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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents:

Another school year has come to an end. We at Bishop Belleau School have come through many changes. I know it is hard for some of us to accept change but if we keep an open mind on whether those changes are good or bad for us, we are better able to deal with our final decisions. Our Grade 7/8 students have returned from their school trip and tell me they really enjoyed the experience. They joined O’Gorman Intermediate on their trip and were very welcomed by the students, staff and the principal, Mr. Wetz. The students were very excited about the new friends they had made. I would like to thank Mr. Wetz for arranging the trip and smoothing the way for the wonderful experience our students had on this trip.

One of the changes we at Bishop Belleau School has gone through is the joining of our school with a larger school board, NCDSB. We have had growing pains on both sides, us getting used to a different way of doing things during our day to day operation; and the board getting to know our culture and how we do things in Moosonee. When I suggested we keep an open mind, this is one area in which we need to

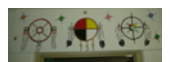
attempt to understand each other’s thinking processes. We need to support each other and try to accept or implement change gradually. I feel that the senior administration are attempting to understand our culture in Moosonee; however, it will take time. They are attempting to learn and understand our school just as we are learning how to do things differently but in harmony with the native culture we are involved with in our school. The principals and staff of the NCDSB schools have reached out to welcome us and support us as in O’Gorman Intermediate School arranging the Grade 7/8 trip; the big welcome card we received at the beginning of the school year; the very large banner with our school logo and signed by staff and students from O’Gorman High, welcoming us to the NCDSB family of schools. These are all positive signs that NCDSB care that the transition of being a one school board to a larger family is successful. There are still glitches that will occur as in all families but if we have a will to work together and make this amalgamation work, we need to question issues we do not understand and attempt to resolve each situation as it happens. It is a learning experi-

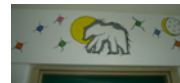
ence for both the community, school, staff and the Board. We must focus on moving forward and not just point the finger in a negative fashion. The Grade 8 students held their graduation on June 22, and it was very successful. The representative of the Board was Colleen Landers, a trustee. This is a busy time for senior administration and trustees; therefore, we certainly appreciate Ms. Landers taking time out of her busy schedule to come to our school to represent NCDSB and the many kind words she spoke to the graduates and myself. The Bishop presented the award for Catholic Christian Values Award and Ms. Landers presented the Award for Academic Excellence. Both awards were given to Bishop Belleau School by the NCDSB. The Senior Kindergarten graduation was well received by proud parents that attended. Well done to all graduates. We have had a number of registrations for JK this year. We have almost reached the cap on the numbers for kindergarten. Again, there will be changes in the length of the day for the kindergarten students. The students will arrive at school at 8:45 and remain at school until 11:45 a.m. The afternoon will (cont’d page 2...)

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Have a happy & safe summer!





Message from the Principal, cont'd

remain the same, 1:00—3:30. Another change will be that the students will be taught the Cree Language and Culture from JK/SK to Grade 3. A number of studies have proved that if children receive instruction in their first language and culture, they become stronger language learners in a second language. We also feel that Bishop Belleau School will be promoting Cree language and culture at an early age so that they will be proud of their heritage and who they are.

It is important to continue to arrive at school on time. This year many students were frequently absent due to the flu and other illnesses. I hope next year there will be an improvement in attendance as frequent absences impacts on the students acquiring the curriculum needed to be successful.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff, students and community members that have supported me and Bishop Belleau School over the last ten years (10). I wish all the students every success in the future. It is time for me to retire and spend time with my family but I will remember the community of Moosonee and its people. You have acquired a piece of my heart that will never be erased. Thank you and all the best in the future.

"With God We Make A Difference"

Sincerely,

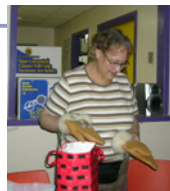
Christine Allen, Principal



Kindergarten Celebration—June 28, 2010

Congratulations to our SK graduates!

Benny, Tyrell, Tia, May-Nee-Shish, Chelsea, Theresa, Keegan, Charleston, Kailey, Rayden



Prayer

Let us pray: God of all times and seasons, as this school year ends, we turn to you with hearts filled with grateful amazement at all you've helped us to learn and be. Every time one of us extended a helping hand to another, every time we forgave each other, every time we put our trust in you, your Son, Jesus Christ, was present among us. We have grown in our love for you and in our desire to walk in your ways. May we never forget all you have done for us. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(from the Children's Daily Prayer 2008-2009 by Suzanne M. Lewis)

Good-bye to Christine Allen, our principal who is retiring. We wish her well and thank her for all her help and support.

Au revoir to Gerard Violette, principal & teacher for the French Language Instructional Unit, who is also retiring. We extend our sincere thanks for his help and support for Bishop Belleau School and wish him well.



From the Bishop Belleau School students and staff.

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One of the artwork above the classroom doors



Aboriginal Day Activities June 21



Students also participated in the game of Lacrosse in the gym

BBS Graduation—June 22, 2010 Congratulations to Our Graduates of 2010!

Brandon, Jonathon, Terry

C. Landers, Trustee of NCDSB congratulating the Gr.8 Graduates



Bishop Cadieux presenting the Catholic Christian Values Award

Valedictorian Jonathon Matthews



The Graduates with their teacher, Mr. Hough. Mrs. King also congratulated the graduates by letter on their accomplishments.



Back to School for students on Wednesday, Aug. 25th, 2010

