

Zaasijiwan Newsletter

LDF Head Start HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

12-2008

The Zaasijiwan Head Start Staff and their Families want to wish you a joyous holiday season and best wishes for next year. This month is one of our most exciting with our Benefit Bingo raising \$3,800 dollars for children's gifts. The children have also spent their time making decorations for the tree, their rooms, and the hallway. They are anxiously preparing and waiting for the December Social where their classrooms will each have a part in the Christmas Program. Santa will then give out gifts to all the Head Start children. Please join us in celebrating!

Best wishes for the New Year!

Zaasijiwan Head Start



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Winter Wonderland

Family Social/Christmas Program 2008

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
WHAT TIME: 9:30 a.m. to Noon
WHERE: LDF Public School Small Gymnasium

Snacks served in each classroom following the program.

There will be no P.M. busses — the children will go home with their families following the program.



Happy Holidays Families!

This month is filled with learning about many cultural teachings of the giving season. Christmas is celebrated all over the world with different customs and practices. In every country, the bottom line is all the same during this holiday season – being kind to each other. We will be reading "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein and fun classics like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas". For our Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 17, we will be singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Oh Christmas Tree". The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and we look forward to seeing you there!

We have many projects planned including making reindeer, a gingerbread man, and ornaments for our Christmas tree. We will be making a special gift for our parents to open after the Christmas program. Teaching for several years and many different grade levels, I have found it is basically impossible not to grow to love your students as you get to know each of their unique personalities. We feel very blessed to get to spend my days with your children, encouraging them to learn and grow from their experiences. From the bottom of our hearts, we

hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Room #9: Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Stefanie

NO BAKE COOKIES

Ingredients:

- 4 ounces butter or margarine**
- 1/2 cup milk**
- 2 cups sugar**
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips**
- 3 to 4 tablespoons peanut butter, optional**
- 3 cups oats, quick or old-fashioned**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract**

Preparation:

Place chocolate chips, peanut butter (if used), oats, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Combine the margarine, milk, and sugar in a saucepan; bring to a rolling boil. Boil for 1 minute. Combine the hot mixture with the oatmeal and chocolate chip mixture; stir well. Drop by spoonfuls



Mr. Eli—Benefit Bingo Coordinator

Learning the Alphabet

We are introducing one letter of the alphabet each week. At each circle time we invite the children to point out their names and their first initial letter on an alphabet poster. All of the children can now recognize their initial. We have also been practicing verses for the Christmas Program and we will be making gifts for each child to present to their family.

Happy Holidays,

Classroom #8: Ms. Kathryn's & Ms. Pat's

"Each One, Honor One"



BOOZHOO FROM MR. ELI & MS. JODI,

This month, we are learning about the Winter Holidays, shapes, and the five senses. We have been busy making Christmas ornaments, paper chains, and presents for our families. We have also been practicing everyday to learn our songs for the Christmas Program. Last month, we sent home songs in Ojibwe for the children to learn. Please practice Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star with your children because we will be singing it at the Christmas Program. Please feel free to stop in and visit our classroom. You can come in and share a story or have breakfast or lunch with us.

Miigwitch,

Mr. Eli and Ms. Jodi



Benefit Bingo Supporters

Zaasijiwan Daily Value Statements Song

(Sung to the tune of "Oh, My Darling")

Written By: Mr. Eli Thomas

Love each other,
Respect each other,
Show bravery today,
We'll be honest,
Show humility,
Tell the truth today!

We love math, science and writing,

We love school today!

Goin' to college, goin' to college

Goin' to college, someday!

I love me,

I love myself,

I love everyone today,

Love each other, love each other,

Love each other, everyday.

The Zaasijiwan Daily Value Statements and Song are practiced everyday at Head Start. Please practice them with your child at home and help us ready them for a life full of love and learning.

Benefit Bingo Buddies



Zaasijiwan Daily Value Statement

Zaagi'idiwin
(Zah gi i di win)

LOVE

Minwaabamewiziwin
(Min wah buh may wi zi win)

RESPECT

Zoongide'ewin
(Zoon gi day ay win)

BRAVERY

Gwayakobimaadiziwin
(Gweye uh ko bi mah di zi win)

HONESTY

Gopadiziwin
(Go puh di zi win)

HUMILITY

Debwewin
(Day bway win)

TRUTH

Gikendaasowin
(Gi kayn dah so win)

WISDOM

I Love Math

I Love Science

I Love Writing

I Love School

I Am Going To College

I Love Me

"Each One, Honor One"



BOOZHOO,

'Tis the Season to be Jolly! Here in the classroom we are happily decorating and getting ready for the upcoming Christmas Program. We have been studying shapes and colors. We have also been working on being nice to each other through socialization exercises. Many of the children have worked hard on their gifts for their families and are excited for the Christmas Program. Thank you for all your help with Halloween and Thanksgiving activities. The children love to see their families come into Head Start and participate in programming. It is a great feeling to see all the families that come into celebrate with all of us.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Sherri & Ms. Laverne



*Having a great time at Benefit Bingo-
Thanks Darlene*

ZAASIJIWAN HEAD START 0-5 PROGRAM

December 2008

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
15	16 Nutrition Activities in the classrooms with Erica Gammie, GLITC	17 FAMILY SOCIAL Christmas Program at 9:30A in the small gymnasium.	18 IN-SERVICE	19
22 WINTER BREAK	23 WINTER BREAK	24 Christmas Eve WINTER BREAK	25 Christmas WINTER BREAK	26
29 WINTER BREAK	30 WINTER BREAK	31 New Year's Eve WINTER BREAK		

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JANUARY 2009			1 New Year's Day WINTER BREAK	2
5 ZHS resumes...	6	7	8 Mental Health Consultation at 3:30P	9
12	13	14 Health Service Advisory Committee Meeting at 9:30A	15	16
19 Martin Luther King, Jr.	20 Nutrition Activities in the classrooms with Erica Gammie, GLITC Turtle Group Play Shoppe	21 Nutrition Activities in the classrooms with Erica Gammie, GLITC	22	23
26	27	28 FAMILY SOCIAL	29 IN-SERVICE Curriculum Committee Meeting at 9:30A	30

Miigwitch from Zaasijiwan Head Start

Holiday Giving That Lasts...

This year has been the most successful for our fundraising efforts in many years. In total, we raised \$3,800 dollars in cash, but that does not count the number of donations and volunteer time which amounted to over \$13,000. The effort and time that was given to our Head Start Bingo Activities will always be appreciated.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in this effort including those that traveled all the way to Waussau to get the presents as well as those that helped wrap.

Below is a list of donations and volunteers. If we forget anyone, please forgive us due to such an enormous amount of giving this season:

- Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council
- Lake of the Torches Casino
- Lac du Flambeau Smoke Shop
- The Waters—Minocqua
- The Mole Lake Casino and Hotel
- Subway—Minocqua
- Little Musky—Minocqua
- Cole Chapman
- Stacy Saglin
- Walmart—Minocqua
- Roger Stone
- Mona Wolfe
- LaVerne McBurney
- Mary Martin
- Kayla Blechinger
- Gretchen Anderson
- Jessica Lutz
- Joanna Rasmussen
- Brooks BigJohn
- Norma Soulier
- Brandy Wewasson
- Dr. Adrienne Laverdure
- Peter Christen Health Center
- Lindsey Schuman
- Suzanne Burgess
- Brenda Saglin
- Jodi Chapman
- Barb Allen
- Kyle Daubon
- Devin and Erin Allen
- Santa and his Elves

THANK YOU



- Mary Larue
- Kelly Allen
- Brandy Wewasson
- Jim McDougall
- Betsy McDougall
- Zach Allen
- Daniel Chapman
- Caitlin Olejniczak
- Kyla Bressler
- Emma Dammann
- Vazquez Family
- Sandy Kusay
- Culver's—Minocqua
- Minocqua Auto Clinic & Sales
- Jim Green
- Beverly and Al Bauman
- Michelle Wayman
- Amanda Barber
- Jeanne Plunkett
- Bill Cross, Sr.
- Betty Laverdure
- Lisa Schuman
- Lac du Flambeau Public School
- Birth-to-Three-Headwaters
- Ernestine Rodriguez
- Lac du Flambeau Bingo Hall
- All Head Start Staff and their Families
- All Bingo & Raffle Participants
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Best wishes for the New Year!
Zaasijiwan Head Start

Mino Dibishkaan Happy Birthday!

Age 1

December 13

Saphire Mehsgaud

Age 2

December 29

Sienna LaBarge

Age 4

December 1

Landon Chosa

December 13

Madelynn Maulson

December 18

Michael Wewasson

Age 5

December 10

Gracie Greene

December 14

Briana Bruiger

December 28

Rylee Ahlborn

December 30

Jade Esquivel

GUESS WHO?



Room #4: Ms. Arleen & Ms. Mabel

We want to welcome new student, Skylee Wayman LaBarge, to our classroom. We are learning about winter as we experience the season. We learn about cold.....brrrrr! We are learning about snow. We watch the snow fall and then we watch as it melts. We want to say congratulations to Ms. Arleen on receiving her Associates Degree. Stay warm and dream of sugarplums and lollipops. We want to tell everyone to have a great holiday and safe travels!

See you next year,

Ms. Arleen & Ms. Mabel

Some Ornament Craft Websites for You to Share with your Child:

http://www.makingfriends.com/xmas_ornaments.htm

<http://familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts/season/specialfeature/christmas-ornaments-ms/>

<http://www.crayola.com/>

<http://www.amazingmoms.com/htm/>

NEWS FROM ROOM 7

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that December has come and went so quickly, where does the time go. Some highlights from December in our classroom include; learning about the weather, creating a family gift, decorating the room for the holidays, and working on our skills for Kindergarten.

In the new year we will begin our next unit entitled Animals Everywhere, which looks at how animals adjust and adapt to changes in their environments. We will also be continuing our skill work with numbers, writing, and the letters of the alphabet. A new component to our daily learning routine will be working with letter sounds and word recognition.

Happy Holidays! Happy Holidays,
Ms. Alison & Ms. Tisheana



Pulling Raffle Winners

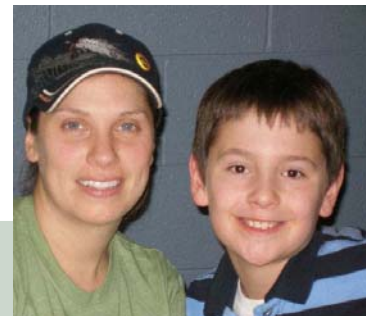
Boozhoo from classroom 1,

I would like to wish Saphire Meshigaud a happy birthday. She is one years old this month.

I also would like to wish my families a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! All the babies are now one years old and was a challenge in the beginning of the year. But, we are now starting to get into a routine and we are enjoying school. It has been exciting to see all of the children go through several milestones over last few months. It is real exciting to watch them learn and grow. If any of my parents have any questions feel free to call Head Start.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Jeanette



Ms. Jen V and Cole Chapman

Learning to Stay Warm

12-2008

Boozhoo Families,

We would like to wish Jeremy Young-Thoms a Happy Birthday, he turned 3 years old on 12-4-08 This month we are learning about winter, cold weather clothing and snow. You are welcome to visit classroom anytime, we have an open door policy.

We will be having our Christmas program on Dec.18 at 9:30, we hope you can all join us. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Miigwitch.

Ms. Janet & Ms. Sally Room #5



Selecting Safe Toys for Your Child

The holiday season is the time when most of the toys and games are purchased. Here are some tips from the National Safe Kids Campaign for buying safe toys for children:

- When selecting toys, consider the child's age, interests and skill level. Look for quality design and construction, and follow age and safety recommendations on labels.
- Consider purchasing a small parts tester to determine whether small toys may present a choking hazard to children under age 3. Small parts testers can be purchased at toy or baby specialty stores.
- Toys are frequently recalled for safety reasons. Check the National Safe Kids Campaign website www.safekids.org for updates and information on recent toy recalls.
- Use mylar balloons instead of latex to eliminate the risk of choking or latex allergy reaction.
- Avoid toys with sharp points or edges, toys that produce loud noises, and projectiles (such as darts)
- Avoid toys with strings, straps or cords longer than 7 inches that may pose a risk for strangulation for young children.
- Avoid electrical toys with heating elements for children under age 8.
- Avoid cap guns that use caps that can be ignited by the slightest friction and can cause serious burns.
- Other Tips to Keep Children Safe From Toy-Related Injuries
- Inspect toys regularly for damage and potential hazards such as sharp edges. Make any necessary repairs immediately, or discard damaged toys out of children's reach.
- Supervise your children to keep them safe from toy-related injuries. Get involved and actively play with your children rather than watching from a distance.
- Make sure toys are used in a safe environment.
- Teach children to put toys away safely after playing.

Source: National Safe Kids Campaign, www.safekids.org.

Boozhoo Families,

During the month of December we have been doing activities around the holidays. Please join us for Turtle Play Shoppe on Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 10:00am to have some holiday fun experiences focused on the five senses. We enjoy our home visits and classroom visits with all of our children. Welcome to our new Home Base children Dale Eades and Abigail LeSieur.

Gigaawaabaamin,
Ms. Shirley and Ms. Sue



Head Start Staff Get a Visit from Santa

Boozhoo Families,

We wish you all-very happy holidays! Be safe, healthy and happy. We want to thank the families for just stopping in to say hi, for their support during fundraising ensuring the children having a Merry Christmas and for their promptness to get needed areas completed! Remember to stop in again in the New Year- we welcome your visits.

"The best Christmas of all is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up with one another."

Your Family & Community Partnership Advocates,

Vicki Soulier and Julia Chapman

Enjoying Her Door Prize



Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh...



Mr. Eli and His Crew

*Check Out Our Website:
www.ldfheadstart.com*

December 16, 2008

Boozhoo Families,

As things begin to wind down for 2008 we begin to look at what's going to be happening in the new year. In January, we will be having a Curriculum Committee meeting and hope that many of you can join us for that. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

We will also be having another book giveaway for the children in January. The Tribal Education Department donated books to our program so we will have these giveaways every month until all the books have been distributed to the children.

Stay safe and Healthy in the New Year!!!!!!!

Gigawaabaamin,

Ruth R. Bird

Education & Disability Coordinator/Supervisor

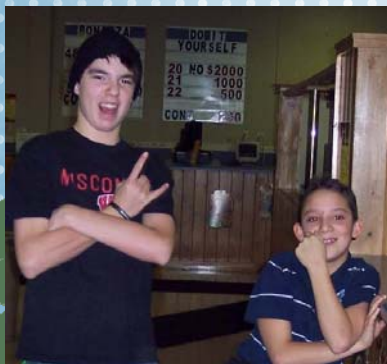


Retired Judge Betty Laverdure Donates Time To Head Start Sewing together 100 Hats to 200 Mittens for the Annual Christmas Program

Hat and Mitten Donations Appreciated

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Tomahawk donated 100 hats and 200 mittens to the Zaasijiwan Head Start Program that will be given out during this year's Christmas Program. Zaasijiwan Head Start wants to thank them for their generous donation. Retired Judge Betty Laverdure Donates Time To Head Start sewing together 100 Hats to 200 Mittens for the Annual Christmas Program so they won't get lost. Please feel free to remove the string when you get the mittens home or keep them on so they stay together.

Miigwitch From the Zaasijiwan Head Start Program



*Daniel Chapman & Zack Allen
Bingo Volunteers*



Erin Allen—Bingo Volunteer

Dear Families,

I want to thank you for the wonderful experiences that I have had here in Lac du Flambeau. My family has had a great time meeting everyone and participating in all the activities. This month, we have submitted our continuation grant and have prepared for the Christmas Program, so it has been an extremely busy month. I want to invite you to come into my office and visit and take time to visit our classrooms as well. We are still looking for substitutes and volunteers, please see Chris Zortman if you are interested.

Have a safe and happy holiday season,
Dr. Betsy McDougall and Family