



Inuvik Interagency Committee Newsletter

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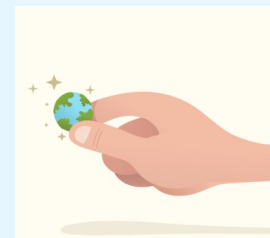
Interagency Meetings are normally held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Next Meeting February 17 2010 1:15 PM Location TBA

Interagency News

Inuvik Interagency Committee

Welcomes our first CPHS Co-Op student

Silvia Koso, MD
 Masters of Public Health Candidate
 Centre for Health Promotion, School of Public Health
 University of Alberta



Silvia will be in Inuvik until April 30th. Her assistance is provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada's Canadian Public Health Service and in partnership with the Aurora Research Institute.

The Canadian Public Health Service (CPHS) provides paid opportunities for graduate students to receive support and gain applied public health experience in public health related Master's programs. The project must be on an applied public health topic and matched to a public health priority within a Northern Canadian public health jurisdiction.

For more information on this service go to <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cphs-sspc/index-eng.php>.

Silvia will be gathering information from community members and organization to assist the Interagency Committee in developing future plans and goals. To reach Silvia call her at the Aurora Research Institute (867) 777- 3298 ext 33.

Our Goals for the next 3 months

The Inuvik Interagency Committee Office will be working on 3 priorities over the next three months.

1. Youth issues as identified by the Interagency Committee's Youth Sub-committee and Inuvik Youth Centre. Specific actions will be developed to help youth meet the identified issues.
2. Integrated health promotion by the newly formed working group to continue health promotion actions including a focus on addictions
3. Explore in depth the capacity of the community for achieving community wellness and areas requiring further Attention to start the development of a strategic plan for the interagency committee.

If you have any suggestions or want to get involved contact the Inuvik Interagency Committee.

Parks Canada Agency Ambassador For Education Award



Margaret Gordon and Sheena Adamson have been named as the first Northwest Territories recipients of the Parks Canada Agency's Ambassador for Education Award.

The award is presented to Margaret Gordon in recognition of her support for Parks Canada through promoting and presenting our educational resources. Mrs. Gordon was nominated based on her leadership in setting up the Environmental Stewardship Certificate Program at the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School in Inuvik for the past five years. The award will be presented to Mrs. Gordon at the SAMS assembly on February 5th at 1:30 pm.

Sheena Adamson has been recognized for her leadership in the Biology 20 Science Camps for the past three years. Ms. Adamson has enhanced the science and traditional knowledge content of the camp and provided excellent advice every year for the betterment of the program and have been a long-time supporter of Parks Canada's education program. Ms. Adamson's award will be presented at the SHHS staff meeting on February 24th at 1 pm.

This award program began in 2007 and so far, educators have been recognized in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador and now northern Canada. Future plans will expand the program to other provinces and territories. This award is one way Parks Canada is taking steps to recognize the contributions of formal educators who support Parks Canada's education program.



Santa's Elves Wrap Up for 2009

Thank you to the community for your support and generosity to the Santa's Elves Project 2009. This year 126 families were given Christmas hampers and gifts. \$9416 dollars and over 30 pre-made hampers were donated from various individuals and organizations to supply gifts and groceries for approximately 355 people. This project continues to be a success thanks to the ongoing support of community organizations/departments and the individuals that pull together to ensure every family has an opportunity to celebrate the season.

Thank you Everyone,
The Elves

SAMS Kindersteps

Feb. 2nd is SAMS Kindersteps day. This program is free and for all children scheduled to start kindergarten in September. It is a great way to get young students on to a successful educational start as they become familiar with school. We are beginning to take registrations for next year and our classes fill up quickly especially in Inuvialuktun Immersion.

Registrations will be taken on a first come first served basis.

For more information call Sir Alexander Mackenzie School @ 867-777-7180

Community Notices & Events



Healthier Eating Lets Talk about it! Monday Feb 1 7:00-8:30 PM at the Public Library.

The GNWT has contracted Outcrop to do public consultation on food and eating in the NWT. To provide input into what barriers to healthy eating exist. This information will help drive direction and policy regarding food in the NWT. Complete an online survey visit www.nwtfoodsurvey.ca

Building Capacity in Small and Rural Charities Resources and Tools for CRA reporting: Free workshop Tuesday, February 9, 3pm to 5pm, Midnight Sun Complex, call or email Colin MacGillivray at 777-8640 or cmacgillivray@town.inuvik.nt.ca

Diabetes Education Workshop: Full day February 5, Are you diabetic? Take control of your health. Call Joan at 777-8091 to sign up.

Inuvik Child Development Centre BBQ, Decadent Dessert & Auction Fundraiser: February 13, 7 – 9 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion. Tickets \$40.00 includes steak dinner call 777– 3745. Children's First 7 day Cruise for 2 raffle will be drawn at this event. Tickets \$20 at Originals on Mackenzie.

Gwich'in Wellness Family Weekend Camp Retreats: Any family of 3-4 can sign up, call Victor @ 777-7915. Single parent families are encouraged.

NWT Council of Persons with Disabilities– Inuvik Office, Community Meeting: Feb 25
Centennial Library Vicky Billingsley Community room. Call 679-0432 for more information
9am-11:00am children's organizations and services
1pm-3:00pm adults organizations and services
4pm-6:00pm General Public

NWT Literacy Council Free Inuvik Workshops: March 3-4th
Facilitation Skills: March 3 tips and tools for working with groups and public speaking
Talking Books: March 4 how to make talking books on computer using power point
To sign up call 1-866 599-6758 or email nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca

Gwich'in Wellness Camp: March 17-20th, Want to make a difference in the lives of Youth? The Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities (SACSC) offers dynamic, participant-focused workshops designed to build character and prevent violence among youth. any one who works with youth and wants to strengthen your community, register by calling Victor @ 777-7915.

Children First Society Talent Contest fundraiser: Looking for people who are interested in helping to organize a talent contest to raise funds for the Children's First Centre. Look for dates in the near future. Call 777-3703 for more information.

Children First Society Dinner Theatre fundraiser: Looking for people who are interested in participating in a dinner Theatre presentation to raise funds for the Children's First Centre. Interested? Call 777-3703