

Akwesasne Freedom School

LIFE IS

Life is a bookmark
Waiting to be moved to the next chapter
Life is a caterpillar
Waiting to emerge to a beautiful butterfly
Life is a pencil
Wearing out as you write
Life can be as fragile as a flower or as tough as a rock
Life is a silk tree
Soft in the beginning rough at the top
- Kawennakwas

Life Is

Life is like a river you never know where the water fall will be, if you not careful you will go down with the water.
Life is like a roller coaster, it has its ups and it has its downs so deal with it as it comes along.
- Kawennahente

The people who influenced me

The person who influenced me was my mom by telling me if I wanted something that I would have to work hard for it. She told me that if you are a hard worker that it could get you far. My mom would also encourage me to do stuff that you were good at. Kiokwirokton also influenced me. She taught me how to sew, bead, cook, draw, write nice, act, our Mohawk language, and not to give up on yourself.
My Grandmother taught me to be a hard worker and how to mop floors and do the dishes.
My sister taught me to not judge people by how they look but what's inside. It wasn't until she passed on until i had really listened. It was because she had Down Syndrome that she looked different and it didn't matter what she looked like it was how she was inside.
My teacher Iakotsi'tsiakaion was an influence on my life. She taught me how to sew, read, write in English, math, science, geography, grammar, to stick up for myself, about the world and how to respect others.
- Karonhiotha

LIFE IS

LIFE IS DRUM
BEATING AND SHOUTING
LIFE IS A DEER
TRUSTING AND DOUBTING
LIFE IS A THORN BUSH
THICK AND PICKY
LIFE IS A SMALL MAPLE TREE
SHORT AND STICKY
LIFE IS A WINDING ROAD
YOU NEVER KNOW WHICH WAY YOUR GOING TO TURN
LIFE IS A TREE
IT HAS A LOT OF STICKS AND A LOT OF TWIG'S
LIFE IS A CONVENIENCE STORE
WITH CANDY AND CIGS
LIFE IS A BUCKING BULL
UNPREDICTABLE
LIFE IS A LOLLIPOP
SO SO LICKABLE
LIFE IS A MOUNTAIN
SOME PARTS FLAT SOME PARTS STEEP
LIFE IS LIKE THE SKY
THE ONLY THING THAT STAYS THE SAME IS THAT EVERYTHING CHANGES.

- BY ARONHIAIES, APRIL 2000

We would like to have everyone keep their garbage together so their dogs will not get at it. That's what I think is the biggest problem in Akwesasne, it's the dogs they get

into the garbage and tear it up. Most people say that the garbage is not their problem, but It's EVERYONE'S PROBLEM!
So don't just leave it their in your ditch, pick it up. Because it is destroying Mother Earth.
Garbage is the biggest problem in Akwesasne these days, every where you go there's garbage on the ground. On Cook road in Snye that's where the most garbage is, when they clean it there it just goes back to the way it was before.
So don't litter.
Don't burn tires.
Reduce.
Reuse.
Recycle.Nia:wen
Respect.

Nia:wen

She:kon People of Ahkwesasne
As a student of the Ahkwesasne Freedom School and a Mohawk of Ahkwesasne

I want to ask the people of Ahkwesasne to stop littering and start helping to clean up all the garbage. Not one or two of us, but all of us, because it is killing our animals and as a Mohawk Of Ahkwesasne I know that we are killing Mother Earth. Now we must help her heal.

nia:wen

Katsitsienhawe Sharrow

She:kon

I am a student of the Ahkwesasne Freedom School. When I look around that's all I see is garbage everywhere. That's not what you want you great grandchildren to see. So start cleaning the ditches, roads, yards and rivers.

Nia:wen.

Kawennahente Cook

She:kon

People of Ahkwesasne. As a student of Ahkwesasne Freedom School, I don't like what I'm seeing on the side of the roads. I'm talking about garbage. Garbage is now a big issue now that it is almost Earth Day, but people have to realize EVERYDAY IS EARTH DAY, and as a Onkwehonwe people we are the caretakers of Mother Earth and yet our rez is filled with garbage everywhere, even our waters are dirty. Our land should be as clean as it used to be 500 years ago.

Nia:wen

Garage is a big problem here in Ahkwesasne know matter who you are. Garbage is going to be every where unless we do something about it, so do your part and we'll do ours to help clean our Mother Earth, because over the years, I notice the garbage on the side of the roads has been increasing. More and more garbage is being thrown on the ground everyday and all because we're letting that happen. I don't think Earth day should come once a year it should be everyday. I'm not telling you to clean up, I'm asking you, because only you can do what you think is right

Nia:wen

Kanerahtenhawe Jackson

I think we should clean-up more not just one or two days a year. One or two days a year is just a start. It should be one or two days a week or month at least. We should talk about not littering because a lot of people don't know what is right and what is wrong. People have to tell them, talk about what we-know then they will tell what they know.

Nia:wen

Kawennakwas Mitchell

Basketball Festival

Hosted by Kanatakon School
St. Regis Village, Ahkwesasne
April 27, 28 & 29
No entry fee required
Enter today - 4 team entry in each division
Division Prizes: Team & Individual award
Special event: Center Court Contest
Contestants drawn from player list.

Divisions:

Co-ed: Ages 10-12
Boys: Ages 13-15
Boys: Ages 16-18
Girls: Ages 16-21
Everyone welcome!

For more information contact Kahanstasti Jacobs or Florence Phillips 613-575-2323.

All proceeds will benefit the Kanatakon School Fundraiser Committees

Lacrosse Update And Other Events at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

Se:kon and welcome back all lacrosse players and fans to the 2000 Lacrosse Season
April 25-27th - Race Against Drugs
Sat. April 29th - Lightning vs. Kahnawake @ 8:00 p.m.
Wed. May 3rd - Lightning vs. Gloucester @ 8:00 p.m.
Sat. May 6 - Lightning vs Green Gaels @ 8:00 p.m.
Wed. May 10 - Lightning vs. Nepean @ 8:00 p.m.
Sat. May 13 - Thunder vs. Six Nations @ 8:00 p.m.
Sun. May 14 - Lightning vs. Onondaga @ 2:00 p.m.
Sun. May 14 - Thunder vs. Six Nations @ 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 18 thunder vs. Peterborough @ 8:30 p.m.
May 20-21 - Peanuts and Tyke Tournament @ 8am to 8pm
May 24-28 - Fur Trade Conference @ 8am to 8pm
Sat. May 27 - Thunder vs. Oshweken @ ?
Sat. June 3 - Lightning vs. Onondaga @ 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. June 8 - Thunder vs. Brooklin @ 9:00 p.m.
Sat. June 10 - Lightning vs. Barrie @ 8:00 p.m.
Sun. June 11 - Lightning vs. Mimico @ 2:00 p.m.
Thurs. June 15 - Thunder vs. Peterborough @ 8:30 p.m.
June 16-18 - Novice Intermediate @ 8am to 8pm
Tuesd. June 20 - Lightning vs. Gloucester @ 8:00 p.m.
Wed. June 28 - Lightning vs. Nepean @ 8:00 p.m.
July 1-2 - Strawberry Festival @ 11:00 a.m.
Sun. July 2 - Lightning vs. Scarborough @ 2:00 p.m.
Sat. July 8 - Thunder vs. St. Catherines @ 8:00 p.m.
Sat. July 22 - Thunder vs. Brampton @ 7:00 p.m.
Sun. July 23 - Thunder vs. Brampton @ 7:00 p.m.
Please note at any time these dates and times may change.

Boys Baseball and Girls Softball

Registration/Practice
April 25, 26 & 27, 2000
5 to 6pm - 5-7 year olds coed T-ball and 8-11 year old girls.
6 to 7 pm - 8-10 year old boys and 11-12 year old boys.

At the St. Regis Mohawk School and at the Snye Recreation.

For more info. contact:

The JOM Office, Hogsansburg 358-2272 ext. 252

or

The Snye Recreation, 575-2496 (leave a message)

Campaign to be Launched on the Link between Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty

The community education committee of the St. Lawrence County Domestic Violence Task Force is working to raise public awareness on the connection between domestic violence and animal abuse. A multi-media advertising campaign will run through May in coordination with the United States Humane Society's First Strike Campaign. Television ads starring Bill Maher and Ali MacGraw will run on WEPT, WYNY and WWTI. A series of public service announcements can be heard on most of the radio stations in St. Lawrence County.

A free public seminar on this topic will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 11-12 at the SUNY Canton Education Center at the St. Lawrence Center Mall. Lt. John Kaplan and Heather McCuin, board members of the Potsdam Humane Society, will speak and present a video. There will also be a short news feature on WYNY TY7's noon news on May 10th with Thomas Finnerty, Assistant SLC District Attorney. Letters and brochures will also be sent to each veterinarian and animal health specialists in the county to encourage their active involvement in reporting abuses and providing shelter to abused animals.

Members of the Task Force Education Committee include: The District Attorney's Office, SLC Probation Department, CAVA, Renewal House, the Rural Health Training Center, Renewal House, Spay/Neuter/Now (SNN). For more information call Renewal House at 379-9845, St. Lawrence County Probation at 379-2230, The District Attorney's office at 379-2225 or the RHTC at 386-7051.