



# NipNews

## January 8, 2010

### Welcome back to the Winter Term!

Thank you for a very exciting and productive fall term. Your generosity and enthusiasm were evident in the collections of mettens, food-bank donations and ink cartridges for worthy causes. The winter term will feature a Hockey Game against Mohawk College on January 13, a publishers display of books and learning materials on January 29 and various other activities. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The iTeach fee is still being discussed by WLU/WLUSU and an update will be provided as soon as it is available.

Enjoy the second term and best wishes in coursework and practicum!

Thank you

Dr. Maria Cantalini-Williams

### Attention All Year One, Two and Three Teacher Candidates

If you are involved in the mentorship project as a mentor or novice, we would like to learn about your perceptions as participants. The mentorship program is based on research that supports the benefits for teacher candidates of teaching together in practicum settings. It is important to collect and analyze data documenting our students' perspectives of the benefits and challenges of this mentorship model. Please remember to check your Nipissing email and complete the first survey in the next two weeks. A second survey will be completed after participation in the practicum (April). We appreciate your cooperation.

## 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 CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS

WLU Career Services will 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.

#### Resume Drop-In Sessions:

- 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)

### MOHAWK VS. NIPISSING HOCKEY GAME

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

#### COME OUT AND CHEER FOR NIPISSING!

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!

## Year 4 ETC 2010 Conference Information

### ATTENTION YEAR 4 STUDENTS

Please ensure that you have registered for the Educational Technology Conference (ETC2010) on January 15th, 2010.

Your attendance to the conference is expected and certificates will be assigned based on your attendance.

To clarify the registration procedure please refer to the ETC2010 flyer included in this publication.

Below we will provide a few answers to some FAQs

#### Q. Where do I go to register for ETC?

A.

Please visit the registration site at <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops/>

#### Q. When does registration close?

A.

Registration closes at 11:00pm, Thursday January 14th, 2010

#### Q. How many workshops must I register in?

A.

You must register in 3 workshops (1 for each time slot: 9:30-11:00, 1:00-2:30, & 2:30-4:00)

#### Q. How do I know my username and password in order to register for the conference?

A.

Each student will need to know their WebAdvisor ID in order to access the workshop registration site.

Your username is your WebAdvisor ID and should look something like a0123456 (the first letter of your last name followed by your 7-digit Student ID).

Your password has been set to your birth date in the format MmmDDYY (so for someone born on August 12, 1981 their password would be Aug121981)

Day	Date	Time	Room	Topic
Monday	January 18th	12:45PM - 2:15PM	BCEC-001	SMARTBoard and SMART Notebook Refresher
Monday	January 18th	2:45PM - 4:15PM	BCEC-001	SMARTBoard and SMART Notebook Refresher
Monday	February 8th	2:30PM - 3:30PM	BCEC-001	Juicy Geography - Using Google Maps in the Classroom
Monday	February 8th	3:45PM - 4:45PM	BCEC-001	Juicy Geography - Using Google Maps in the Classroom

To Register Visit: <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops/>

### Brief Description of Workshops

#### Creating Classroom Resources

In this workshop we will spend time using free tools like Jing! and Skitch to create screen captures and videos. You will also learn how easy it is to download YouTube/TeacherTube videos for offline use. Lastly, you will explore a quick and easy way to make PDF's for free!

#### SMARTBoard and SMART Notebook Refresher

In this workshop you will have a chance to review what you learned in year 3 with the SMARTBoard, as well and spend time working within SMART Notebook in order to create an interactive lesson.

#### Juicy Geography - Using Google Maps in the Classroom

Students will have the opportunity to work with QuikMaps and discover how to create and customize their own Google Maps.

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## TRIBES TRAINING

**An additional Tribes Training Session has been added!** "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: March 25th-28th**

**March 25th and 26th: 3:00-9:30 p.m.**

**March 27th: 9:00-2:30 p.m.**

**March 28th: 9:00-12:30 p.m.**

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### CIRCLE K

Welcome back and happy new year! Is your resolution this year to become more involved? CK is always looking for new members! Email us or drop by at our next meeting to find out how you can get involved.

On January 13th from 3:00-4:00 p.m., Circle K is hosting the Mohawk vs. Nipissing hockey game at the Brantford Civic Centre. We are looking for help with set up, so if you'd like to get involved please email Victoria at [circlek@nipissingu.ca](mailto:circlek@nipissingu.ca). **Come out and cheer on Nipissing!**

On January 27th we will have a special presentation from **Big Brother and Big Sisters**. This is open for all students regardless of involvement in CK. This is a great opportunity to volunteer in Brantford. Come and learn about this great organization! Held in room 103 in the Darling St. building.

Our first meeting of 2010 will be held on January 20th. It will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Darling street building, Room 103.

### STUDENT CLUBS

### Student Advisory Committee



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 take place on Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 10am-12pm in the Darling St. Building Room 103. If you are interested, please copy and paste the following link into your browser and register online. The cost is \$2 and MUST be prepaid to Kelly Wilkin no later than Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in order to complete the registration process. A snack will be provided as well as resources and you will receive a certificate following the completion of the workshop. There are limited spots, so sign up now! <http://teacherweb.com/DN/Nipissing/StudentAdvisoryCommittee>

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 8:30 in the meeting room at Williams. Drop by and have some coffee or breakfast and share your ideas with SAC!

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Email SAC at [sac@nipissingu.ca](mailto:sac@nipissingu.ca) and visit our website at <http://teacherweb.com/DN/Nipissing/StudentAdvisoryCommittee>

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### WATERLOO REGION CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EDUCATORS' EVENTS

The Waterloo Region Children's Museum in Kitchener is hosting an 'Educator's Evening' on Tuesday, January 19th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All Teacher Candidates are invited to attend.

Attend the Open House and preview the new exhibition "Our Body: The Universe Within", and receive more information about the Museum's educational school programs and classroom resources.

On Thursday, January 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Teacher Candidates are also invited to attend a free teacher workshop called "Power to Explore". This event is presented by the Dairy Farmers of Canada. This new Junior-level Cross Curricular Healthy Living program gives students the power to explore their personal food and activity choices and develop skills to improve health.

**RSVP: E-mail [Education@TheChildrensMuseum.ca](mailto:Education@TheChildrensMuseum.ca)  
[www.thechildrensmuseum.ca](http://www.thechildrensmuseum.ca)**

### TEACHING AWARDS

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Full-Time Teaching and the Nipissing University Award for Part-Time Teaching were established to recognize and honour faculty who display teaching excellence in the classroom.

For information on the application process and nomination forms for each award, please visit the website of the Vice-President, Academic and Research at <http://www.nipissingu.ca/academic/>, "Teaching Awards".

**Want to recognize an instructor at the Brantford Campus? All Teacher Candidates are encouraged to nominate a Faculty Member for this esteemed award.** Note: The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, March 10, 2010.

For assistance with the nomination process, please contact Kelly Wilkin at [kellyw@nipissingu.ca](mailto:kellyw@nipissingu.ca) or the Director, Dr. Maria Cantalini Williams at [mariaac@nipissingu.ca](mailto:mariaac@nipissingu.ca)

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## TALC ACADEMY JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Are You A Teacher Who Can Make A Difference?

TALC Academy is a unique private school located in **Burlington, Ontario**. We offer programs from Grade One to Grade Eight. We help children with learning disabilities, language learning needs and academic difficulties.

If you want to work in an environment where you can make a significant difference in the life of a child - you need to consider this job opportunity.

Interested applicants are invited to apply (Attention to Judy) by mail or by e-mail by Friday January 29th.

For more information please refer to the attached flyer.

## GRADUATES- PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In preparation for graduation, graduating Teacher Candidates have a number of responsibilities ahead. A "Professional Responsibilities" document has been created, which outlines information about applying to graduate, requesting transcripts, as well as applying for membership to OCT and QECO.

This document can now be found on our web-site:<http://nipissingu.ca/brantford/downloads/ProfessionalResponsibilities.pdf>

## KAMP CHIEFSWOOD SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for summer employment?

KAMP Chiefswood, located in Brantford, is looking to hire counsellors for this upcoming summer. KAMP Chiefswood is a summer day camp experience for children of Brant County that offers an educationally based program for community referred children, children with special academic needs, and children with leadership abilities in a special area. Our aims include providing a meaningful summer experience, developing each child's self confidence and independence, and allowing children the chance to participate in various challenging and academically based activities through a media of fun experiences. We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic individuals who enjoy working with children.

Please mail or fax your cover letter and resume to:

KAMP Chiefswood  
Attn: KAMP Directors  
335 Robinson Road  
Brantford, ON  
N3T5L7

Fax: (519) 753-5336 Or email: [k.a.m.p.chiefswood@live.com](mailto:k.a.m.p.chiefswood@live.com)

Resumes will be accepted until **Monday, February 8, 2010** and only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

## YEAR 4 WORKSHOPS

A variety of workshops have been planned specifically for graduating Teacher Candidates. Please mark the following dates on your calendar.

- Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>- Resume, Interview and Job Search Drop-In: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Offered by WLU Career Services (Market Place Boardroom)
- Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>- Year 4 iTeach Conference
- Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Building Futures: Detailed schedule to be announced. (Lecture Theatre, 50 Wellington)
- Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>- \*Optional\* Protocol Education Sessions (2) 10:30-11:00 a.m. and 11:00-11:30 a.m. (Darling St., Room 104)

## DAVE MARSHALL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Dave Marshall Student Leadership Award recognizes the full-time student who has made an outstanding extra-curricular contribution to their academic program, to the campus, or to the greater community. The nominated student has demonstrated leadership, initiative, commitment and an ability to motivate and influence others towards the betterment of Nipissing University.

The 2010 awards ceremony will be held on March 18th, 2010 in the Nipissing University Theatre. Students who are nominated are selected for a Dave Marshall Leadership Award based on three different categories: Academic, Campus and Community.

Specific **guidelines, criteria** and the **nomination form** can be accessed at [http://www.nipissingu.ca/transition/transition\\_davemarshall.asp](http://www.nipissingu.ca/transition/transition_davemarshall.asp). Only those students who have yet to receive the award can be considered as a recipient. A list of previous recipients can also be found on the website.

**Deadline to submit a nomination (electronically) is Friday, January 15, 2010.**

If any student feels that he/she meets the criteria, please forward resume to Kelly Wilkin at [kellyw@nipissingu.ca](mailto:kellyw@nipissingu.ca) for further consideration and nomination.



## Believing in Dreams and Mentoring

2010 is shaping up to be a BIG year here at Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk. This year marks our second year of providing service as well as hosting our second **Bowl for Kids Sake Campaign** in Brant County & Brantford. We're looking forward to bringing our "Do You Believe" theme to **Brantford Lanes on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** and can't wait to see our many supporters out on the lanes and having a good....no, a GREAT time!!

Of course, you can't bring in the New Year without thinking about the year past....and what a year it was!! In 2009 we began providing our mentoring programs in Brant County & Brantford and served 96 children through our Traditional, In School Mentoring, Go Girls & Go Guys programs. Our Bowl for Kids Sake Campaign raised over \$72,000, with a special thanks to Wendy's, our corporate sponsor, and our Golf for Littles Tournament raised \$7,000, with a special thank you to the tournament sponsor, Scotiabank.

Our goal for 2010 is to serve 125 children/youth in Brant County & Brantford and if you want to be someone who makes a difference in the life of a child talk to Nipissing Professor Rick Denton at [rickd@nipissingu.ca](mailto:rickd@nipissingu.ca) or In School Mentor Coordinator Diane Corbett at [diane@bbshn.ca](mailto:diane@bbshn.ca), for more information.

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### DIVERSITY IN THE CLASSROOM WORKSHOP

All Teacher Candidates are invited to participate in the "Diversity in the Classroom Certificate Workshop". This is a great workshop that will allow aspiring teachers to gain useful knowledge and skills regarding how to address issues of diversity within a classroom environment, as well as how to teach diversity in a positive way. All participants will receive a certificate upon completion that can be added to resumes and portfolios. Presenters will include faculty from Nipissing as well Laurier Brantford and an UNLEARN session.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 and is a full-day event, running from 10:00AM to 4:30PM. Lunch will be provided. Registration will be available as of Monday, January 11, 2010 at <http://brantford.mylaurier.ca/studentAffairs>.

The workshop is FREE so don't miss this great opportunity to expand your teaching potential!

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### BRANTFORD CAMPUS FOCUS GROUP

#### STUDENT INPUT OPPORTUNITY

All Teacher Candidates are invited to participate in a [Nipissing University Focus Group Discussion on Monday, January 11, 2010 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.](#) The discussion will take place in Room 202 of the Wellington Street building and we will be meeting with the North Bay campus via videoconference to discuss Strategic Planning for Nipissing University.

Potential discussion starters for each of the four themes include People, Programs, Research and Resources. We value your input in helping to identify concrete Strategic Goals for Nipissing University 2010-2015 within the four major themes.

Additional background material about the Strategic Planning process can be obtained by accessing the Strategic Planning website at [www.nipissingu.ca/onwardandupward](http://www.nipissingu.ca/onwardandupward).

Thank you very much for your participation in this important process for Nipissing University!

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# ETC 2010

## 2010 Educational Technology Conference

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

9:00 - 9:15 – Registration  
Lobby @ 50 Wellington St  
Students will be welcomed in the lobby  
of 50 Wellington St.

9:15 - 10:15 – Keynote Address  
See expose on Tom Jenkins.

10:20 - 11:50 – 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.braniford.nu/workshops/>

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.braniford.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.braniford.nu/workshops/>

**Workshop descriptions are provided on  
the workshop registration site as well  
as in this publication.**

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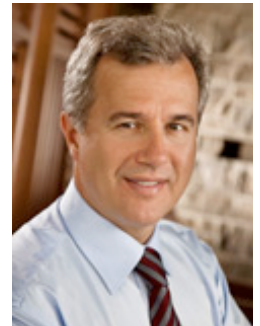
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BRANTFORD CAMPUS

### 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. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptop to this workshop if they are interested in installing the "free" SMART Notebook software*

### Keeping Students "Powered Up"

Presented by: Brian Englefield (Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board)

*In this workshop Brian will lead an energizing discussion regarding the current climate of educational technology and its use in schools. Brian will spend time sharing how educators can keep students energized, or "powered up", through the use of mainstream technology in a manner that can effectively blur the boundaries of play and learning.*

### Virtual GrandE Project

Presented by: Tim Pugh (Grand Erie District School Board, Nipissing University)

*Virtual GrandE is a cross-curricular, cross-grade, intra-school elementary literacy project created by classroom lead-learners and rooted within Grand Erie District School Board. Through the use of video-conferencing technology, SMARTBoards, video cameras, laptops, and integrated webcams, student-learners and leadlearners from all academic streams and groupings create mutually-authentic forums for the exchange of ideas, the exploration of perceptions, and the creation of novel educational opportunities within a framework of Communication Literacy.*

### Multimedia Technology Workshops

*The students enrolled in Applications of Multimedia Technology in Education will be presenting three different hands-on workshops related to the integration of multimedia technology into the classroom. Please visit <http://iteach.braniford.nu> for more information on these exciting workshops!*

# YOUR STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

GREAT  
RESOURCES

FREE SNACKS!

\$2  
PREPAY TO  
KELLY WILKIN

This Will Cover the  
Cost of Tons of  
Resources!



## DAVID JONES

# DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS

10 - 12 PM • THURS. JAN. 28 • DARLING ST. ROOM

### WANT TO LEARN HOW TO TEACH THE DRAMATIC ARTS?

The Student Advisory Committee recognizes the need for Drama Education for teacher candidates, and is running a great workshop to give us the tools and strategies we need! For P/J or J/I, this workshop will cover a variety of activities and strategies to help you incorporate the Dramatic Arts into your classroom!

[http://teacherweb.com/ON/Nipissing/  
StudentAdvisoryCommittee](http://teacherweb.com/ON/Nipissing/StudentAdvisoryCommittee)

**REGISTER NOW!**

\* Please note that if you have not paid your \$2 to Kelly Wilkin in the Darling St. building by the date of the conference, your registration will not be considered complete. Thank you!



# TALC ACADEMY

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## Are You A Teacher Who Can Make A Difference?

TALC Academy is a unique private school located in **Burlington, Ontario**. We offer programs from Grade One to Grade Eight.

We help children with learning disabilities, language learning needs and academic difficulties. Our goal is to work intensively with our students and help them develop their skills so that they may return to the regular school system as successful learners. Most of our students have average to above average abilities, but have specific learning difficulties. We do not accept students with behavioral difficulties into the program. Class sizes are small with a maximum of 15 students. All of our classes are split grades - multi age groupings. You will have the opportunity to work with a committed group of parents and deal with students who have learning difficulties but have a thirst for learning.

Starting salary is comparable to that of local public school boards, but includes an additional four weeks of vacation (extra week at Christmas and March Break and we conclude the school year in mid-June). You don't need to have Special Education Part One. We offer extensive training and mentoring for new teachers. You do have to be flexible, enthusiastic and willing to try a variety of approaches in order to ensure student success. We will have some classroom positions available. As well, there will be positions for a Remedial Teacher who works with students individually and in small groups on reading, written language, math and study skills.

**If you want to work in an environment where you can make a significant difference in the life of a child - you need to consider this job opportunity.**

Interested applicants are invited to apply (Attention to Judy) by mail or by e-mail by Friday January 29th. **Please include a cover letter that tells us about you and why you wish to work with children with learning disabilities.** (Don't give us the pre-packaged resume workshop cover letter. We are looking for passionate people who care about kids who learn in a different way – but who can learn with the right kind of support. Convince us that you are the type of person who can make a difference with these children. ) **Also, please include your teaching reports as well as a current phone number where you can be reached.** Candidates selected for an interview will be notified by Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>. (The earlier you get your application to us – the better your chances of being selected for an interview.) We will be interviewing in Burlington on February 20th and February 21st. Hiring decisions will be made at that point and the successful candidates will be notified by March 1st and offered a contract. Acceptance of the offer of employment and the signing of a contract will not allow you to accept other offers of employment for the 2010/2011 school year. We want to interview people who know that they want to work in a small specialized environment where they can make a difference. We don't want to interview people who are merely practicing their interview skills. If you come for an interview, this means you are a serious candidate who is ready to make a decision about the type of environment you wish to teach in for the 2010/2011 school year.

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