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**Read, read,  
read!**

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# Curve Lake Education News

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## Can we believe it is 2009 ??

Already it is a new year and some of us are still trying to decide how our resolutions from 2008 just never quite got off the ground!!

A new year is a great time to re-focus on our plans, goals and dreams.

Wherever we are in

life, learning something new and useful is always a good way to move ahead towards our goals.

Let's not forget the importance of the informal education we receive from parents, grandparents. Value your traditional skills and share

them/pass them on.

We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been. Lifelong learning has always been the Anishnaabe way.

Here's to a successful new year in all the schools but, above all, the school of life!

> > **Our Goals: Student Success + Parent Engagement** < <

### Reading is the key to open every door

One of the easiest and most helpful activities we can do as parents is read with our children.

This can start when a baby is just a few months old: show her some bright colourful pictures in a board book and tell her what she is seeing. There are wonderful children's books for all ages.. But you can read to him from a newspaper if hockey is his interest

Share books and magazines with friends and families, borrow some from the library, pick them up at yard sales....

Read signs together; look at the cereal box and read what it says. Have kids read the menu if you are eating out.

Any encouragement to read that we offer as parents will benefit our children enormously. It's easy and fun!





# Post-Secondary web-sites

Ontario University Application Centre:  
<http://www.ouac.on.ca/>

[http://www.naaf.ca/html/home\\_e.html](http://www.naaf.ca/html/home_e.html) National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Scholarships and Bursaries

Ontario College Application Services:  
<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/portal/page/portal/ONTCOL/Home>

<http://www.millenniumschorships.ca/en/index.asp> Millennium Scholarships

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities - Community Colleges site:  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/college.html>

<http://www.ccab.com/faay/> Aboriginal Student scholarships

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities - Private Career Colleges site:  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/private.html>

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> General scholarships site

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities – University site  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/univers.html>

<http://pse-esd.ainc-inac.gc.ca/abs/main.asp?lang=E> Aboriginal Bursaries site

<http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html> Aboriginal Scholarships and Bursaries

## Financial Assistance Information:

[https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/eng\\_osap\\_main.html](https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/eng_osap_main.html) Ontario Student Loans

<http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education/scholarship-finder/> General Scholarship Finder

<http://www.ich.ca/content/en/scholarships/> Aboriginal Health Careers Scholarships



# The Bridges Of Curve Lake First Nation Students

Curve Lake First Nation education staff members are looking closely at the various transitions our children make in their years at school and are developing new supports to help children and youth cross these bridges.

There are five bridges most of the children cross:

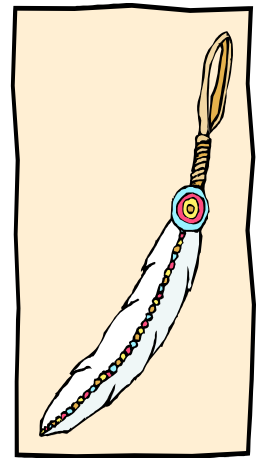
1. home/child care centre to JK
2. Grade 3 to Junior level at Ridpath Elementary
3. Grade 6 to Intermediate at LDIS
4. Grade 8 to secondary level at LDSS
5. Grade 12 to the workplace, apprenticeship,

college or university.

We welcome ideas and suggestions from parents and the community as we develop new supports for our kids as they approach each bridge.

Please call us at the office, the school or touch base with a committee member.

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## Career Planning Tips

When going on a trip, is it the destination that is most important? Or, is the actual travelling? Or, is it a little of both?

This is true of career planning as well. It may be hard to enjoy the destination when you get there if you have not enjoyed the journey towards your career goal.

Planning starts with YOU!

What do I like to do? What am I good at doing? Do I like to work with people or largely on my own? Do I want to work indoors most of the time? Some of the time? None of the time? Do I need to go to college or university to complete a program? Can I learn this work on the job as an apprentice? Will the work pay me enough for the way I want to live?

Whether you are sitting in a Grade 9 classroom or are 36 years old and in a job that does not challenge or satisfy you, it is never too early or late to do some career planning.

So get to know yourself, talk to a guidance, education or employment counsellor, do some research on the internet. Decide on a goal, and find out how to get there.

Make a sign and put it somewhere you see it every day to keep motivated.

You can get anywhere you want to go with a plan, determination and hard work. One small step today can get you started to where you want to be. Enjoy the journey to your dream destination!!

*"It does not  
require  
many words  
to speak  
the truth"*

*Chief*

*Joseph*





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