
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION 2018



PIRURVIK PRESCHOOL

Pond Inlet was the first Nunavut community outside of Iqaluit to offer a two-year Early Childhood Education diploma program (2015-2017). Six Pond Inlet residents completed the diploma which included working at the preschool for two semesters as a practicum requirement. Two of these local graduates are now employees of the Pirurvik preschool. Foundation funds this year provided an ipad, a mobile printer and a CD-cassette player. The first two items allow staff to take photographs and document the progress of children, communicate with agencies and complete administrative tasks. Children use the CD-cassette player to listen to books in Inuktitut.



Learning the joy of reading at Pirurvik Preschool

ULAAJUK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A foundation grant helped the Ulaajuk Elementary School buy ipads, English and Inuktitut reading applications, and a program to help students learn calming techniques and cognitive strategies to manage feelings and behaviors. This mental health initiative aims to reduce violence and suicide by teaching young students how to regulate emotions.

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE TRIP



Pond Inlet and Collingwood high school students

In April 2018, Nasivvik High School and Collingwood Collegiate Institute were partnered for a student exchange. This experience brought together two schools, two very different parts of Canada and two different cultures.

During their time in Collingwood, students from Pond Inlet visited farms, skied, met the mayor and attended a hockey game. They also visited Toronto where they toured the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium and the Royal Ontario Museum.

When it was time for Collingwood students to visit Pond Inlet, the community was excited and eager to show off their strong and unique Inuit culture. Students from Collingwood spent time on the land, experienced an elders' tea, met with the local MLA, tried dog sledding, sliding on icebergs, Inuit food and games, seal skinning and clothes making.

Students from Pond Inlet and Collingwood shared and experienced each other's culture. Lasting friendships and memories were formed that will stay with the participants forever.

THE 2018 GRANTS

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is proud to report that a total of \$34,567 was distributed to the following organizations and individuals in 2018. Thanks to your generous donations, the foundation has awarded more than \$445,000 since 1999.

- Music for the Future spring and fall workshops
- Nasivvik High School student awards
- Supplies and travel expenses for sports teams: Badminton, Hockey, Table Tennis, Volleyball
- Exchange trip for High School students
- Pirurvik Day Care equipment
- Ulaajuk Elementary School equipment
- Assistance to students attending college

SPORTS TEAMS

Participating in team sports helps young people stay healthy and have fun while developing new skills and self-esteem. The foundation supported four different Pond Inlet sports teams this year: **badminton, hockey, table tennis and volleyball**. Foundation funds were used to purchase equipment and uniforms and to help pay travel costs to territorial tournaments in Iqaluit. Equal numbers of boys and girls made the commitment to attend team practices and do their best. Members of these teams benefited from exercising, making friends and traveling to participate in tournaments.

Some of the older participants also learned new skills by helping to coach younger players. Senior volleyball team members gave up two hours a week of their own practice time to run a volleyball program for 30 grade five and six students. These young people displayed commitment, leadership, and hard-work and are becoming positive role models in the community. Mittimatalik Minor Hockey Association Vice President Nancy Ootoovak believes that these experiences led to “...a sense of accomplishment and hope for the future; trust building by the youth in our community adults/leaders; and an understanding that hard work pays off.”



Volleyball Team Members



Table Tennis Team Members

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