

Firehall Fundraiser

Students in the Essential Skills course at Ahms Tah Ow School recently raised \$5480.00 for the Sliammon fire department by hosting a community luncheon and garage sale.

Part of the Essential Skills course involved students planning and organizing a community project. The purpose of this task was to give the participants an opportunity to work cooperatively, using some of the skills they learned during the program. Deanna Jones, one of the student organizers thought that the group worked well together and the whole project seemed to come together effortlessly. Jones commented "Janice Ashton did an amazing job in delegating responsibilities and keeping the project moving forward." "Everyone had so many good ideas on how to organize the fundraiser, said Jones"

Walter Paul, FNES Job Coach and 33 year Sliammon Volunteer Fireman was pleased with the results. "It was rewarding to see our students come together to raise some money for new equipment and for raising awareness in getting out some new volunteers for the Sliammon fire department. " The department currently needs 12 new members before they can apply to INAC to have an aging fire truck replaced."

Community members who are interested in volunteering with the Sliammon Fire Department may contact Paul at 604 483-1731.

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