

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**

Is this school – wake me up before I drool

Family Literacy is different from school

**Encouraging parents involvement with their
child's learning is cool**

Poem Continue

Is this school – wake me up before I drool

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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

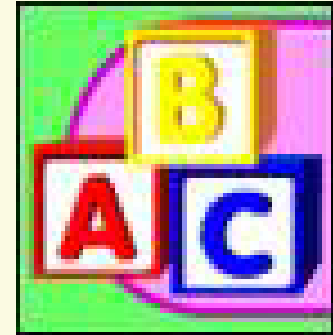


I like books



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



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



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Variety

Evening

Brian did

a funny

rendition

of a chef



Joseph Reading
“Five Little
Monkey’s”

Grade 1 class

Heel Toe Polka

& Two step

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“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”

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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
- Applying for funding
- Proposal writing
- Developing programs and delivering



Incorporating the First Nation Culture

- Elder Advisor for programs
- Follow protocol
- Talking circle

