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NOTES FROM THE PRACTICUM OFFICE

Absences

Teacher Candidates are reminded that any days absent from practicum should be reported to:
1) Associate Teacher, 2) Practicum Office, and 3) Faculty Advisor, before the school day begins. Any absence must be rescheduled with the consultation of the Associate Teacher. Please let the Practicum Office, and your Faculty Advisor know of the day you have arranged with your Associate as soon as possible. All lesson plans that were to be completed on the day of the absence should be submitted to the Associate Teacher before class commences.

Final Practicum Week

Teacher Candidates in Years 1, 2 and 3 are reminded that the final practicum week must be completed between April 26 - 30, 2010. Nipissing has worked with Laurier Brantford to ensure that Teacher Candidates are allowed to be in residence until April 30, as well as all final exams should be completed prior to April 26th.

Alternative Placements for Year Four:

The Alternative Placements Presentations and Handbook distribution will be on March 15, 2010 as indicated at the January 4 presentation. After consultation with PAC, SAC, the Dean and WLU, the criteria of the placements are drafted as follows:

The practicum can take place from May 1, 2010 until May 20, 2011 subject to an approved application.

The practicum will include a community service/component and will develop the skills and understandings of teacher candidates

The practicum can be in any setting in Ontario that is not a publicly funded school system

The practicum can be a Nipissing sponsored International practicum

The practicum must be voluntary experience

Concurrent Education students are asked not to contact potential placements until an official letter and clear direction are provided on March 15, 2010.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the term is coming to an end, please remember to focus on your coursework and ensure that the 7 GPA is achieved in order to progress in the concurrent education program. This is an important requirement for graduation in the BEd program.

Year two and three students are reminded of the need to attend the events planned for March 15. Registration is necessary for the year three Career Pathways Day and attendance is expected.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of this term. Thank you for your excellent enthusiasm and commitment! Our office receives daily compliments about our wonderful students!

YEAR 3 TEACHER CANDIDATES: AGENDA FOR MARCH 15, 2010

On Monday, March 15th, a full day of valuable activities has been planned. Attendance will be taken and participation is expected. Teacher Candidates will be provided with FREE lunch and will also receive a valuable toolkit that includes a USB stick, DVD, curriculum materials and more! Please review the message below for details and registration information!

AGENDA:

-Registration	8:00-8:45 a.m.	50 Wellington, Room 201 (Upon registration you will be provided with 2 coupons: 1 for lunch and 1 for a toolkit)
-Free Breakfast	8:00-8:45 a.m.	50 Wellington, Lower Lounge (Provided by SAC)
-Keynote:	9:00-9:45 a.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre *Career Pathways for the Future (Sarah Zamit- SCWI Co-ordinator, Niagara Region)
-Workshop #1	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Assigned classroom (Please see Room locations below) *Registration Required
-Workshop #2	11:00-11:45 a.m.	Assigned classroom (Please see Room locations below) *Registration Required
-Free Lunch	12:00-12:45 p.m.	50 Wellington, Lower Lounge
-Dr. David Booth	1:00-2:15 p.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre *Critical Literacy with a Focus on Gender Issues
-Alternative Placement Information Session	2:30-3:30 p.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre
-Virtual Grand Teacher Candidate Meeting	3:30-4:00 p.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre (Only for Teacher Candidates in a Virtual Grand placement)

***Registration is Required:** Please visit the on-line workshop site to register: <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops> Registration is currently open. It will close on Monday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. Register today!

iTEACH

iTeach Bridging Fee T2202a Tax Information

- ***Tax receipts will NOT be mailed out ***
- Please be advised that the 2009 T2202a tax receipts are now available on the Nipissing University Web site through WebAdvisor.
- **If you are familiar with WebAdvisor**
Go to WebAdvisor, Students' Menu, Click on Tax Forms link.
- **Not sure how to access Webadvisor?**
Click on My Nipissing from the main web page (www.nipissingu.ca). Next click on Help-“Format of students accounts at Nipissing University”. (Found under General Information)
- **Not sure what your password is?**
Go to My Nipissing and click on “Forgot your password?” in the “sign in” box.

DEGREE FRAME SALES

Attention: Graduating Teacher Candidates! Showcase your hard work and achievements in a Nipissing University Degree Frame.

Degree Frames are now available for order. Order forms can be picked up in Kelly's office at the 67 Darling Street building. Sample frames are also available for viewing. Please refer to the attached poster for pricing information.

Pre-Order Special Order your frame before May 14th, 2010 and you will receive \$5 off your order!

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!

CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

Any Year 4 Teacher Candidate who is interested in working with Deanne on planning Convocation please contact her at deanneo@nipissingu.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

CONVOCATION will take place on June 23, 2010!

DR. DAVID SUZUKI FELLOWSHIP

The Institute of Child Study (ICS) Laboratory School would like to honour two promising Teacher Candidates graduating in 2010 from an accredited Ontario Faculty of Education program who demonstrate commitment to Environmental Education of elementary school children. In recognition of excellence in Environmental Education in pre-service teaching, **winning applicants will receive a gift of \$500**. As well, winners will have an opportunity to participate in a **Fellowship placement at the Institute of Child Study Laboratory School** at a mutually agreeable time between May 5th 2010 to April 30th 2011 for one week. Suzuki Fellows will be able to see, learn, and immerse themselves in ICS' four-part approach to Environmental Education under the mentorship of Lab School teacher/researchers.

Complete information and application forms about the Award are available at:

http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/ics/ICS_Lab_School/Environmental_Education_Initiative_at_ICs.html

BRANTFORD SOCCER COACH OPPORTUNITY

Are you a soccer fan? The Brantford Inter-City Soccer club is looking for a coach for an under 9 boys team. They already have 13 players and are in need of a coach in order to ensure the team will run.

Anybody interested can contact Brendon Ulysse at 519-754-4696 or bulysse366@community.nipissingu.ca OR B.I.C.S Executive Andrew Pikilington at 519-754-2108, chair@brantfordsoccer.com

PEER CONNECT PRESENTS: DIVERSITY WEEK

This year, Peer Connect has put together a week of Diversity-focused programming for the students of Laurier Brantford from March 8th - 12th. Our goal of Diversity Week this year is to provide hands on and shared learning opportunities for students on campus. This will help increase awareness, disseminate knowledge and develop skills and perspectives that will help strengthen our campus and promote mutual respect for one another.

Diversity week can be added to your co-curricular record! Come out to two information sessions and any other two events during the week and you will receive a certificate of participation and a entry on your co-curricular record.

Diversity is the thing we all have in common. Celebrate it!
If you would like to be involved in Diversity Week, please contact peerconnectbrantford@wlu.ca

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.

To register for Tribes, email Tracey Andrus at 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.

Location: ROOM 103, 67 Darling

TEACHERS CREDIT UNION INFORMATION

Join the credit union that's gone platinum! Teachers Credit Union has been voted Hamilton Spectator's 2009 Platinum Reader's Choice Best Financial Institution, Best Place for a Mortgage and Best Financial Planner.

We're experienced with educational employees for 70 years, we know education and we know our members. You can count on us to support and fulfill your financial needs throughout your education and career. With a virtual branch just for educational employees and worldwide ATM access, we're committed to providing you best-in-class banking services wherever you are.

Surf, call or visit us today! www.teacherscu.on.ca 905.525.8131 or toll free 1.800.598.2891



CIRCLE K

The Brantford Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake is taking place this Sunday. Many thanks to all those who will be involved. Good luck! Our goal is to raise at least \$240. If you'd like to help donate please email us at circlek@nipissingu.ca.

On March 8th, Circle K will begin a **Pencil Drive** benefiting local Brantford schools. Each building will be outfitted with three bins for donations - for years 1, 2, and 3. The year that donates the most will receive a prize in each of their Nipissing classes! We are looking for **NEW** mechanical or lead pencils.

Are you interested in contributing to the planning of **Education Orientation Day**? There will be a brainstorming meeting for the 2010 first year Education Orientation Day on Wednesday March 17th at 4:00pm. Anyone is welcome to come and submit their creative ideas for next year's Eddie Day! If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to suggest some ideas or comments you can email us at circlek@nipissingu.ca.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 10th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (67 Darling)

STUDENT CLUBS

Student Advisory Committee



FREE BREAKFAST for Year 2 and 3 students! SAC will be providing a breakfast for those in attendance at the March 15th meetings for Year 2 and 3 students. Between 8:15 and 9:00 a continental breakfast will be provided so come out and enjoy breakfast on us before you are off to your meetings. Information about SAC, positions available, who we are, what we do, and when our meetings are will be provided!

WIN \$50.00! Our \$50 student incentive draw is in full swing. During the week of March 15 - 19 you have the chance to double your chance of winning the \$50 CASH PRIZE. For every item you bring in during this week you will receive not one but TWO ballots. The draw will wrap-up on March 25th at which point either a Nipissing or Mohawk student will win the \$50! Go Nipissing Go!

Our **next meeting** is on Tuesday March 9th, 8:30 - 9:50 in Darling 104. Positions will become available for next year at the end of this year. Not only do extra-curricular activities look great on a resume you will become part of a group who's goal is to enhance our program for current and prospective students. If interested in a leadership position with a campus club look no further. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, new members welcome!

PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Parent Engagement Committee is looking for student volunteers to help with this year's 4th Annual Parent Information Fair. Your services would be required: Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (approximately). The Fair will be held at Branlyn/Notre Dame School (238 Brantwood Park Road).

This is a free event for families and caregivers of children prenatal to 12 years of age and participating agencies.

The fair will provide information on various community services, share information about getting children ready for school and highlight the importance of early learning, health, safety and quality child care in our area.

Student volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and participation throughout the day. Please contact Andrea Stefanchuk at 519-752-5308 ext. 33 or e-mail at astefanchuk@woodview.ca

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: BRANT COUNTY POWER

Brant County Power is in the process of rolling out a GIS system in 2010.

To prepare for our project we are looking for an interested energetic individual to help us to collect GPS data in our service area during the summer months.

This position may be of interest to someone pursuing a career in the electrical field who might find this opportunity both challenging and educational. It could lead into future employment opportunities.

Interested individuals should contact Glen Fuller, Operations Manager. E-mail: gfuller@brantcountypower.com
Phone 519 442-3363 ext. 731

PROJECT EMPATHY "MARCH IN MARCH" AND ART & VARIETY SHOW

Do you like to support a good cause? Do you have a talent that the world just needs to see and hear?

Then this is the event for you! Come out and support Project Empathy in our 2nd annual March in March. Experience what it would be like to walk in the shoes of someone on their way to be tested for HIV & AIDS during this two hour walk. Join us afterwards for light refreshments and a live Art & Variety show!

Pledge forms will be available from Project Empathy's members as well as on our website www.projectempathyafrika.org. There is a \$2 fee to register and we are trying to have everyone raise a minimum donation of \$10! Your pledge forms are due back the day of the event.

We are also looking for students who are interested in performing or showcasing their art for the Art & Variety show. Please contact myself or Project Empathy if interested! The SAMBA SQUAD KIDZ DRUM team from Toronto will also be performing at the Art & Variety Show. Check out their website www.drumartz.com to watch some of their performances.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Co-ordinator: Lindsey Newton Email: info@projectempathyafrika.org

NORTHERN ONTARIO JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you a Teacher Candidate who is searching for a teaching position? Simon Jacob Memorial Education Center in Webequie First Nation, Northern Ontario has 4 full-time positions coming up in September. Webequie is located approximately 600km North of Thunder Bay. The official job postings can be found at the Education Canada Network website (<http://www.educationcanada.com/>).

Interviews will most likely be held sometime at the end of March or beginning of April.

-Resumes should be sent to: laurashewaybick@hotmail.com

HWDSB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

DETAILS: A volunteer in a grade 5/6 classroom to help with classroom activities for all students and to assist a LD student with using assistive technology.

LOCATION: Gatestone school, located on Stoney Creek Mountain, on Gatestone near Highland Dr.

INTERESTED? Contact Liz at Liz.mcananama@hwdsb.on.ca