



May—June Newsletter

A year of Many Successes

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This past school year has meant so much for IHLA and all its members. Since June 2003 the IHLA Board and the numerous committees that were involved in all the new initiatives have been very busy organizing events, attending to members requests and preparing reports.

October 2003 was the month of IHLA's 25th Anniversary Celebrations and February 21, 2004 became the first time that our association joined UNESCO in celebrating International Mother Language Day and organizing a major event at city hall, attended by over 300 people from all parts of the city.

Essay Contest Posters at the IHLA office.



IHLA member schools received a grant to support their learning resources expenses. IHLA teachers and instructors have attended many courses, from upgrading their English Language skills to taking the TOEFL test, to International Lan-

guage Learning and Teaching courses. All courses that IHLA offered during this period were presented by university professors. IHLA is proud of its close relationship with the Department of Education at the University of Alberta.

IHLA also initiated the Teacher Assessment Evaluation Information and Assistance process, through which a number of IHLA instructors are undergoing a formal evaluation through the Alberta Learning office towards their Teacher Certification.

IHLA and SAHLA together with Alberta Learning have also been working hard to develop a Curriculum Framework for International and Heritage Languages at the community level. Two IHLA member schools are currently developing a curriculum for the locally based Korean and Pilipino courses at the high school level. These will be soon sent in to the Alberta Learning Department for approval.

Several other workshops have taken place during the year, including planning session to write Unit Modules consistent with themes from the curriculum guides. These sessions will continue in the coming year and the materials that will result from the work of the dif-



TCA SESSION, OCTOBER 2004

ferent groups will soon be available to other IHLA teachers.

Many more initiatives have taken place. We encourage you to visit the IHLA website on a regular basis so that you can be informed of the most recent developments at IHLA.

IHLA wishes to thank each of its volunteers and members for the great support received thus far. Many new challenges and initiatives are forthcoming. With your continuous support IHLA pledges to meet these new challenges with equal enthusiasm and commitment. Together we will advance the cause of International and Heritage Language Education at the Community level.

The Board



BOARD MEMBERS IN CALGARY, MARCH 2004



HISTORY AND LANGUAGE COURSE MARCH 2004

Alberta's Languages Initiative Launch, April 22, 2004

University of Alberta

It's official!

Alberta Minister of Learning Dr. Lyle Oberg announced to an assembly of more than a hundred people that all Alberta students from Grades four to nine will be studying a second language. The offering of second languages will begin with Grade 4 students in September 2006,

and will be phased in for the other grades as they move up the years. Each jurisdiction will have the right to choose which language students will learn.

Dr Oberg stated that our best investment is in the upgrading of human capital. He thanked those who have sown the seeds. The harvest will be plentiful. Learning of another language enriches the intellectual capacity of all students. Students who have

learned a second language learn additional languages with ease. The love of learning and communicating in world languages will enable our students to compete in the global market, he said.

Knowledge of languages enable people to move from looking through Canadian eyes, to be able to look through Global eyes, stated Kristy Buyers, Graduate, International Management, University of Lethbridge.

There is much for which we

should be proud. Alberta is the leading province in the teaching of languages, stated Jose' Luis Chamosa Gonzalez, Education Attaché' Embassy of Spain, Ottawa.

A number of participating schools provided entertainment featuring the language that they are learning.

Nadia Kryschuk

Korean School 25th Anniversary



dinner and dance fundraiser. Students recited Si Jo, a traditional Korean poem, performed Tae Kwon Do and played traditional Korean musical instruments. The dinner, prepared by enthusiastic board members, was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending guests.

Charles Lee @ Korean Language School News Letter

The Edmonton Korean Language School successfully celebrated their 25th anniversary in Yellowbird Community League on Saturday April 17. Over 170 guests, including Bill Smith, had an eventful evening recalling the moment this school opened 25 years ago. Everyone greatly enjoyed the students' displayed work as well.

The school song, which was selected through a competition, was sung by teachers in public for the first time.

After the ceremony, there were performances, and a



에드몬튼 한국어학교는 지난 4월 17일 토요일 밤, 엘로우버드 커뮤니티 리그에서 열린 개교 25주년 한국어학교의 밤 행사를 성공적으로 치루었습니다.



이날 빌 스미스 에드몬튼 시장 을 비롯한 170명이 넘는 손님들은 개교 이후 25년 동안의 추억들을 회고하는 시간을 가졌고, 또한 전시된 학생들의 작품을 감상하는 즐거움도 가졌습니다.

교가 공모에 당선된 교가를 선생님들의 합창으로 대중 앞에 처음으로 선을 보였습니다.

기념식이 끝난 후, 기념 공연과 저녁식사 그리고 춤 파티로 이어졌으며,

기념공연에서는 시조낭송과 태권도시범, 그리고 전통악기연주가 있었습니다.

참석해 주신 모든 교민 및 초대손님들은



Annual General Meeting



IHLA is inviting all its members to attend the **Annual General Meeting**, that will take place at the **IHLA office - 10010 107 a avenue, Edmonton, on Monday, June 7, 2004.**

The principals and teachers of the community language schools who are members of should attend the annual general meeting as well as individual and associate members. This annual general meeting is filled with information sharing about the many initiatives that IHLA has undertaken in the past year as well as new initiatives that are being planned for the upcoming coming year, 2004—2005.

2004 is **election year**. All members in attendance will elect the **New Board of Directors for the 2004 - 2006 term.**

Please confirm your attendance with the office at **428-5510**

THE IHLA BOARD

1. IHLA offered the **History and Culture of Languages** course during four Wednesdays in April. This module gave us a great opportunity to learn and reflect on the origin and connections of the different languages of the world and how they continue to be interrelated with each other.
2. **One Unit-Based Theme Planning Workshop** is

taking place in the month of May with several IHLA teachers planning in detail an entire unit on colors and numbers for beginner levels, both at the elementary and the adult/adolescent age group. The sessions will result in a publication that IHLA members be informed about when it is ready. The unit kit will be part of the learning resources in the LRC.

3. **TOEFL update**— Due to a small number of registrations received for spring session the TOEFL course will be offered in the fall. 15 IHLA instructors are currently taking the test. Good luck to you all!

Continue to check our courses and programs on the website at www.nahla.net

Projects Update

- **REVITALIZING LANGUAGES IN ALBERTA**—On April 28, 2004 more than 18 members of different heritage languages and cultural communities participated in the information session about this project. Among the participants

were also representatives of the Multicultural Organization in Grand Prairie. The website update on this project is available for all to see at www.nahla.net. Focus group meetings have been planned for the month of May and June

Learning Resource Centre



IHLA is undergoing the creation of a Learning Resource Centre (LRC). The centre is located next door to the IHLA office and will include resources for International Language Teachers and educators. Other resources include books and other material on multiculturalism and many other themes that are related to international language and cultural education.

Several donations have been received already and IHLA wishes to acknowledge Dr. Wally Lazaruk and Dr. Olenka Bilash for their contributions of in books and other learning resources.

If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate resources to our centre, please contact the office at (780) 428-5510.

IHLA plans to have the centre running efficiently in the near future. More information will be given to members at the AGM, on June 7, 2004.

Teachers Corner



and the data gathered will be processed during the summer months.

- **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**—IHLA is proud to inform all its members that this project has been approved by the Provincial Government, under the Community Development Department. As the project plans progress IHLA will continue to inform its members about the direction and results of the initiative.
- **FUTURE PLANS**—IHLA is undertaking the projects applying for further funding to ensure that its initiatives can continue to take place for the benefit of the entire community.

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IHLA MISSION

Established in 1978 and formerly known as NAHLA, IHRA is a non-profit organization that actively promotes cross-cultural understanding through Heritage/International Language instruction and education. IHRA presently serves as the umbrella body for approximately 25 heritage schools involved in the teaching of international and heritage languages in Central and Northern Alberta. The Association represents all levels of language instruction and education for over 32 languages and about 12,000+ students of international languages (i.e. in community language schools) outside the public school system in Alberta.

IHLA's primary objectives include:

- ▲ supporting and promoting international and heritage language education
- ▲ assisting in the development of international and heritage language curriculum, teaching resources and materials
- ▲ supporting international and heritage language teacher training and skill development

IHLA supports the view that international language education increases the level and respect and appreciation for multiculturalism and the diversity of Canada's peoples.

Inserts

In this issue you will also find:

1. AGM invitation
2. **Multiculturalism Day—June 25, 2004.**
Invitation, poster, flier and essay contest
3. May—June Calendar of Events
4. Upcoming Conferences Information

**Attend the
Canadian Multiculturalism Day
June 25, 2004
Canada Place, Edmonton**
Organized by Changing Together and the
International and Heritage Languages
Association, with the support of Canadian
Heritage

For more information call (780) 428-5510 or e-mail us
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