



## NipNews

December 7, 2009

### NOTES FROM THE PRACTICUM OFFICE

#### Year 1 Teacher Candidates

December 7 (week of)	Practicum Placement information released via email. information will include: school board name, school name, school contact phone number, Associate Teacher name and Grade
December 7 (week of)	Faculty Advisor information released via email Mentorship pairings released via email
December 14 (week of)	Novice to contact: Mentor Associate Teacher Faculty Advisor
January 4, 2010	Workshops Faculty Advisor Meetings Mentorship Meetings

#### Year 2 and 3 Teacher Candidates

##### Term I Evaluation

Teacher Candidates are encouraged to participate with their Associate Teacher in the completion of the Practicum Term I Evaluation. Evaluations should be submitted online. Teacher Candidates are encouraged to assist their associate with this task if necessary. Full information on payment and Evaluation submission is available at: [http://www.nipissingu.ca/brantford/ATI\\_forms.asp](http://www.nipissingu.ca/brantford/ATI_forms.asp). The same information is available in the centre of the Concurrent Education Program Handbook (coloured blue insert) delivered to Associate Teachers on the first day of practicum.

##### Mentorship

Mentorship pairings will be released during the week of December 7, 2009.

Mentors are encouraged to contact their Novice during the week of December 14, 2009 for informal dialogue.

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**Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a child?** If so, then volunteering in the Strong Start<sup>®</sup> program at a local school may be the volunteer opportunity you are looking for.

Strong Start<sup>®</sup> is a simple program that helps kids learn to read. Volunteers spend a minimum of half an hour a week helping a child (ages 5-6) to learn letters, sounds and words. Each new volunteer attends two training sessions (total of 4 hours) and is given a detailed manual. Training is needed only once. The Letters, Sounds and Words program uses games and activities to give the child lots of repetition in order to learn the names of letters, a sound for each one and a few words. The games and activities are easy to play and each Volunteer Coach is given a detailed instruction manual. Learning is fun!

Strong Start<sup>®</sup> is now available in 8 schools in Brantford, both public and Catholic. Volunteers work one on one with a child in the school during the school day at a time suitable for the volunteer. Volunteers contribute a minimum of 30 minutes a week for 10 weeks working with one child. Some volunteers choose to contribute more time. The next round of Strong Start will start in early February and training will take place in January.

More information about the program, as well as the names and addresses of schools participating in the program, can be found on the website [www.strongstart.ca](http://www.strongstart.ca). If you feel you might enjoy lending a hand to a child, please contact the school of your choice or Mieke Schroeder at [strongstart-bhn@bell.net](mailto:strongstart-bhn@bell.net) or by telephoning (519) 759-8372.

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you to all the Circle K members who helped to build the Santa Claus parade float with Mr. Denton and Kelly Wilkin.

The Nipissing float looked great with many students participating in the parade.

Also, the mitten tree drive and the Think Recycle drives were very successful.

Congratulations to SAC for a very well-organized contest to collect ink cartridges.

All food items and toonies collected for the Food Drive will be donated to the Brantford Food Bank.

Much appreciation is also extended to the numerous participants in the Dr. Charles Pascal, Early Learning presentation this week.

Good luck with end of term assignments and exams!

## OPTION COURSE OFFERINGS FOR WINTER TERM 2010

Please note: We are offering Option courses again in Term two due to popular demand. These courses will be offered in a six week period to facilitate participation by the year four teacher candidates who go to practicum in mid-February.

Option courses appear on the transcript and are only approximately \$250.00 each. These courses are an excellent way to supplement the Bachelor of Education core courses. Registration is now open.

The following will be offered to Teacher Candidates in years 2, 3 and 4, and subject to enrolment.

EDUC 4706 W1601 – Kindergarten; Curriculum Theory and Practice

Instructor: Jenny Guibert

January 4-Feb 12 (six weeks)

Tuesday 3:00 - 5:50 AND Wednesday 6:00 pm. - 7:50 pm.

Room 002

Max 40

EDUC 4816 W1601 – Multi Media Technology

Instructor: Stephen Tedesco

January 4 - Feb 12 (six weeks)

Tuesday 2:30 - 4:20 AND Thursday 2:30 - 6:20

Room 001

**Web Advisor Helpline 1-705-474-3461 Ext. 4342**

### STEPS TO ACCESSING YOUR INFORMATION THROUGH WEB ADVISOR:

1. Enter the following address in your web browser – [webadvisor.nipissingu.ca](http://webadvisor.nipissingu.ca)
2. Click on **\*Students\***
3. Click on **\*Log In\***
4. Enter your **\*username\*** (first letter of your surname followed by your Nipissing student ID).
5. Enter your **\*password\***. (On your "first entry" only you will use your birth date in **mmddyy** format.) You will be forced to create your permanent password. Please note that your permanent password must be 6 to 9 characters in length and must contain both an alpha and a numeric character.
6. Click **\*SUBMIT\***.
7. Click on **\*Search and Register for Classes\*** in order to register for a course. Log in.
8. **\*\* You must complete the mandatory fields:\***

Term : CED09FW-Brantford09/10

Subject : Education

Click on the left box to choose a course(s) and then scroll to the bottom and click **\*submit\***. 9. Under Preferred Sections you will now be required to select an 'Action' for each course you have selected. In the 'Action' box you have three options: RG – Register, RM – Remove from list. If the course is open select RG to register.

10. You will receive a message indicating your status in the chosen course(s). Your status should appear as "Registered for this section" to indicate that you have registered successfully in the course.

BE SURE TO PRESS SUBMIT AT THE END OF EACH SCREEN

11. To verify your course selections, click on 'My Class Schedule' on the main menu. This should be done after adding and dropping courses. You may want to print this for your records.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

-The Grand Erie District School Board is looking for volunteers in the adult literacy and basic skills program. This program offers adults literacy instruction in a small classroom setting.

The program runs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

-We are looking for volunteers that are willing to commit at least one morning per week for two or more hours.

-You will need to submit a current police check to volunteer.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Judy Devereux at (519) 752-4253 (leave a message) or

[judy.devereux@granderie.ca](mailto:judy.devereux@granderie.ca)

## SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES

We are pleased to be offering American Sign Language courses at the Brantford campus again. The following courses will be offered. Please note that each course is two weekends in length. Additional details including course descriptions and registration information can be found online: <http://nipissingu.ca/aq/signlanguagecourses.asp>

### ASL 103

-January 8, 9, 10 and January 22, 23, 24

### ASL 201

-March 5, 6, 7 and March 12, 13, 14

Registration is now open. If you are interested, please log on to Web Advisor and register as soon as possible!

## NIPWORK JOB OPPORTUNITY

An additional Nipwork position has been posted.

POSITION: **Help Desk/Computer Labs**

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2009

HOURS OF WORK: Average 10 hours per week

RATE OF PAY: \$9.88/hr

HOW TO APPLY: Submit a resume and cover letter for this position to "Education Office, Nipissing University, 50 Wellington St, Brantford, ON"

For further information please view the job at: [http://www.nipissingu.ca/brantford/EO\\_tc.asp](http://www.nipissingu.ca/brantford/EO_tc.asp) or contact Jesse Gibson at

519-752-1524, ext. 7512

## HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED!



This year Circle K is planning to continue the tradition of an annual Nipissing Brantford Hockey Game. A Nipissing vs. Mohawk game has been tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, January 13th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** The game will be held at the Civic Centre in Brantford.

### WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR TEAM MEMBERS!

If you are interested in playing for the Nipissing Hockey team, please contact Kelly at [kellyw@nipissingu.ca](mailto:kellyw@nipissingu.ca). Please indicate which position you would like to play.

Nipissing won the Laurier-Nipissing game last year... let's keep it up!

## SUMMER FUN 101 COUNSELLOR

*Attention all students!* **Laurier Brantford Summer Fun 101** is looking for energetic, creative and team-oriented individuals to join our dynamic day-camp team for July and August. Job applications are available at <http://brantford.mylaurier.ca/athletics/jobs-volunteer/jobs.htm> and are to be submitted by December 18th, 2009.

**GOOD LUCK  
WITH  
YOUR EXAMS!**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Kin Canada Bursaries- Hal Rogers Endowment Fund is an award which provides \$1000 bursaries to qualified students.

The applicants may be furthering their education in any field, must be a good general student, have high ideals, and be involved in their community as a volunteer or through employment or both. The applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant.

The application form can be downloaded in fillable PDF format at [www.bursary.ca](http://www.bursary.ca)

As outlined on the application, The Kinsmen Club of Brantford must receive the completed application form no later than February 1st, 2010.

Residents of Brantford: County of Brant and Six Nations should forward their completed application to:

The Kinsmen Club of Brantford, Incorporated  
c/o Norman Philpott, Treasurer  
25 North Park Street  
Brantford, ON N3R 4J4

### YEAR 4 WORKSHOPS

In preparation for resume writing and interviews, Rick Denton will be offering Cover Letter, Resume and Interview workshops for Year 4 Teacher Candidates. Here are the dates to be aware of:

#### Monday, December 7:

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

\*Registration is required! To secure a spot in a specific workshop, sign up today: <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops/>

Username: Student ID: first letter of your last name followed by student number  
Password : Birthday in the format Mmmddyyyy.

#### Wednesday, December 9:

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

### YEAR 4 CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS

WLU Career Services will also be offering Resume Writing and Interview drop-in sessions and an Alternative Careers workshop.

Worried about a competitive job market? Have your resume critiqued! Learn how Laurier Brantford's Career Centre can help you. Drop in format.

**Teacher Candidates are encouraged to attend both workshops to receive diverse information.**

#### Resume Drop-In Sessions:

- Thursday, January 7th, 2010: 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Market Place Boardroom)
- Monday, January 11th, 2010: 1:30-2:30 p.m. (Market Place Boardroom)
- Friday, February 12th, 2010: 1:30-2:30 p.m. (Market Place Boardroom)

#### Alternative Teaching Careers

- Friday, February 12th, 2010: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lecture Theatre, 50 Wellington)



### CIRCLE K

Thank you to all volunteers who helped sell **Nip Wear** and **Hot Chocolate!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Santa Claus Parade!** It was great to see so many students come out for this event.

Once again the **Mitten Tree** fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to all students who contributed new hats, mittens and scarves. Many children in the Brantford community will benefit from these generous gifts.

Circle K will host their next meeting in the winter term. The date will be announced in the NipNews. New members are always welcome!

**CIRCLE K IS WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

To reach us you can email us at [circlek@nipissingu.ca](mailto:circlek@nipissingu.ca), or check out our website <http://teacherweb.com/ON/Nipissing/CircleKSocialClubGwscall.aspx>.

### STUDENT CLUBS

#### Think Recycle

Thank you to everyone who made the Think Recycle Student Incentive a success by bringing in their old ink cartridges and cell phones. **Over 150 cartridges brought in which also amounts to 6 trees planted on behalf of Nipissing!** We are excited to announce that **Marja Den Bak** is the winner of the Think Recycle Student Incentive!

**Do you want to learn how to teach the dramatic arts?** Your Student Advisory Committee presents: David Jones! A Drama Workshop for Educators. The workshop will occur next semester in January. Look for more information in upcoming editions of the Nip News.

Do you want more information about SAC? Check out the SAC website! <http://teacherweb.com/ON/Nipissing/StudentAdvisoryCommittee/wscall.aspx>

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 12th from 8:30-9:50 - Location TBA . New members welcome!

Questions? Concerns? Comments? Email: [sac@nipissingu.ca](mailto:sac@nipissingu.ca)

### Student Advisory Committee



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## TRIBES TRAINING

**There is still time to register in an upcoming Tribes Training session!** "Tribes" is a community building process – a culture and active learning pedagogy best learned by experiencing it. The cost of the course is **\$194.25/ person** –and this includes the book.

This Tribes workshop is being offered at the Nipissing Brantford Faculty of Education on different dates to meet your suitability. To register for Tribes, email Tracey Andrus at [andrus.home@sympatico.ca](mailto:andrus.home@sympatico.ca). When you email please include your name, contact information, and state that you are from Nipissing University/Brantford campus. I will get back to you a.s.a.p.

**Session Four:** January 14th 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., January 15th 3:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.,  
January 16th 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. and January 17th 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

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## TEACHERS CREDIT UNION

Better Banking for Faculty of Education Students! Why wait for graduation day? Enjoy the benefits of membership at the Teachers Credit Union NOW!

\*Would **\$2,000** come in handy? Join before December 31 and you are eligible for the TCU student bursary. Four \$2,000 awards are bestowed every June.

\*Want to win **\$1,000** for your placement school, or your university? Nominate someone for the TCU Teacher of the Year Award!

\*How about an Acer Netbook? Become a member before December 31 and we'll enter you in our Acer Netbook contest!

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-Email Money Transfers so you can send and receive funds when required;

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## OUTDOOR EDUCATION SUMMER TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

**Boundless Adventures** (camp in Ottawa Valley) is hiring teachers for their 4-month summer program (starting May 3rd) with the potential for continued employment thereafter.

### A Bit About Boundless:

Based out of 600 acres of pristine wilderness at our base-camp in the Ottawa Valley, along the banks of the Madawaska River, Boundless runs outdoor adventure and alternative education programs to high school students and to people who don't fit into the mainstream. We are recognized as leaders in our ability to connect with students in non-traditional and meaningful ways. We run year round programs, with the largest operating period being summertime.

Please visit [www.boundlessadventures.org](http://www.boundlessadventures.org) or [www.boundlesshighschool.org](http://www.boundlesshighschool.org) to learn more.

### A Bit About Working At Boundless:

1/3 of a new staff's, or Intern's, contract is dedicated to training. Interns learn and practice a broad range of outdoor skills: whitewater canoeing and river rescue, whitewater rafting, ropes course and climbing, wilderness survival, advanced wilderness first aid, waterfront management, adventure races - this is the gist of our hard skills training. Teaching, program planning, group facilitation, learning about the special populations we serve, and team-building initiatives round out the balance of our "soft" skills training. 65% of your contract will be working in our high school program, serving teenagers. The balance will be working with people with mental illness or acquired brain injuries.

For more information, please contact: Steven Gottlieb, Executive Director, Boundless

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[www.boundlessadventures.org](http://www.boundlessadventures.org)  
[www.boundlesshighschool.org](http://www.boundlesshighschool.org)

# ETC2010

## 2010 Educational Technology Conference

ETC2010

### Order of Events January 15 (Year 4)

9:00 - 9:20 – Registration  
Lobby @ 50 Wellington St  
Students will be welcomed in the lobby  
of 50 Wellington St.

9:30 - 10:50 – Workshop #1  
Students must register for one of the  
workshops offered during this time  
slot. Registration will take place  
through the workshop and conference  
registration site located at:  
<http://iteach.branford.nu/workshops/>

11:00 - 12:00 – Keynote Address  
See expose on Tom Jenkins.

12:00 - 12:50 – Lunch  
Lunch is not provided.

1:00 - 2:20 - Workshop #2  
Students must register for one of the  
workshops offered during this time  
slot. Registration will take place  
through the workshop and conference  
registration site located at:  
<http://iteach.branford.nu/workshops/>

2:30 - 3:50 - Workshop #3  
Students must register for one of the  
workshops offered during this time  
slot. Registration will take place  
through the workshop and conference  
registration site located at:  
<http://iteach.branford.nu/workshops/>

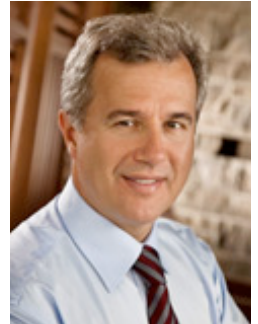
See "Featured Workshops" for details  
on the workshops being offered.

### Keynote Speaker

#### Tom Jenkins (Open Text)

Thomas Jenkins is Executive Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer of Open Text Corporation of Waterloo, ON, the largest independent software company in Canada.

Among his many accomplishments, most recently, Tom was awarded the 2009 Ontario Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for his exceptional vision which has changed the way we use the Internet in business and education.



### Differentiating Instruction Through Podcasting

Presented by: Shawn Virag (Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board)

*Using Microsoft Movie Maker and Sound Recorder, Shawn will show you how you can have your students create Podcasts on a Windows computer.*

### Using the iLife Suite in the Classroom

Presented by: Rob Policicchio (Apple Canada)

*In an interactive workshop, Rob will show you how to use the software pre-installed on a MacBook computer and integrate it into the classroom.*

### Using the SMARTBoard Effectively in the Classroom

Presented by: Lynda Kilpatrick (Grand Erie District School Board)

*Lynda will interactively demonstrate how SMARTBoards are being integrated effectively into the elementary classroom.*

### Multimedia Technology Workshops

Presented by: Heather Bebbington, Sarah Beer, Andrew Cameron, Jessica Dejong, Hilary Gaffney, Sarah Keegan, Laura Seward, and Deborah Stead.

*The students of EDUC-4816: Multimedia Technology will be presenting three different hands-on workshops related to the integration of multimedia technology into the classroom.*

DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER FOR ETC2010

Registration for ETC2010 will open on Monday, January 4th. Be sure to visit the registration site located at <http://iteach.branford.nu/workshops/>

If you have any questions please email the iTeach team at [iteach\\_brant@nipissingu.ca](mailto:iteach_brant@nipissingu.ca)