

May 29, 2004

To: Chris Edaakie
Fr: Mat Schwarzman
Re: Updated list of Building the Code tasks

Hey, Chris. Here's an updated calendar of BTC tasks for you, inclusive of our conversations yesterday.

1. Package: Contains (a) audiotape from interview with your Grandma, (b) photos of you as a younger person and your grandparents, (c) a VHS tape from a session/event with Head Start, and (d) a 3-day journal of your work responsibilities. DEADLINE: You are sending it Express Mail today, I should get it Tuesday (6/1).
2. Follow-up Question: What do you believe the drum teaches us? In 50 words or less, if that seems possible. Please relate your beliefs to your practices as a teacher with children. DEADLINE: You agreed to email me your thoughts today or tomorrow. Please note: I am happy to talk this through with you over the phone if that helps.
3. Photos of Nawetsa (group): I would like to have 5-10 images in and out of formal dress, particularly drumming. Hopefully, this will be relatively easy, as you suggested. DEADLINE: Emailed to me by Wednesday 6/2.
4. Interview Devoria Bowekaty: (a) How old is Kenzi? (b) You mentioned in our conversation in March that the one place Kenzi exhibits leadership qualities already is in participating in traditional dance. Could you describe some of Kenzi's behaviors as a leader in the group? (c) In general, what positive effects do Kenzi/other children demonstrate (other than improved grades) from learning traditional music and dance?

Note: If necessary, one alternative to Ms. Bowekaty is Ms. Romancito or one of the other Head Start teachers. I am happy to talk with you some more if that would help. DEADLINE: Wednesday, 6/2. Ideally, I can review the substance of your interviews with you afterwards on the phone, and then you will send me a tape or email.

5. Snapshots of interviewees: As you know, I have lost the disposable camera I used to take snapshots during my visit. I need 3-4 current snapshots of each of the following 4 people: Vinton Zunie, Kathleen Romancito, Kenzi and Devoria. Bowekaty. DEADLINE: Emailed to me by Thursday 6/3.

Whew. Once again, I really appreciate your help. Talk to you soon.

Mat (cell: 504/858-1855)