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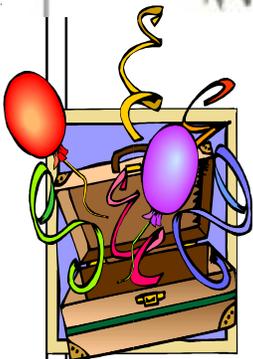
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Hello everyone from my busy desk at VGFN's Department of Education! Hope everyone is doing well and happy to see the SUN once again! It certainly brings a smile to everyone's face.

The Education Department of VGFN is always busy with the duties of each of our jobs. We welcome Meagan Garrett as Remedial Tutor at Chief Zzeh Gittlit School and to our Education staff. Glad to have you on board Meagan!

In January, upon return from the holidays, it was back to work as students headed back to their second semesters. To date, VGFN is funding close to 40 students in post secondary and training programs! Through many Chief and Council's public meetings you hear that Education plays a very important part of our First Nation's government. However, VGFN cannot fund the student entirely 100% due to limited funding. This year VGFN, through the approval of the VG Education Committee was only able to fund students their tuition, books (one semester only), some travel to those eligible students only, a monthly living allowance and VGFN's top up funding. When I mention, "limited funding", I mean funding was allocated to VGFN from Indian & Northern Affairs Canada based on a population formula. For Old Crow, being a small First Nation, VGFN only received \$171,000.00. This did not include any administration funds to administer the program. Unfortunately, there may be changes coming forth again to the Policy before the 2005/06 Post Secondary year. All students will be notified before the June 15th application deadline this year.

In January Mary Jane and I travelled to Tromso, Norway to showcase our film, "Imprints Of Our Ancestors" to the International audience of the Tromso Film Festival. What an opportunity this was and a very emotional one too. We were very honored and proud to show and tell people of our lives here in Vuntut Country. Mary Jane can now consider herself as a "world traveler". If anyone needs "tips" on international flying, I'm sure

Mary Jane will have lots to share with you. It was a pleasure traveling with her and thank her for celebrating my birthday with me in Norway. It was great sharing all those "first time events" with Mary Jane.

Mabel attended the Education Working Group meeting in Whitehorse on January 25th. This is a group of representatives from YTG and VGFN that meet every few months to discuss future implementations of the 1999 Strategic Plan on "Education In Old Crow". At the last meeting held in Old Crow the group discussed and developed the Terms of Reference of the Strategic Plan. Recently in Whitehorse I met with one of the YTG representatives, Tina Jules. Tina is the Coordinator of First Nation Partnerships for YTG. YTG and VGFN will enter into a Contribution Agreement to hire a consultant to work with Tina on the development of implementing some of what is in the Plan.

In the meantime, VGFN staff are very busy at the office. All staff are preparing year end reports, budget reviews, and work plans, and goals to set for the new fiscal year. Finance has mailed all the T4s they need to issue for the 2004 year! There is a great team of people working for you in this building. Keep up the great work everyone. For me, it doesn't go unnoticed!

I will be away from my desk from March 9th to 20th, to continue the internship with the National Film Board in Vancouver, BC. Looking forward to seeing the ocean and signs of Spring in the air!

Take care everyone! Good luck to my bro, Kenny Tetlich, on route to compete in the Percy DeWolfe in Dawson City in March!



Robert Kaye
Game Guardian

Hello everyone, Our snowmobile has been out of operation for a few months and I was not able to do many patrols.

Now we have the snowmobile running and I will be out on more patrols up and down the river. I need a volunteer to go on patrols with me from town. This way I would be able to go on longer patrols into our Traditional Territory. Sometime soon, I would like to do a patrol up to Bell River and back.

To all the trappers harvesting furs, can you come into the office and provide me with harvest numbers by the end of the trapping season.

People of Old Crow are doing a good job on reporting their harvest numbers to me. Thank you for adding to our harvest reports.

Dorothy Cooley, the Regional Biologist from the Yukon Department of Environment would like to collect samples of moose in and around Old Crow. If you have harvested any moose please let me know if you could provide us with a sample. All you have to do is give us a piece of the moose skin as well as the ear. It doesn't have to be a big piece of the skin and it can be dried.

Samples can be taken to the RRC office or bring it to myself and I will have the samples sent out to the Department of Environment.

On Feb, 8 /05 Kim MacKellar, a member of the RCMP, and I went up to the police cabin to break trail for the people of Fort McPherson coming over with snowmobiles. There are a lot of moose in our country and a lot of snow too. It was good to get out on the river and to see the wonderful country we have out there. We have a lot of wildlife on our land. We spent one night up at the police cabin and went as far as Salmon Cache and turned around and came back to town that same day. We had a good trip.

That is all I have to say for now. Thank you!





Mary Jane Moses
Heritage Researcher

The first week of this busy month began with VGFN Staff Strategic Planning. It was well worth the efforts of all to participate in this exercise for long range planning for the organization.

Gwich'in language classes have been going along very well. Attendance has been low due to the extreme cold weather however we just have another month to go and the classes will end for the year. Hopefully the numbers will pick up again. Mahsi Cho to all our students who have attended Jane's Gwich'in Ginjik Classes over the past year. Thank you for taking the interest in learning about the Gwich'in language. Language learning is fun and we sure have a lot of fun back at the college campus on Thursday evenings.

Babiche-making is on a bit of a hold for now until the weather warms up. We're looking to start up again by mid April when our schedules are not so busy. I'm away most of March to attend meetings and training in Whitehorse and Vancouver and so will be unable to help out during that time. At this time we ask for your help to scrape caribou hides to ready them for cutting into thin babiche strips for knitting onto the snowshoe frames.

I have been busy preparing reports for the meetings I will be attending. Two are in Whitehorse, the Heritage Forum and the Aboriginal Language Services in the month of March.

Work continues with the gathering of film footage for the Old Crow Health and Fitness Project. With the warmer weather, sunnier days and longer daylight, it's beautiful out there, which helps greatly in what we can capture on film.

Susan Drury
Acting Director, Human Resources

February was a busy month for me as I made myself familiar with the files and resources in the Human Resource office the processes of how business is conducted at VGFN, and the names and faces of my co-workers and community folk. One big change has been Donna Frost, ETO, moving her office to outside the Education office to work more closely with Tracy Kassi, Director of Education.

HR tasks in February included being involved with drafting a three-year strategic plan and reviewing the draft in preparation for the review by Chief and Council. Departments are now preparing to draft specific goals for meeting community goals.

Each position at VGG has specific job duties, and these are detailed in a job description document. HR is assisting with updating job descriptions, and creating new job description for newer positions. These job descriptions are then evaluated to determine a wage scale for each position that is comparable to wages in Yukon for similar positions. Once job descriptions are finalized, then the supervisor works with the employee to list what tasks are done to meet the duties of the job, and what level of performance is expected. Thus, when a supervisor is coaching an employee or giving feedback on performance, there is fairness in the information from the supervisor since both supervisor and employee know what the expectation is. If the employee isn't meeting the expectation, then training may be needed, or more day-to-day coaching, or support needed in other areas. In this

way, VGFN as the employer assists employees in using their skills and knowledge, balancing work and home life, and developing more skills and experience for long-term, productive work.

When job descriptions are written, job flow is also considered to determine if a position is located in the right department, or if a change in duties is needed, or if a new position needs to be created to meet the needs of the community. One area that needs these questions asked and answered is Recreation. Thus, for the time being, recreation positions are remaining vacant as VGFN determines how to deliver recreation services in an efficient and effective way.

HR is also involved with assisting in updating personnel and administrative policies that will clearly inform employees what their rights are as an employee with VGFN.

This coming year will be an exciting time in VG government as employees and advisory committees decide what actions are needed to give excellent service to their customers (the community, beneficiaries, and each other at work), and to create a positive, supportive, and safe work environment.

Congratulations to Kibbe Tetlich who completed the Carpentry Pre-apprentice program at the college campus in Dawson City, and passed his Carpenter Level I examinations. Kibbe is now employed as a carpenter foreman at VGFN, and gaining more hours towards achieving his journeyman carpenter ticket.

I invite employees to drop by the HR office to discuss any employment concerns, and also folks who are looking for employment with VGFN.



Donna Marie Frost
Employment and Training Officer

Happy 10th anniversary of Self Governance to everyone in the community!

Just a quick update on things around the Administrative Building. I attended a one day ETO meeting in Whitehorse on the 8th of February. It was quite interesting and it was great to meet all the other ETOs from the other communities. We discussed upcoming course possibilities. We now have to do a budget before getting monies from AHRDA. So this will be challenging. It's always good

Barry Drury
Director, Government Services and Housing

Another month has passed and I send you all best wishes from the staff, Harold Frost, Tracy Bruce, Barry Drury, of VGFN Government Services. I hope you will all join me in wishing Harold Frost and his son the best of luck in the World Championship Dog Sled races in Dawson City, in March. The dedication to their sport is truly amazing.

The GS Department, held a community meeting in our hall on March 10th. Dinner was begun at 5:30 with our housing meeting did follow. We had spaghetti and Caesar salad, with garlic toast.

Agenda topics were.

1) The long proposed subdivision, which is scheduled for 60 lots on Crow Mountain.

2) Resolutions 15 and 16 from last August's General Assembly.

Resolution 15 stated - "That the General Assembly directs the VGFN to:

1. Amend the housing policy to provide the opportunity for Old Crow citizens, who occupy units managed by the VGFN, to rent-to-own or purchase the units from the VGFN so that they can own and maintain their own homes;

2. Deal with the rent-to-own and purchase price of the housing units on a case-by-case basis that take into account the various federal and territorial funding programs that have

to have challenges in your life!

I also attended a "Youth in Business" workshop at Dana Naye Ventures on February 9th and 10th. The course was very beneficial, and the information will be especially useful for the youth that are doing the Frosty's Java. I look forward in sharing all I learned in the course with them - how to apply for loans, and exactly what you will need to do a business. I am hoping to meet with them very soon to discuss what knowledge I gained from this workshop.

A very big congratulations going out to Kibbe Tetlichich for completing his Pre-

been used to renovate, add on or fix the specific units."

Resolution 16 stated- "Therefore be it resolved,

That VGFN government hold a housing summit in the community of Old Crow to deal with recovering cost overruns and the fair and equitable collection of rent and to deal with the overall housing issue;"

GS/Housing are asking you, the members of our community to provide direction as to possible solutions that we can present to your Chief and Council for consideration to fulfill the intent of both resolutions.

Our first housing summit was held in January and GS has made progress on numerous issues with respect to issues raised by citizens during the symposium. I will be more than willing to discuss these.



employment Carpentry Course in Dawson. He is now employed under the Housing Department in VGFN.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the month and also to everyone out there who has gotten this so called Old Crow flu epidemic, drink lots and lots of water, use lots and lots of Vicks and also try Nyquil, it actually works really well before bed.

So Love,
Peace and
Bonegrease
to one and
all!



You are probably aware that by the end of this summer fencing will be completed on either side of the airport. I have confirmation that Yukon Airports will include a drive-through gate on each side. The gates will be installed at the end of the road past the Yukon College building or possibly another location if one is identified by the community. The gates will be locked at all times and only available for use if each end of the runway becomes blocked in the spring. The gates are for emergency only.

Old Crow is still in line to have our new fire alarm system installed. This will hopefully take place in early spring. The Yukon Fire Marshall has indicated to me that the system should be installed in April or May.

We are preparing to purchase all the materials to complete at least five more washroom additions.

We thank our carpenters and plumbers for your excellent work with the nearing of completion of four family homes. The families are anxious to move into the homes and we thank them all for their patience.

By the time you read the newsletter we should have completed our spring fuel haul.

I would like to offer you all the best wishes and please feel free to stop by your GS/Housing office at any time to discuss any concerns, offer suggestions or just have a visit.

Mahsi Cho

Harold Frost
Housing Manager

The housing units # 949, 835, 887, 230 are near completion. There's still some finishing materials that are on back order. The time line on finishing is aimed for end of March 2005.

Unit # 315 has started back up and will continue until finished. Also there's one minor RRAP that's happening and should be started shortly at this time. Three more applications went in for minor repairs.

The washroom additions will get started in a few weeks as material has to be ordered. There are five washrooms approved at this time. The project will all be the same size 10W x 16L.

The office has been pretty busy with work orders especially with the O&M. This winter the work orders are coming in for oil monitor trouble shooting, broken fill up fixtures, and frozen septic tanks.

At this time I want to acknowledge the carpenters for their dedication and hard work on all the projects in the past year. Keep up the good teamwork!

The material for the washrooms will be ordered shortly as soon as all the short change and arrangements have been made. This should get started right after the new houses are finish.

This will conclude my report for this month, you all take care and enjoy the longer days and brighter sun.

Mahsi Cho

Tracy Marie Bruce
Housing Assistant

Hello!

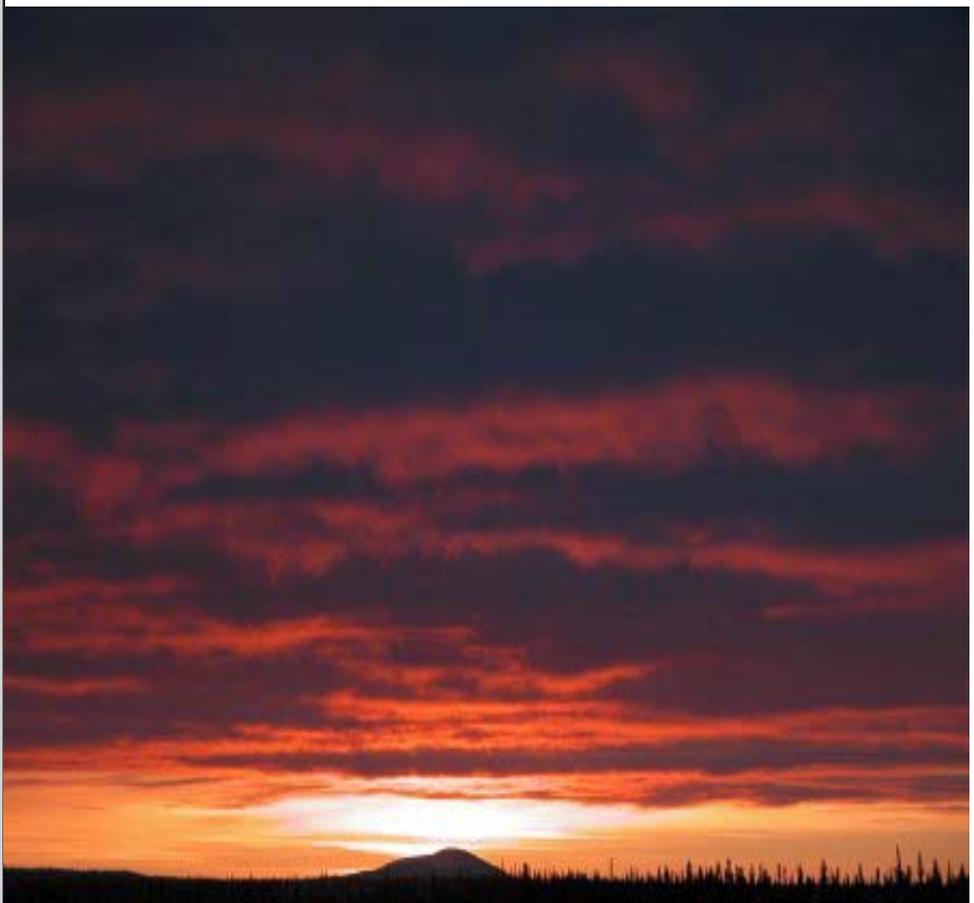
Just like to say congratulations to the people of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation on doing such a wonderful job of keeping the good work up during the last 10 years!

I was away from the office from February 11th -17th, 2005 on personal leave.

Still doing great in the office and enjoying my position.

Thank you for your time!
mahsi cho!

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Wade Meszaros
Community Wellness Counselor

Marla Kaye and I have continued to work on the "Stop Smoking Strategy" that Health Canada has funded.

We distributed the calendar for Old Crow with some very special pictures of people and places that are important to everyone. We were able to give out a number of calendars to our visitors over the 10th year celebration weekend. If anybody did not receive a calendar please let us know as we still have a few left.

The pre-treatment classes were cancelled for February and March to allow for people to attend the "Joy of Discovery workshop" hosted by S.A. over the past 4 weeks. We will start the pre-treatment classes again in the middle of March.

I continue to see clients both voluntarily and those who have been court ordered. I would appreciate your prayers for those who are struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.

There will be a beautiful brochure coming out in March about the dangers of smoking, what it does to your body and some helpful hints on how to quit. Second hand smoke is as dangerous as smoking itself. There will be good information on that as well.

We are looking for support from the community on getting a full time Social worker to live in Old Crow. I would appreciate your comments about this and your thoughts on whether you think it would be a good idea.

Over the next two months our department will be busy working on strategic planning, goals and objectives as well as policy development. Since we are fast approaching the end of the fiscal year we will be involved in planning the Health and Social budget for 2005-2006. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to be considered over the next year related to health and wellness please contact me or Glenna. If we are not in please leave a message so we can get back to you.

Thank you.

Melissa Valja**Natural Resource Planner****Contaminated Sites Conference**

This Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement (AHRDA) conference was held in Yellowknife on Jan.31 -Feb.2. It brought First Nations and Inuit together from across the North to talk about cleaning up contaminated sites. The main focus was developing human resources, i.e.) training for jobs and gearing up for the clean up of contaminated sites in or near our traditional territories. The development of a strategy on how to gear up for such possibilities began. Many people shared how they are taking part in cleaning up contaminated sites by using traditional knowledge and providing local jobs. The sites that were presented on ranged from mines to d.e.w. line sites across the Arctic. I learned a lot and was able to bring much information home.

Nii'inlii Njik Wilderness Preserve

I joined William on a teleconference

call on Feb.9 about preparation for bear viewing opportunities for Fishing Branch. The researchers, tourism business people, and different government officials discussed several documents that had been made in preparation for bear viewing.

Porcupine Caribou Meeting

The PCMB, VGFN Natural Resources Dept. and RRC met on Feb. 16 and there was also a community meeting that evening. A Harvest Management Plan was discussed, as well as a Hunter Education Program.

Aboriginal Northern Communities Action Program

An ANCAP conference call was held on Feb. 17. There were many topics for discussion, and among them we were updated on the communities that are currently doing their energy base-lines. They are well underway and the reports for the "A audit" are expected by mid-March. An energy efficiency and renewable energy workshop was held on March 1-2 in Whitehorse for all 17 FN on the ANCAP committee of Yukon and Northern British Columbia. This promises to hold lots

of info that could be useful to development plans in Old Crow.

Porcupine River Working Group

A meeting was held at the RRC on Feb.17 about many of the different issues affecting the Porcupine River. Information was shared on the salmon data in Porcupine River, and different plans for the next few months. Please feel free to drop by for more specific info.

Climate Change Working Group

This is a community group where people volunteered to come together and work towards adapting to climate change. I have scheduled two meetings and there has been very minimal attendance. Another meeting will be scheduled for mid-March, and hopefully we'll be healthy and able to attend. Also, I have been working very hard on a community report for the Climate Change Workshop so people can have a record of all that was shared. Some copies are now available, with more to be printed off.

Take care of yourself and enjoy the coming spring! Mahsi.

Tammy Josie**Computer Support Technician**

Just want to say Mahsi Cho to the coordinators of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation's 10th Anniversary Celebrations on the signing of our Land Claims agreement; a job well done and put together.

Newsletter

The January newsletter was great. I would to thank everyone who submitted a report for the month of January. It's always nice to update the community on what we are doing here in our administration building. We decided to go with the "Sun Returns" for our theme. Once again thank you to the staff for all your cooperation with the VGFN Government Newsletter.

Travel

In the beginning of February I went to Whitehorse to attend the CYFN sponsored Web Portal Project workshop. The workshop went very well and we are working towards connecting Yukon First Nations and businesses in these communities together on one website. Thus far,

things are going as planned and our VG Information Systems department is participating in this project. Some of you are aware of what we are trying to accomplish as a letter was sent out to our small businesses in Old Crow. If you have not received a letter and you own a small business, please contact myself and I will explain how you can participate in the Web Portal Project.

The Web Portal Project is a website on the Internet in which local small businesses can sign up for a web page. You will be able to place your products and services on the page with text and images. We (IS) will teach you how to update and manage your section of the portal! For more information or if you are interested, feel free to stop by my office or call me at 966-3261 ext.247 tjosie@vgfn.net.

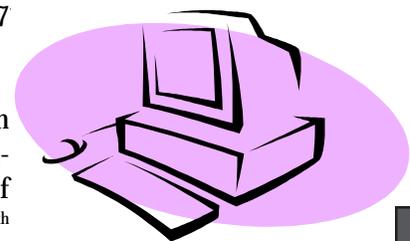
Photography

This month has been nice and warm considering the weather we had in January. I have been out taking pictures of sunrises. I also took photos of our 10th Anniversary Celebrations images. A web

page has been designed by myself and all the pictures are by yours truly. Keep an eye out for the launch. It was a wonderful weekend and to have guests over from McPherson made the weekend a bit more festive. Mahsi Cho to our brothers and sisters for coming over in this time of happiness.

In Closing, I was away for the weeks of February 27 – March 3, 2005 attending a storytelling activity in Whitehorse with my grandmother, Edith. Also, I was away during the week of March 7 thru 11th, 2005 taking training on the Web Portal Project mentioned above.

Mahsi Cho. Thank you for taking the time to read our Government Newsletter and have a wonderful day from the staff at Information Systems and VGG.





Hello everyone. Congratulations on 10 years of Self Government. Mahsi Cho on behalf of my children for all those who worked so hard in the past, putting their own lives aside for the future of our children and Government. It truly amazes me when I think of the hard work and dedication that went into our agreements. That hard work is not over, however, for those of you who continue to work towards achieving a legacy for our children and VG Citizens. May you continue to be guided by our elders, ancestors and keep up the excellent work.

February started out very cold and windy and now it is beautiful and sunny and we are counting the days until Spring Break! On March 18 the high school students fly home for Spring Break. All the students are excited to be returning home, going on trips, and to watch/participate in Native Hockey Tournament. (Malinda, Mandy and Amanda will be the head North Yukon Eagle Cheerleaders this year! LOL)

I traveled to Old Crow on February 9th and returned on February 11th, 2005. It was a very quick and productive trip. Christine Klaasen St. Pierre, the Vice Principal from F.H. Collins, and Dave Sloan accompanied me, and we met with Tracy Kassi, Roger Kaye and Linda Harvey (from The Native Language Center in Whitehorse) regarding the Gwitchin Language Program offered at F.H. Collins. The meeting was very positive and productive. We have collaboratively come up with a plan which both VGFN and Department of Education feel will benefit the longevity and success of our language program. Stay tuned for details. A very special thank you goes out to Ms. KSP, Dave Sloan and Linda Harvey for being so positive and supportive during the meetings. Also thank you all for traveling to Old Crow, we enjoyed having you.

Thank you to my supervisor Tracy Kassi, m and Roger Kaye for being so supportive. Also a big thank you to my good friend Brenda for opening her home to me. It was so nice to hang out, get

caught up and have a good visit. Finally to my father-in-law Dick Nukon and my nephew Clifton. It was so good to share a meal with the two of you and have a nice visit. Dick, I always enjoy hearing about the history of our family and where you come from as well as all the traditional stories and knowledge you share with me. Mahsi for this.

Perfect attendance for January and February

Perfect attendance for both months goes to Kyle Benjamin and Wade Kaye. Congratulations goes out to the two of you, keep up the great work!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO MIRANDA CHARLIE

Miranda traveled to British Columbia last weekend and tried out for the B.C./Yukon National Hockey Team. Miranda was selected along with two other Yukon youth and will be playing in the Nationals in New Brunswick in April 2005! So stay tuned to CBC to watch Miranda and her teammates live in April. I will keep you posted with broadcast news.

Graduation 2005

We have several students on the list to graduate this year. They are Joey Clements, Dale Kakfwi, Miranda Charlie and Chandel Frost. Native Grad is tentatively scheduled for the May long weekend, so mark your calendars. F.H. Collins Graduation Ceremonies will be Thursday, May 26th, 2005 for the Cap & Gown at F.H. Collins, and the Prom will be Saturday, May 28th, 2005 at the Yukon Convention Center. Volunteers are needed for both events so if you are going to be in town to watch our VG Grads and would like to volunteer please let me know. We are also looking for someone to bead for one of our graduates. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

Education Fair

There will be an Education Fair held in Old Crow, Yukon on April 13th & 14th, 2005. This will be held at Chief Zzeh Gittlit School. April 11-15th, 2005 is Education Week and we are hosting this in partnership with the Yukon Government Department of Education. Stay posted for a schedule of booths and workshops.

We will also be bringing up the First Nations Basketball team to provide a skills workshops and a basketball clinic for all the students at CZGS from K-4 –Grade 9. The basketball team from Watson Lake will also be traveling up to play games against the First Nations Basketball Team. These games will be held in the evenings on April 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2005 at the school. If anyone is interested in setting up a booth at the Education Fair please contact me before March 18th, 2005 at 867-667-8665. Anyone who has trained in a field, is a trainee, or who has completed any type of career or Post Secondary Education would be more than welcome to set up a booth. I would really like to see our young VG citizens who have done training or Post Secondary set up a booth and share with the community and especially the young ones about their educational experiences. Your success motivates young people as well as gives them an excellent role model.

Spring Break

Commences March 18th, 2005 and ends April 4th, 2005. I have booked most youth home March 18th, 2005 unless they are going on a trip or have made other arrangements. If your youth misses the plane the upgrade and accommodations are the responsibility of the parent. Mr. Cassidy and myself will both be out of the territory at that time and will not be available. My apologies for any inconvenience.

Whistler Snowboarding Trip

Gadzoosdaa has organized a trip for all the residence students to go snowboarding in Whistler the first part of Spring Break, March 15th – 21st, 2005. Three of our students who reside at the dorm will be participating in this amazing opportunity. I keep trying to convince Mr. Cassidy that I should chaperone; however, he says he has it under control. Good luck to our students who are going to Whistler, what a great opportunity for all of you. Have fun and remember your sunglasses and sunscreen!

Swimming and Sima Passes

I have received the swim passes and Mt. Sima passes. All the swimming passes have been distributed to our students and I will give out the Mt. Sima passes next

week. If you do not want your child to have a pass, please let me know.

CPR/First Aid

VG&FN Education Department had secured funding for a CPR course for our High School Students. We had six students enrolled for the weekend of Feb 18,19 and 20th, 2005. However, St. Johns Ambulance cancelled the course at the last minute. My apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused any of you. If you wish to re-register please come and see me and I will make sure we set up another date.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys the article on The Warriors Hockey Team, as well as the picture of our very own Bobby Linklater, who helped win the trophy. The youth were all praised on their awesome behavior and sportsmanlike attitude at the

you who are heading out to Crow Flat, safe travels. Happy Rendezvous all.

FH Warriors Take Trophy

Congratulations to the FH Warriors for taking first place in the Ross River Hockey Tournament this weekend. Special recognition goes to Aaron Smarch and Tyrel Ollie who provided a combined 17 goals throughout the tournament. Mat Dixon was named tournament defensive MVP. At 6'5" on the ice Mat's fierce slap shot and quick witted commentary gave the Watson team much to think about on their drive home. The warriors 2-1 record in playoffs secured them first place, and had them facing the Watson Lake men's team in the Final. AJ terrorized up and down the ice, even after being slashed in the face.

Experience merged with brute force,

slide completely off the road into some deep snow. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. It was great of the boys to help the shaken up couple by digging out their vehicle, rolling it over, and pushing it back onto the road. That's the kind of help you might expect from a hockey team on a road trip. It's just nice to see them so eager to help. Aaron Johnston, and Aaron Smarch were among the first two teammates to hop out of the van, checking to see if the victims of the accident were okay. They then plunged into the snow, which was over waist deep in parts, and started digging out their vehicle.

"These are the things that I like about my job" said Bingham.

Team Photo:

Very back center; Bobby Linklater



tourney. Way to go guys! Also, enjoy the pictures of some of the students who would let me take their pictures. They all miss you and cannot wait to come home! I won't be doing a March submission as I will be off on Spring Break, so until April take care, enjoy spring and for those of

as seasoned veteran Jacob Jirousek, teamed with heavyweight rookie Nathan Bingham, to lead this young team to victory. The boys were champions on and off the ice this weekend. While making the drive home the team came across a vehicle that had flipped upside down, and

Back row, Left; Robert Ollie
Back row, middle; Daniel Smarch
Back row right; Mat Dixon
Front row, L – R; Tyrel Ollie, Paul Donnessey, Aaron Johnston, Jacob Jirousek, Aaron Smarch, and Nathan Bingham