



The ICEA Post

New Friends, Different Cultures

By Patricia MacDonald

LET'S READ ABOUT *LET'S TALK!*

LETS TALK is an 8 week program designed to enhance conversational skills for students who are learning to speak English as a second language. The students are assigned to a small group, no larger than 3 students. A tutor facilitates the group and provides topics of conversation for the students to discuss. This method is much more effective than working in large groups where getting a chance to speak is difficult. Occasionally the students of LETS TALK are given a chance to gather together in a large group to celebrate a special event, such as Halloween or more recently Valentine's Day.

The tutors are selected based on their experience and enthusiasm. Currently LETS TALK is fortunate to have 10 excellent tutors on staff to assist the students with this part of their ESL education. The tutors are Gwen Martell, Chelsea Moore, Rob Moulton, Mary Nearing, Nicole

MacKenzie, Zeb Chepey, Angie Smith, Mariah MacKay, Jennifer Dingwall, and Danielle Burrige.

These amazing people work effortlessly to not only help their students increase their conversation abilities but to help them adapt to life in Canada. Many of the tutors have maintained contact with their students well after their 8 weeks of tutoring has finished. They get together on the weekend with other tutors and their former students. The tutors bring some of their favorite foods while the students cook traditional culinary dishes from their home country. This is a chance for everyone to keep in touch and the students benefit from the English conversation that is becoming a big part of their new lives in Canada. Overall, the LETS TALK program is a success because of the hard work and dedication of the tutors.



"Not only do they learn from us, but we learn from them."

"It's a great experience. You get to learn about the different cultures"



Patricia MacDonald is leaving the LET'S TALK Program as coordinator. She has been dedicated to this program, and has been a joy to work with. She brought positive energy into the workplace and to the program. She's helped shape LET'S TALK into what it is today and deserves a lot of credit for the contributions she's made.

By Sayaf Alsurayie and Sam Al-Qahtani

CBU INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

Cape Breton University International Student's Union invited some students from ICEAP to an international banquet to celebrate international cultures and to show off different cultures from Saudi Arabia, China, Korea, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, and Canada, just to name a few. It was held at Membertou on Saturday March 24th at 6:00PM.

The party started with an introduction and after that a fashion show showing the traditional clothes of different cultures. It was very awesome. After that, the buffet dinner. There was delicious food representing different cultures. There was rice, noodles, chicken, beef roast, salmon, and Moroccan food. Oh my gosh! The dessert was great. They had a strawberry dessert with whipped cream and coffee and tea.

After dinner, they presented some cultures. It started with piano and trumpet playing. Also, a lady sang, an Irish dance, and a Saudi guy playing the Mandolin. The fun continued until 10:30 PM.

We met a lot of students that studied at ICEAP. They were very kind. Also, we saw Jennifer Bussey, Jennifer Billard, and Kerrienne MacKenzie. Everyone had a good time. Now I have new information about the new cultures I saw for the first time. We took many pictures with new people. I can't wait until next year to see it again. It was really a good time.

Two Truths and a Lie

"Two Truths and a Lie" is a game where someone gives 3 pieces of information. Only 2 of the statements are true. 1 is a lie.

Can you guess which one??

This week's teacher:

Katie Hawrylak

1. I have lived in Arizona.
2. I love teaching grammar.
3. I own 3 cats.

The answer to last weeks question: **2**

The winner was Meemo in level 7.