



June 2010 Report

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Aboriginal Education

- May 26: Aboriginal Education Advisory half day meeting to evaluate how we are doing with the three goals in the Boundary Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. We reviewed Reading, Numeracy and school completion data for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Additionally, we looked at Student Satisfaction surveys to determine how students with Aboriginal ancestry are feeling about being included, accepted and helped at school. Each member of the Advisory will be submitting a statement from students, or a story on the impact on students of one of the many Aboriginal cultural events.
- June 18 - 10 am: Talking Circle with Ab Ed Advisory and Aboriginal community
- June 19 - 3 pm: Residence/Totem Pole raising at the Christina Lake Living Arts Centre. Everyone is invited to attend.
- June 23: Aboriginal Education Advisory final meeting – to review the district wide Reading results and grades 3,5, and 6 Numeracy results – these will be added to the fourth Annual report to the Ministry of Education. The Advisory will also be determining the date of our first planning session for the renewal process of the Boundary Aboriginal Education Agreement 2011.

Early Years

- June 4: Strong Start review and program change request to the Ministry of Education. After much consultation with Early Years partners, Public Health, Strong Start facilitators and Family Centre Coordinator it has been decided to ask for the Greenwood Elementary Strong Start program to be changed to an 'Outreach' program. It will continue to operate for 3 days a week at Greenwood Elementary School and 2 days a week at Christina Lake Elementary School. Our second Outreach program will offer 2 days at Midway Elementary School, 2 days at West Boundary Elementary School and 1 day at Beaverdell Elementary School per week. Hutton Elementary School will continue with a 5 day a week program during the school year and the Perley Elementary School program will be changed to a year round program with 4 days a week during the school year and three days a week during the summer. Additionally, the Ministry of Education has given us permission to give Christina Lake Elementary School an additional day a month (10 days) from the Perley Strong Start program.
- June 2 - 8 to 3:30: Full Day Kindergarten session @ Hutton Hideaway. A team of Kindergarten teachers from SD 8 have joined us for the day.
- June 3: Early Years Collaborative Team meeting

Special Education

- June 1: Boundary MCFD, Child and Youth Mental Health, BFISS and SD 51 meeting with Jan Sousa. Discussed issues facing all of us with cut backs in funding for service provider programs, retirement and loss of staff at MCFD. We also identified ways that we can better meet the needs of children, youth and their families or caregivers through collective and collaborative practices.
- June 10: AI TA meeting regarding new provincial grant initiatives for TA professional development
- June 23: Speech and Language meeting in Midway

Community and Regional

- June 4: CYSN (Child and Youth with Special Needs) Interior Region Alliance teleconference
- June 8: District Community Literacy report meeting with Lizanne Eastwood
- June 11: FRIENDS parent advocacy trainers session with Marilyn deWynter – child and youth mental health clinician
- June 16: Kootenay Boundary Regional Consortium meeting in Creston- determining the direction of the consortium in 2010-2011.
- June 28: District Community Literacy meeting @ Selkirk College