MAMAWAKAMATOWIN

“Everyone Working Together”

Duck Lake, Beardy’s & Okemasis First Nation & Area

Family Literacy Program

Literacy Coordinator: Marlene Scott
Introduction

Duck Lake & Beardy’s & Okemasis First Nation is located in-between Saskatoon and Prince Albert. With approximately population of about 3000.

The Literacy programs are held in the town of Duck Lake at the local Métis hall “Tawow center”.
Who am I?

- Mother, Wife,
- 3 - teenage girls / step daughter -
- Ukrainian ancestry
- Married to a first nation man
- Living in First nation com. For 20 years
- Love to smile, laugh, cry, and just have fun
- Caring, like to help others
- Literacy Coordinator
Marlene’s Literacy Poem

The Mama team had a Dream
I was hired to set the scene
It all began with a theme
Family Literacy, Oh what do you mean
Family Literacy you see is about living in society
Learning, living and understanding made easily
Come Read with Me I said to families
Books for you and me and the whole community
Alphabets soup what can that be
Reading and understanding recipes together as a family
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Poem Continue

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Parent’s being there child’s first teacher this should be a rule
Story-time & crafts
Computers and no staff
School programs we have a blast
Literacy and healthy families
Reading is apart of family literacy so come learn with me
Still to come is essential skills training and story sack making

By: Marlene Scott – Literacy coordinator
Mamawkamatowin offers a wide variety of Literacy programs to the whole community.

Programs are intended for families, Adults Babies, Children, Preschoolers, and teenagers,

Programs are FREE
Public Computer access - High speed

- Basic Computer sessions, resume writing, job searching, etc..
Come Read with Me

Encourages reading as a fun valuable activity for both parents and children –
CRWM facilitator manual

• Held once a week
• 6pm to 8pm
• Supper provided
• Books given out to families
• Transportation & childcare provided

CRWM increases parents involvement with there child’s learning.
Come Read with me
I like books
Alphabet Soup

- Parents learn interactive activities that they can do with their children
- Preparing a variety of healthy snacks
- Reading a story and make the snack
- Held Once a week
Kids cooking Sessions
Kids / Teen Cooking sessions:

✓ Kids cooking held during school breaks
✓ Teen cooking held once a week after school
✓ Kitchen Safety
✓ Reading recipes
✓ Learning measurements
✓ Best part of the cooking session is everyone sitting down together to eat
Literacy & Healthy Families
Literacy & Healthy Family Workshops

- Nurse Practitioner co-facilitator
- Teaching parents skills to increase the wellness of their families
- Giving parents access to health information
- Literacy activities
- Transportation provided, lunch
- Held once a month
STORY TIME & CRAFTS

- Held during school breaks
- Held in the winter at Stobart Elementary
- Children enjoy listening to a story
- Craft idea comes from the story
- Snacks provided
Daycare Fun Time

- Resource for Beardy’s & Okemasi FN Daycare – once every 2 weeks going out to the daycare for 1 hour, doing activities, singing songs, playing games, counting, ABC’s, doing a small craft
Join the Story

Fundraising Event
An evening of stories in Song, Dance, Poetry, and Prose
22 local entertainers
With a wide variety of performances
Variety

Evening

Brian did

a funny

rendition

of a chef
Joseph Reading
“Five Little Monkey’s”

Grade 1 class
Heel Toe Polka
& Two step
“Circle of Life”
sung by Father Alberto
Other Performers also included

- Singing
- Playing guitar
- Hip-Hop performance
- SADD presentation
- Grade 9 power point
- Rapper
- Fiddle performance
- Reading of “Leettle Bateese”
Stobart High – Sky Boyz Singers
Get Connected

Willow Cree Healing Lodge
Programs for the “Nisons” inmates
• Dads are Special, home made Christmas cards
Other

- Learning the First Nations drum grade 6, sessions held twice a week for 6 weeks
- Support the grade 3 book making
- Appling for funding
- Proposal writing
- Developing programs and delivering
Incorporating the First Nation Culture

- Elder Advisor for programs
- Follow protocol
- Talking circle