

Local News

Science Fair Report

Ahkwasahsne students have once again achieved outstanding results at a Science Fair - this time at the United Counties Regional Science Fair in Cornwall, Ontario. After having won four medals and a special award at the AISES National Science Fair in Bismark, North Dakota the previous weekend, our students won three trophies, five cash awards and a number of certificates at the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Fair on Saturday, March 30. As well, Ahkwasahsne students in Grades 1-5 won nine awards in the Wall Display Competition of this Fair.

The project award winners were as follows:

Justin Thomsson, Grade 7, AMS, who won the Ontario Public School Teachers Federation plaque for Excellence in a Junior Experimental Project, the Chemical Institute of Canada Award for the best Chemistry project, and a Silver Award of \$75.00 for his project "Living in Colour".

Eileen Cook, Grade 6, Tsi Snaihne, who won the Bergeron Electric Trophy for Excellence in the Atom Division and a Bronze Award of \$40.00 for her project "Bazooka Joe and Friends".

Amber General, Grade 7, AMS, who won the Dr. Charles Pender Memorial Trophy for Best in Human Biology and a Bronze Award of \$40.00 for her project "Silent Killers".

Tyson Mitchell and Kellen Sunday, Grade 6, Tsi Snaihne, who won a Bronze Award of \$40.00 for their project "Archery".

Noel King and Rochelle Sunday, Grade 6, Tsi Snaihne, who won a Dr. Francois Martel Special Award of \$100.00 for their project "Leukemia on The Loose".

Justin Thompson and Amber General along with Tobi Mitchell, Grade 6, Tsi Snaihne, were also selected to display their projects at the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Science International Conference on the St. Lawrence Ecosystem,

to be held May 13-16 in Cornwall.

There were approximately 350 Wall Display entries in The United Counties Fair and ten Ahkwasahsne students won awards in this competition. This is indeed a very good showing by our students.

The Wall Display winners were as follows:

Mitchell Lafrance, Grade 2, Kana:takon for "Ahkwason"
Drew Buckshot, Grade 5, Kana:takon for "How a Star is Born"

Cody David, Grade 5, Kana:takon for "The Solar System"

Ashley Cook, Grade 3, St. Regis Mohawk School for "What are Rocks and Minerals?"

Erin Cook, Grade 3, St. Regis Mohawk School for "How to Tell a Rabbit from a Hare"

Noel Terrance, Grade 3, St. Regis Mohawk School for "Volcanoes"

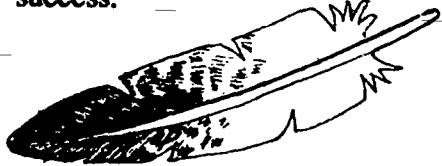
Kyle Terrance, Grade 3, St. Regis Mohawk School for "Polar Bears"

Ronald Swamp and Josh Mitchell, Grade 4, Tsi Snaihne for "Our Earth"

Karla General, Grade 5, Tsi Snaihne, for "Baby Animals Around The World".

Ahkwasahsne students from all three A.M.B.E. schools also participated in the United Counties Science Olympics on March 6 at Char Lan District High School and the team from Tsi Snaihne School (Eileen Cook, Tyson Mitchell, Kellen Sunday and John Thompson) won first place in one event and came in 4th place overall out of the 16 schools that participated. The team from A.M.S. (Owen Lazore, Daryl Seymour, Erin Seymour and Justin Thompson) took second place in constructing a machine to separate a mixture of golf balls and ping pong balls.

This completes a most successful and rewarding year for Ahkwasahsne students in Science Fairs. Our appreciation and thanks goes out to teachers who devoted a great deal of time and effort to help our students achieve success.



HEAD START RECRUITMENT

Applications for the 1996-97 school year at the St. Regis Mohawk Head Start Program are being taken.

Please register as soon as possible at the Head Start Center (on Route 37 located behind the Akwasasne Library/Cultural Center). When registering, please bring with you the following: copy of your total household income, child's immunization record, American social security numbers for adults and children applying and medical insurance numbers.

Age eligibility requirement — A child must be three (3) years of age by December 1st.

Head Start 1995 Poverty Guidelines are as follows:

Family Size - 1
Poverty Guideline \$7,740
Family Size - 2
Poverty Guideline - \$10,360
Family Size - 3
Poverty Guideline - \$12,980
Family Size - 4
Poverty Guideline - \$15,600
Family Size - 5
Poverty Guideline - \$18,220
Family Size - 6
Poverty Guideline - \$20,840
Family Size - 7
Poverty Guideline - \$23,460
Family Size - 8
Poverty Guideline - \$26,080

For Family units with more than 8 members, add \$2,620 for each additional family member. The deadline for taking applications is May 31, 1996.

ST. REGIS MOHAWK HEAD START A SPECIAL PLACE FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

In Head Start, children are special, including those with disabilities. Head Start considers each child a unique person with individual strengths and needs, and provides an individualized program for the child and the child's family.

All Head Start children and families participate in a comprehensive program of education, health, parent involvement and social services. In addition to these services, children with disabilities receive therapy, assist technology and other special services to help them grow and develop to their fullest potential.

Regardless of the severity, preschool-age children with disabilities are welcome in Head Start, including:

- * Blindness/visual impairments
- * Orthopedic impairments
- * Deafness/hearing impairments
- * Health impairments
- * Emotional impairments
- * Learning disabilities
- * Mental retardation
- * Speech and language impairments

For further information regarding availability and eligibility requirements, contact the Head Start Program at (518) 358-2988/3021 or stop in between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are now located behind the Akwasasne Library/Cultural Center on Route 37.

Ahkwasahsne Mohawk Board of Education

4 & 5 year old Kindergarten Registration

We ask that all parents whose children will be eligible for school in September 1996 and any new students, to register their child/ren at this time.

Registration will take place at your respective schools from April 22-26, 1996 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Children must turn 4 years old before December 31, 1996. Parents must provide the following before their child is registered for school:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Updated Immunization Record

Parents may register their child/ren with the school secre-

tary at their respective schools. Due to the increased enrollment in the past few years, those students who do not register at this time may be put on a waiting list.

For further information, please contact the following:

Ahkwasahsne Mohawk School - Char Cook - (613) 932-3366
Kana:takon School - Florence Phillips - (613) 575-2323
Tsi Snaihne School - Elaine Thompson - (613) 575-2291

There will be a pre-screening of new registers to find out where your child is academically. The school secretaries will contact you at a later date with specific times and dates.