, October 2nd for "A" day kindergarten students. Edge Imaging will be our photographer this year and will be offering individual and classroom group pictures for students. The photographs will be completed and returned to families in time for the Christmas season.

FAMILY PORTRAIT NIGHT

Alicia Armstrong Photography will be holding a Family Portrait Night on Wednesday, October 28th. More information will follow at a later date.

ALL STAR READING - COACHES WANTED!

We are running our All Star Reading program again this year. We are very grateful to those parents and community members who coached students in a regular basis as part of our All Star program. This year we would like to continue to expand our group of coaches and invite seniors and other members of our community to become an All Star Coach. If you know of grandparents of Grandview students, or other relatives or neighbours in your area that may have a few hours a month to donate to our All Star Reading program, please call the school and give us their name and number. We will call and extend an invitation to become an All Star Reading coach. It only involves having a criminal reference check and doing a one hour training session with Ms. Bianconi at the school before coaching begins. Ideally, we would like to have a reading coach visit each classroom, every day of the week, so we need a large bank of coaches in order to do this! If you have some time, or know of someone who might have time each week or each month to read with our students, please call the school.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

All families are invited to our Family Literacy Night on Tuesday October 27th. Food and refreshments will be served in the gym at 5:30. Parents and their children can then attend a reading workshop especially designed for their chosen grade level. Also, spend time finding out about our new Home Reading

Program, how it works and how you can help encourage a LOVE OF READING! We'll wrap up the evening at 7:30 p.m. with a goodie bag for each family and some door prizes. Preregistration will be required so watch for more information coming home with your child.

TERRY FOX RUN

On Friday September 25th everyone at Grandview participated in our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Kindergarten Group "A" classes did their walk/run on Thursday, September 24th. Monetary donations are still being accepted at the school office. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

IMMUNIZATION

A Message from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Regarding Immunization.

**Love them, protect them,
immunize them!**

Immunization will help to protect your children from disease. By law, parents of children attending school in Ontario **MUST** provide either a record of the child's immunization or a valid exemption to the Health Unit. Children **may be suspended from school** if their immunization is incomplete or if the records are not provided to the Health Unit.

Proof of Immunization:

Whenever your child is immunized, have his/her yellow immunization

card updated and notify the Health Unit so that we can update our records. If your child cannot be immunized call the Health Unit for advice. We can be reached at 905-885-9100 extension 224 or 253 or toll free at 1-866-888-4577.

Don't Be Caught Without Your Seasonal Flu Shot

It's coming...and so are we!

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will again offer free flu vaccine clinics for students at our school. This year, these clinics will begin in mid October.

Prior to the start of clinics, students will bring home consent forms and fact sheets explaining the importance of getting the seasonal flu vaccine. As parents or guardians, you are encouraged to read the information carefully, complete and sign the consent and send it back to school with your student. In order to be vaccinated at the school-based clinics, students under the age of 16 years will need a signed consent form from a parent or guardian.

Health Unit staff will return to the school to vaccinate any kindergarten students with a signed consent, who may have missed a flu shot due to the alternate school day schedule.

Seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against H1N1 influenza. The seasonal influenza vaccine is recommended followed by the vaccine for N1N1 influenza when it is available.

Flu vaccine can help families stay healthy during influenza season. Give your loved ones the protection they deserve by having your student vaccinated.

For more information, contact your local Health Unit office, call toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, or visit www.hkpa.on.ca.

PEDICULOSIS ALERT

This is the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. "Head Checks" are conducted at the school through the Board Pediculosis Officer and trained parent volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office. Volunteers meet at the school on the third Monday of each month. If unable to attend on one of our scheduled days, you are welcome to come whenever convenient for you. A training session has been arranged for Tuesday, October 21st @ 9:30 a.m.

What can you Expect from Becoming a Volunteer?

- Personal satisfaction that you are helping families at your child's school.
- Making new friendships with the other parent volunteers.
- Gaining knowledge and a new skill that could help many.
- The school Community feeling in control of the issues around head lice.
- Meeting all the teachers and students in your child's school.
- Just an overall feeling of satisfaction because you have volunteered and helped the

school with an otherwise unpopular task.

Commonly asked Questions:

1. Can I get heal lice from volunteering for head checks?
No, as long as you do not come in direct head to head contact with a student with head lice. Lice do not jump or fly and therefore cannot be easily spread from a student to a volunteer.
2. How often are Head Lice Checks done?
Most schools in TLDSB conduct their head checks **once a month**. The more volunteers we have the less time it takes. Your time is so valuable so we try to get as many parent volunteers as we can.
3. I don't have any experience with Head Lice. Is there any Training available?
Absolutely. The Pediculosis Coordinantor will train you and help you feel confident about checking for head lice.
4. Do I have to tell the parents that their child has head lice?
No. This is the job of the Principal or other assigned staff at the school.

Facts about Head Lice:

- Head lice do not jump or fly.
- Pets do not get head lice.
- Head lice are mostly contracted by head to head contact.
- Head lice can only live off of the human head for 48 hours.
- Nits (eggs) are attached to the hair shaft on an angle and are white or light grey in colour.
- Nits do not come off easily.

- Manual nit picking is a must in all lice treatments.
- Discuss all treatment and head lice procedures with a local Pharmacist.

Hopefully, with the continued support and co-operation of our parents, will ensure fewer incidents now and in the future.....THANKS!



BUS INFORMATION

Please take a few minutes to review the bus rules with your child(ren). Our Grandview students are generally well behaved on the bus and we appreciate your support.

BUS RULES

1. Arrive at bus stops 5 minutes before pick-up time.
2. Line-up in single file to board bus.
3. Board bus and take seat promptly. First person takes inside seat.
4. Remain seated while bus is in motion. Don't put windows down more than halfway and keep body parts inside bus.
5. Don't eat, drink or chew gum on bus.
6. Speak quietly and politely with others. Don't talk with driver when bus is moving.
7. Leave bus in an orderly manner.
8. Obey bus driver's directions for crossing road.
9. Carry all belongings in a bag/backpack/knapsack. Have skate guards on skates.
10. Keep bus clean and free from damage.

To ensure the safety of all passengers on the bus, any large items such as skateboards, hockey sticks, crazy carpets, skis may not be transported on the bus. The rule of thumb is, students must be able to transport items on their laps. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

NUTRITIONAL SNACK PROGRAM

Our Nutritional Snack program continues to operate, thanks to the generous contribution of individuals and organizations within our community.

Our THANKS and APPRECIATION goes out this month to:

- Shelley Peebles

Students, as always, who are hungry and need a snack to get off to a good start are encouraged to come straight to the office from the bus where they will be offered a nutritious snack.

HEALTHY EATING TIPS

Tips to assist you in packing food for the school day.

- Children on the balanced school day timetable need the same amount of food during the day as other students. Only the timing of when this food is eaten will be different.
- For each break, pack foods from three of the four food groups. It is important to eat a variety of foods from Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating over the course of the day.

- Sandwiches can be cut in half and wrapped separately – one half for each break.
- Foods that are paced in a thermos may be hotter and taste better if they are eaten during the first break.
- Choose nutritious drinks such as milk, 100% fruit juice or water.
- Discuss and plan with your children what to eat at each break. For younger children, it might help to label foods such as “lunch one” and “lunch two”.
- Portion foods such as crackers, cut-up vegetables and cheese cubes ahead of time so they can be quickly thrown into the “lunch bag”.
- The appetites of healthy, active children are your best guide to how much food to pack. If your children are still hungry after their morning and afternoon nutrition breaks, pack more grain products, vegetables and fruit.

NUT-SAFE SCHOOL UPDATE & SNACK SUGGESTIONS

We wanted to take a moment to again thank you for your support in keeping Grandview nut-safe. We appreciate that this is not an easy task as we all lead busy lives and have to live within a budget. With this in mind, we have created a list of nut-free snack suggestions that we hope will help make lunches a little easier for you.

A concern that has surfaced last year, was the number of food products that have “may contain nut products” written at the end of the list of ingredients. As companies try to legally protect themselves, they leave those of us trying to protect

children with allergies with a dilemma. As contact with nuts has the potential to take a child's life, we have decided to err on the side of caution and ask **that you not send any nut products or products that read "may contain nut products", "made in a facility with...." etc. to school.** We believe this continues to be a wise course of action given that these students share desks, pencils, keyboards, toys, playground equipment, bathrooms, library books, etc. throughout the school day

As a final thought, we hope that everyone appreciates that we are trying to decrease the risk for students with these severe allergies. We cannot eliminate the risk, only decrease it. Everyday that we help to decrease that risk and we send all our students home safe and happy is a good day. Thank you again for your support.



If you are having a hard time finding nut-free snack products we recommend that you look into the following products suggested by students and parents:

SNACK ITEMS:

Fruits – fresh or dried
Vegetable sticks (dip)
Cucumber Slices
Celery sticks with cheese spread
Cheese
Cheese sticks (prewrapped)
Crackers and Cheese
Kraft Handisnacks
(cheese spread and crackers or sticks)
Graham Crackers
Muffins

Breakfast Cereal (dry – Cheerios, Corn Bran)
Kelloggs Nutri-Grain Bars
Kelloggs Special K Bars
Pretzels, Chips, Nacho Chips, etc.
Mr. Christie Bits & Bites
Mr. Christie Snackwells Sandwich Cookies
Mr. Christie Social Tea Biscuits
Mr. Christie Animal Crackers
Our Compliments Fig Fruit Bars
Pepperidge Farms Goldfish
Pop Tarts
Quaker Granola Bars – Selected Varieties (Look for Peanut Free Label on Front of Box)
President Choice Granola Bars – Selected Varieties (Look for Peanut Free Label on Front of Box)
Pringle Potato Chips
Yogurt Cups
Fruit Cups
Apple Snacks (in cups)
Squeeze n' Go Pudding Tubes
Fruit "Leather" (Health Food Store)
Fruit Snacks ("Roll-up", etc.)
Hot Rods

LUNCH IDEAS:

Sandwiches or Alternatives
(on bread, buns, bagels, pita (large or mini)
Lunch Meats (all varieties)
Meat Spreads
Cheese Slices or Cheese Spreads
Cream Cheese
Tuna or Salmon
Flakes of Ham, Turkey or Chicken
Egg Salad
Nachos & Salsa

HOT FOODS (IN THERMOS)

Alpha-getti, Beefaroni, etc.
Chilli
Macaroni and Cheese
Pork and Beans
Soups (noodle, Vegetable, etc.)

2009 EQAO RESULTS

Our EQAO results from the spring of 2009 have arrived. The following chart indicates the percentage of students in each of the past three years that achieved at the provincial standard (level 3 or 4).

GRANDVIEW EQAO GRADE 3 RESULTS
ACHIEVING LEVEL 3 & 4
2007 – 2009

Year	# of Gr. 3 Students	Reading %	Writing %	Math %	Exempt %
2007	47	72	62	81	2
2008	57	77	84	82	0
2009	64	81	84	88	0

When our 2009 EQAO test scores are compared to those of other students across the province, we see that our students are scoring above the board average in reading, writing and math and above the province in reading and math.

GRANDVIEW EQAO RESULTS
COMPARED TO BOARD AND PROVINCE
(ACHIEVING LEVEL 3 & 4)
2009

	SUBJECT	GRANDVIEW	COMPARED TO BOARD	COMPARED TO PROVINCE
2009	READING	81	65	61
	WRITING	84	67	68
	MATH	88	73	70

Complete EQAO results as well as further information on how to interpret the results are available on the website www.eqao.com.

EQAO IMPROVEMENT PLAN

As you know, the focus of our EQAO Improvement Plan is to improve student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics. Every year we use the EQAO results and other indicators to identify areas of need in the school. We then develop a number of strategies to address these areas of need and bring them together in our School Improvement Plan. This plan serves as the focus of our school improvement for the year. Our current School Improvement Plan addresses the development of writing skills as well as character education, eco schools and a safe & caring school.

In the months ahead, we will be closely examining the results of the 2009 EQAO to develop new strategies to integrate into our School Improvement Plan. Writing will obviously continue to be a major area of emphasis this year as we continue to try to decrease the gender gap in literacy by improving boys reading and writing abilities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Read to and with your child daily
- Discuss things they are learning and ask probing questions (What do you predict will happen? How did you make your prediction? Can you prove that? What would happen if....?)
- Maintain good communication with your child's teacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Grandview for 2009-2010. We hope you had a safe and happy summer. We have already held our first meeting of the school and it should be another exciting and productive year at Grandview. We will provide further details of our plans in the next newsletter.

We held our election during our first meeting on September 23rd. Please find below a list of the current year School Council members. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any member of council or Sharon at grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2009-2010

Denise Allen.....*Parent Representative*
 Alicia Armstrong...*Parent Representative*
 Sharon Bottomley.....*Secretary*
 Sharon Boyle.....*Chairperson*
 Carla Gray.....*Parent Representative*
 Debbie Lubsen....*Parent Representative*
 Shelley Peebles...*Parent Representative*
 Angela Roberts...*Parent Representative*
 Laura Ross.....*Parent Representative*
 Christina Salem...*Volunteer Coordinator*
 Melissa Spence.....*Treasurer*
 Nellie Thiele.....*Hot Lunch Coordinator*
 Sarah Young.....*Parent Representative*

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We have completed our first round of Hot Lunches for the school and are happy to report that it has gone quite well for the beginning of the school year. We would encourage parents

to have their child go to Room 1 on scheduled Hot Lunch days if there is a problem with their Hot Lunch to speak to a parent volunteer. Although we do not anticipate any problems, we want to deal with any problems that arise on that day to enable the children to receive their Hot Lunch. Our Hot Lunch Co-ordinator this year is Nellie Thiele. She can be reached through the school office if you have any questions. Or you can email Sharon at grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca.

GRANDVIEW SCHOOL WEAR

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to order Grandview clothing for your child. Our logo has been enhanced and looks great on our school wear! What a great way to show our school spirit! Samples are on display in the school lobby – please take a look!

Order forms will be going out with your child shortly. All clothing is available in both children and adult sizes. All orders are due at the school by **October 23, 2009**. Any orders received by this date will be available for Christmas delivery. Please note that all cheques should be made payable to Grandview Public School.

Go Grandview Gators!

SAMKO/MIKO SALE October 28 – Nov 1 and Nov 4-8

We are excited to have set aside 2 weeks at the Miko Sale as a special time to shop for Grandview parents, staff and friends. From Wednesday,

October 28th to Sunday, November 1st and again Wednesday, November 4th to Sunday, November 8th, Grandview will receive 10% of all sales (before taxes) when shoppers have their sales receipt stamped at the Miko sale by one of their cashiers and then forwarded on to Grandview for submission.

If interest is great, we will look into hiring a bus at a cost of \$6-\$10 per person (to be paid in advance). If you are interested, please contact Sharon Boyle at grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca or the school office.

Information will be sent out to all Grandview parents, but just a reminder – you do not have to be a parent or staff member to go, anyone can go – just remember to tell your cashier you are with Grandview and have your receipt stamped.

All receipts must be submitted to the school office no later than, Friday, November 20th in order for us to receive our portion.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKETS

It's that time of year again when we are preparing for our Christmas Raffle Baskets. We will be requesting donations or donated items to fill these baskets over the next couple of months. More information will follow on these baskets.

COOKBOOKS

We have a limited number of copies of our personalized

Grandview/Rolling Hills Cookbook 2005 edition left for sale. These cookbooks are a collection of family recipes that are “tried, tested and true”.

If you would like to purchase cookbooks, please send a note with your child to the school. Our promotion is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. These cookbooks are available at the office.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

We continue to collect recyclable ink cartridges and cell phones at Grandview. These items can be sent to the school at anytime and as we collect throughout the year, we will package and send to Thinkgreen, a recycling company, who in turn will issue Grandview a cheque. This is an easy fundraiser that does not cost anyone a cent.

EMAIL ADDRESS

We have an email address for Grandview School Council. Our email address is: grandviewcouncil@yahoo.ca.

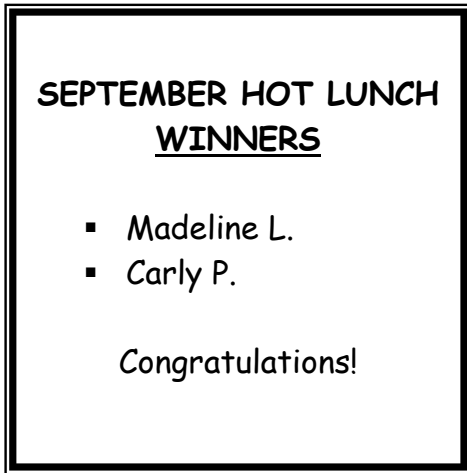
This email account is checked daily even throughout the summer. We look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to be put on our mailing list, please email Sharon and let us know.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The following is a list of tentative dates for our council meetings for 2009-2010. These meetings are held in Room 1. All parents are

encouraged and welcomed to attend!

- **Wednesday, October 14th, 2009**
- Wednesday, November 11th, 2009
- Wednesday, December 9th, 2009
- Wednesday, January 13th, 2010
- Wednesday, February 10th, 2010
- Wednesday, April 14th, 2010
- Wednesday, May 12th, 2010
- Wednesday, June 9th, 2010



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



*The Corporation of The City
Of Kawartha Lakes
P.O. Box 9000
LINDSAY, ONTARIO
K9V 5R8*

**City of Kawartha Lakes
Public Library
October Events**

Bethany Library

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 10:30 am
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Parent & Baby Storytime
Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 am

Story & Craft
Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 am

Wise Guys Homework Club
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm
Oct. 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

Haunted House
Sponsored by the Friends of the
Bethany Library
Thursday, October 29
A Pocketful of Tales – Halloween
Stories by Liz Gilmour
Ages 7 and under
6-7 pm
Ages 7 and over (if you are brave!!!)
Haunted House
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Call for more information.

One Book, One Community
City of Kawartha Lakes Reads!
One Book, One Community invites
everyone to “get on the same page”
and read Kenneth Oppel’s book
“Silverwing”. This program will run
from October 1 until November 30.
Everyone is encouraged to read
“Silverwing” and take part in the
many activities planned at library
branches throughout the City of
Kawartha Lakes. When you have
read “Silverwing” be sure to let the
Library know so your name will be
included in the weekly draw.
Brochures outlining all events are
available at your local branch library.



Bethany Library Hours
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, &
 Friday
 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Tuesday
 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
 Saturday
 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**New Hours beginning October 13,
 2009**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Tuesday & Thursday
 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
 Saturday
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

For information or to register please
 call the Bethany Library at 277-2321.
 Search the Library Catalogue at
www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library

**Manvers Skating Club
 Registration / Open House**

Remember the skating recital last
 year across the road? Your child
 could be skating I that this year...The
 Manvers Skating Club is hosting
 registration this month of the 2009-
 10 season. We have introduced new
 times this year for greater
 convenience at our Monday and
 Thursday sessions. We are holding
 an Open House on Monday, October
 5th, 2009 from 5-7 p.m. at the
 Manvers Arena to register.

- Beginner Learn-To-Skate
 With coaching \$120
- Can-Skate Programs
 24 weeks - 1 day / week \$215
 - 2 days / week \$305
- Private Coaching Available
- Flexible Payment Schedules

For more information contact Gayle
 @277-1629 or manversskating.com.

Free Parent Session

***An Evening with Susan Aglukark,
 "Messages of Hope and History"
 October 15th, 2009, 7:00 p.m.***

Academy Theatre, Lindsay
 Free Admission

As part of the Voluntary Self-
 Identification for students of First
 Nation, Métis, and Inuit heritage, an
 evening session for parents and
 community members will take place
 at the Academy Theatre in Lindsay,
 Ontario on Thursday, October 15th
 at 7:00 p.m. Join us to learn about
 the voluntary self-identification
 process, current initiatives in First
 Nation, Métis, and Inuit education,
 and enjoy a presentation by
 motivational speaker and well known
 singer / songwriter Susan Aglukark.
 Susan will talk about her story of
 hope and history, and will weave in
 songs to highlight her messages.
 This evening will be of interest to
 parents, community members, and
 others working to learn more about
 Aboriginal education.

Seats are on a first come, first
 served basis.