

# **KCDN SaskTel Breaking Barriers Series Season 2**

## **May 15, 2008**

Keewatin Career Development Corporation (KCDC) through the First Nations SchoolNet program is able to provide a new education friendly technology initiative. The Knowledge & Career Development Network (KCDN) provides interactive educational video conference and web-cast programming for schools across Saskatchewan and Alberta. This interactive programming is called “Breaking Barriers Series”.

For an overview of Season 1 please go to:

<http://www.kcdn.ca/EpisodeArchive/playarchive.php?id=604>

The Breaking Barriers Series features 3 regular programs, each of which aired an hour a week every other week between October 2007 and May 2008 from 2:15pm-3:15pm (CST). For Season 2 we have had 4391 students and 540 teachers participate in the KCDN Breaking Barriers Series! WOW!

Career Series - Monday and Wednesday

- Sessions with company representatives from industry, business and educational institutions
- Discussions of educational, training, and work expectations
- Opportunities for youth to ask questions and discuss their career plans
- Opportunity for employers to identify potential candidates for summer employment and other human resource development initiatives

In Season 2 we have had Apprenticeship & Trade Certification, DeVry Institute of Technology, La Ronge RCMP, La Ronge Fire Department, Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation – MBC, Aboriginal Peoples Television – APTN, Royal Tyrrell Museum, Aboriginal Youth Network – AYN, Trans West Air, NORTEP / NORPAC, Trap Line and Beaver Stretching with Elder Franklin Carriere, Gift of Language and Culture, SaskTel Human Resources and Scholarships, Public Health Nutritionist, Author Emily Hunter, Jason Chamakese – aboriginal flute player, and the Canadian Armed Forces for our Career Series.

Role Model Series- Tuesday

- Sessions about life and work with young, motivated Aboriginal individuals
- Role models will include sports figures, professionals, entertainers, and community leaders
- Youth can ask the role models questions about their achievements
- Through participation, youth will have a better understanding of the determination and resolve necessary for success in various fields of endeavour

In Season 2 we have had Dakota House (aka Trevor “TeeVee Tenia”), Lac La Ronge Indian Band Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, Aboriginal Volunteer Firefighter Freddie McDonald, La Ronge Ice Wolves Captain – Jordon Johnston, Cisco IT Training via video

conference – Nick Daigneault, Online School EdCentre.ca – Debbie Mielke, Akina Shirt (sang Canadian and American National Anthems in Cree at a NHL Hockey game), La Ronge Ice Wolves Player – Calvin Fiddler, Don Burnstick, Northern Health Strategy, and the Northern Cree Drummers for our Role Model Series.

#### Arts & Expression - Thursday

- Series where youth have a chance to show their talent in music, drama, and other art forms
- Youth will show and speak to other youth about their artistic endeavours
- Great opportunity for youth to interact with their peers and meet new people from other communities
- Esteem building for youth to see the talent and dedication of their peers.

In Season 2 we have had Frog Lake Achakos HoopDancers, DerRic Starlight – Puppet Show, Frog Lake, AB Rock Bands – Shattered Velocity and Konflikted, Overview of Season 1 and Online Christmas Concert, KCDC Halloween Air Band, Highlights of Prince Albert Winter Festival Trappers events with Franklin Carriere, Nakoda Oyade School – Carry the Kettle Drummers, the North American Indigenous Games highlights from students participating in NAIG, KCDN Photo Contest winners, and the closing for Season 2 for our Arts & Expression Series.

#### Brainstorming Session - Wednesday - off week

- Teachers / Instructors / Counselors Only
- Feedback from Schools as to what they would like to see on the KCDN Breaking Barriers Series.

#### Elders Session - Wednesday - off week

- Elders Only! Elders gather to speak one on one.
- Great opportunity for Elders to interact and meet new people from other communities
- Esteem building for youth to see the Elders using the technology.

To view our happenings in the past please go to: [www.kcdn.ca/EpisodeArchive](http://www.kcdn.ca/EpisodeArchive)

To view upcoming events please go to: [www.kcdn.ca/schedule](http://www.kcdn.ca/schedule)

On October 24, 2007 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm (CST) we hosted our Grand Opening for Season 2 of the Knowledge & Career Development Network (KCDN) Breaking Barriers Series. We showcased our KCDN Breaking Barriers Season 1 and had 78 students, 11 teachers in 7 First Nation Schools participate.

November 1, 2007 we attended with 13 of our First Nation Schools the Atlantic presentation on Teenage Stress and Suicide Prevention with After the Thunder: The Simon Baker Story by Eel Ground School in rural New Brunswick showcasing their video.

November 6, 2007 - Treaty 6 held a meeting via video conferencing and to make arrangements for their Treaty 6 Regional Science Fair.

December 1, 2007 - RAP - Read around the Planet Project teacher registration begins, registration closes on Jan 16, 2008!

Website: [www.twice.cc/read/](http://www.twice.cc/read/)

December 4, 2007 - Treaty 6 held a meeting via video conferencing and to make arrangements for their Treaty 6 Regional Science Fair, next meeting scheduled for Jan 15, 2008.

December 5, 2007 - Had Doug Long from the Labor Standards of Saskatchewan present to 3 First Nation Sites.

December 6, 2007 - Had Darryl Bazylak presented to 9 sites regarding the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

December 12, 2007 we hosted our 1st Online Virtual Tour with the Royal Tyrrell Museum, we had 312 students, 32 teachers in 11 Schools. Colin Regamey of the Royal Tyrrell Museum took us for a tour.

December 13, 2007 from 1:30pm - 3:00pm we hosted Our 1st Online First Nations Christmas Concert, we had 11 sites participate with 177 students and 13 teachers. Excellent event! Had 87 students performing in 7 schools for the Christmas Concert! Also students from Eskasoni Elementary, Cape Breton, NS provided us with singing entertainment during our break!

To view highlights of our 1st Online First Nations Christmas Concert please go to: <http://www.kcdn.ca/highlights/2007ChristmasConcert.php>

December 18, 2007 from 9:00am - 3pm (CST) we hosted 5 sessions with the University of Saskatchewan presenting on the different programs that they offer at the University.

January 15, 2008 - Treaty 6 held their final meeting via video conferencing and to make final arrangements for their Treaty 6 Regional Science Fair.

January 29, 2008 from 9:30am – 11:45am we hosted a Snowmobile Safety with Acquired Brain Injury Education and Prevention Coordinator Northern Sask. ABI Services

January 31, 2008 – Read around the Planet School matches announced, we had 11 classes in 4 schools participate.

February 6, 2008 – Attended the Treaty 6 Regional Science Fair at Blue Quills Community College and then we hosted a Breaking Barriers session showcasing the winners from the Science Fair.

February 26 – March 6 – Read around the planet connections took place with the following matches:

FNS School	Matching Site	Province/State
Chief Napeweaw School, AB (Gr 6)	Hunters Woods Elem	Reston, VA
Kihew Asiny School, AB (Gr 8)	Safford Unified SD	Safford, AZ
Kihew Asiny School, AB (Gr 8)	Chinooks Edge SD	Olds, AB
Morley School, AB (Gr 3)	Genesee ISD	Flint, MI
Morley School, AB (Gr 4)	Elm Drive ES	Millbrook, NY
Morley School, AB (Gr 5)	Genesee ISD	Flint, MI
Father Porte Memorial School, SK (Gr 9)	King Edward School	Edmonton, AB
Kihew Asiny School, AB (Gr 9)	Palliser Regional	Lethbridge, AB
Kihew Asiny School, AB (Gr 10)	John D Bracco	Edmonton, AB
Morley School, AB (Gr 3)	District Office	Wappingers Falls, NY
Morley School, AB (Gr 4)	Mustang Valley ES	Mustang, OK

March 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30am – 3:00pm and 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 4:30pm we had 2 sites participate in viewing the "Robots Alive: Robotics, Engineering, and You." Robotics Engineering that RoundTrips is producing in conjunction with Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) live from the Kansas City Regional FIRST Robotics competition

March 13 – 14, 2008 – Our Video crew were at the Saskatchewan Skills Competitions that were held in Saskatoon, SK. They made the Skills Competitions visually available for our First Nations SchoolNet sites to view the happening via web streaming.

April 15, 2008 at 10:00am – 11:30am we hosted Don Burnstick with EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH: Dealing with the Bullying Issue - Don looked at ways to promote peace, tackle violence, resolve conflict and bullying, and help with the empowerment of our young people.

April 16, 2008 - 3:30pm Audrey Boyer presented on the basic overview of Nutrition and also school – based nutrition for teachers and lunch staff.

April 18, 2008 – Deadline for photos for the KCDN Picture Contest, this will be for the creation of a photo gallery for the KCDN website.

May 1, 2008 – Winners announced for the KCDN Picture Contest at 2:15pm. Grand Prize: 8GB Apple iPod Touch. – Brennan – Senator Allen Bird Memorial School, Montreal Lake Cree Nation.

May 15, 2008 at 2:15pm we hosted our closing for KCDN SaskTel Breaking Barriers Series Season 2