

Tuktoyaktuk N.W.T.

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Dearest Mary

Where did the time go? 1993 has already

come and gone. Thank you for your card and letter and the picture. I show it off to people and say here is my Grade 4 teacher I proudly say not too many people get mail from their teacher after 50 years. Just incredible. The snow plows are out on the Ocean ice and the river ice plowing the snow off the ice opening the ice road to Inuvik. Last night the first 3 trucks drove in from Inuvik for a dance.

We had a good Christmas. in spite of the tragedy we had when 6 adults and a baby died in a crash just few miles away from Tuk. Oh it was so sad but after the school children put on a Concert and made people laugh and smile for an evening that was a turning point. you know how children bring out the best in the world. Made us older people's reminder that life goes on.

I went to P.E.I. for holidays I visited my friends there. He is an R.C.M.P. and she is a teacher. so I went

to give presentations twice to 2 classes. I was there when the school filled a box with a book or video or something to be opened in fifteen years. It was interesting to watch the children from each class put in the items the class made together.

We have had some cold days but no storms so far. It is also nice to see more daylight it just seem like it was so dark for so long.

I am still enjoying my job as the community health worker. it is an interesting job. I get to meet a lot of people. I thought I knew the people but now I am getting to know them better. With elders like me they like it because I can speak the inuvialuktun.

I must close now Take care now and God bless.

your friend and former student

Helen