



NipNews

October 16, 2009

Brantford Campus

NOTES FROM THE PRACTICUM OFFICE

Monday, October 19, 2009 – Teacher Candidate / Faculty Advisor Meetings

Teacher Candidates are reminded that the Faculty Advisor meeting for next Monday is mandatory. Your attendance is expected. Presentations and small group meetings will be held during the day. Please see the schedule by year below:

Year 2 Schedule:

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ontario College of Teachers Presentation and Meeting: Theatre A/B 50 Wellington

11:00 – 12:00 noon Lesson Planning (optional) Student Centre, Lower Level

12:00 – 12:45 **Lunch (Pizza for sale in lower NU lounges)**

1:00 – 2:00 Faculty Advisor Meetings Wellington /Darling

Year 3 Schedule:

11:00 – 12:00 noon Ontario College of Teachers Presentation and Meeting Theatres A/B
50 Wellington

12:00–12:45 **Lunch (Pizza for sale in lower NU lounges)**

1:00–2:00 pm Faculty Advisor Meetings Wellington/Darling

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are excited about the Laurier Brantford Homecoming events on October 17, 2009.

The Wellington St. building will be open to returning alumni from 11:00 am–1:00 pm. Feel free to drop by before the Hockey game!

Good Luck with Faculty Advisor Meetings

And

Good Luck to our Student Advisory Committee

Relay for Life team.

Locations listed below:

Faculty Advisor Name	Board	Building	Location
Monica Cechet Floyd Kennedy	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	301
Suzanne Maffatt Lee Merritt	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	302
Dave Bissett Keith Ashley	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	202
Leone Halsey	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	201
Susan Bourne	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	207
Tom Blackburn Bob Lammens	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	Student Lounge - Basement
John Caruana Ron Klein	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	Theatre A
Sandra Hughes David Jones	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	Theatre B
Mary Lynn Tessaro	GEDSB	Wellington	208
Brendan Ryan Jim Parrott	BHNCDSB/GEDSB	Wellington	002
Richard Bull Ken Brill	HWCDSEB/HWDSB	Darling	104
Brenda Hoskin	HWCDSEB/HWDSB	Darling	Kitchen - lower level
Nick Brune Donna Robinson	WRDSB/WCDSB	Darling	108
John Spinak Brian Annable	WRDSB/WCDSB/ AMDSB/TVDSB/LDCSB	Darling	109
Liz Degutis Mary Brown	WRDSB/WCDSB/ AMDSB/TVDSB/LDCSB	Darling	103

YEAR 1 WORKSHOPS

Year 1 Teacher Candidates- Please mark the upcoming workshops on your calendar.

***Registration is required and sessions are filling quickly. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible.**

Monday, October 19th: GROUP A ONLY. Group B will have a free day!

Writing and Study Skills Resource Centre Small Group Instruction
9:00-11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., or 3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Registration is required. Please sign up for one session on the bulletin board in 67 Darling St. by Friday, October 16th.

Monday, October 26th: GROUP B ONLY. Group A will have a free day!

Writing and Study Skills Resource Centre Small Group Instruction
9:00-11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., or 3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Registration is required. Please sign up for one session on the bulletin board in 67 Darling St. by Friday, October 16th.

***Workshop Groups: Students with a last name beginning with A-K must follow the Group A schedule.**

Students with a last name beginning with L-Z must follow the Group B schedule.

Check the Bulletin Board in the 67 Darling Street building for weekly workshop reminders!

YEAR 2, 3 Reminder

A variety of workshops will be scheduled throughout the Fall and Winter terms. Here are some upcoming dates to be aware of:

Monday, October 19: Year 2 and 3: Faculty Advisor Meeting and Mentorship Workshop (Lecture Theatre, 50 Wellington)

FREE THE CHILDREN PRESENTATION

A special presentation has been planned for Monday, October 19th, following the Year 2 and 3 Faculty Advisor Meeting.

Come out and hear all about the Free the Children non-profit organization (which helps educate children around the world) and the FREE educational resources they provide for teachers. A slideshow of previous Kenya teaching placements will also be presented! Presentation will be held in the Wellington Lecture Theatre @ 2pm following yr. 2 & 3 faculty advisor meetings! FREE resources will be available to those who attend.

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Are you creative? Are you interested in writing or photography? We are planning to continue the tradition of creating a Yearbook to showcase the memories of the graduating class. If you are interested in being a part of this project for 09-10, please contact Kelly Wilkin at: kellyw@nipissingu.ca

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY WATER BOTTLES

There are still some Nipissing water bottles left for purchase. They are \$15 for one, or two for \$25. Water bottles can be purchased from the Academic Advisor's Office in 67 Darling Street Building.



CIRCLE K

The next Circle K meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, October 21th, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** We will meet in the 67 Darling Street Building. At this meeting we will be discussing Nipissing Wear, the Santa Claus Parade, and the Laurier-Nipissing Hockey Game. Come with your ideas!

We hope to see you there! All new members are welcome.

Questions? Interested in joining CK but cannot attend this meeting?

E-mail: circlek@nipissingu.ca

STUDENT CLUBS

Student Advisory Committee



Just a reminder that our next SAC meeting is on Tuesday October 20th from 10:00 - 11:20am in EC301. This meeting will see the group filling executive positions, working on our initiatives for this year, and more. Bring a friend and come see what we will be discussing this year regarding our program, professionalism, and Nipissing's environmental footprint. Thank you to all students who have brought in their old printer cartridges and cell phones to be recycled. We want to encourage students to get their friends involved and to look for our student incentive program (for Think Recycle) in the near future.

Lastly, if you are interested in co-editing the NipNews on a weekly basis, please e-mail: sac@nipissingu.ca Have a good week!

GREETINGS FROM THE iTEACH TEAM

In response to student feedback, the iTeach team is offering a crash course titled:

INTRODUCTION TO MACBOOKS in Room 001 at 50 Wellington St.

The sessions are scheduled as follows.

Session 1: Thursday Oct 22 2:30-3:20

Session 5: Monday Oct 26 9:30-10:20

Session 2: Thursday Oct 22 3:30-4:20

Session 6: Monday Oct 26 10:30-11:20

Session 3: Friday Oct 23 8:30-9:20

Session 7: Monday Oct 26 12:30-1:20

Session 4: Friday Oct 23 9:30-10:20

Session 8: Monday Oct 26 2:30-3:20

To register for this crash course please visit:

<http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops/>

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 101

-CANCELLED DUE TO LOW ENROLLMENT

ASL 102

-November 6, 7, 8 and November 13, 14, 15

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!



Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk

Do You Believe in BIG Dreams??

Join Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand and Norfolk to be an In School Mentor. One hour a week during the school day is all it takes to make a difference in a child's life!!

Do You Like To....

Make Crafts

Play Sports

Read Stories

Bake Cookies

Play Cards

If you said "Yes" to any of these or just plain like to have fun while making a difference, then the In School Mentor program is for YOU!!

For more information contact Nipissing Instructor Rick Denton at rickd@nipissingu.ca or the In School Mentor Coordinator Diane Corbett at (519) 759-3222 or at diane@bbbshn.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Buy only fair-trade coffee, tea and chocolate. They provide a higher income and greater security for small producers.

THINK-RECYCLE

Do you have old cartridges or cell phones?

The Student Advisory Committee has implemented a Think-Recycle program at Nipissing University. Think-Recycle bins are in both Nipissing Buildings.

Donate your used cartridges and cell phones for a good cause! Funds raised from items collected will go towards supporting environmental initiatives on campus!

This program has been very successful. Let's keep up the good work!

FURTHER EDUCATION FAIR AND CROSSING BORDERS WORK STUDY ABROAD FAIR

Two great events.. One location!

Further Education Fair and Crossing Borders Work Study Abroad Fair

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., Wilkes Gym

Regardless of your year of study, if you are considering education after completing your degree, attend the Further Education Fair to meet representatives from 30 graduate, professional and post-degree college programs in Canada and abroad. Learn about admission requirements and application procedures for graduate programs in: Law, Education, Business, Arts and more!

Got the travel bug? Do you want to immerse yourself in another culture? Attend the Crossing Borders Fair to meet representatives from various organizations and investigate international work opportunities, language schools, study exchange options, volunteer organizations, international university possibilities and much more!

LOCKERS

Lockers are available in the Education Centre (50 Wellington Street).

To purchase a locker tag for \$20.00,

please Irene at the Main Office at 50 Wellington Street.



TRIBES

"Tribes" is a community building process – a culture and active learning pedagogy best learned by experiencing it.

You can make the process come alive for your classroom by taking the Tribes training. The purpose of this 24 hour training course is to prepare educators to develop a caring environment and school community. Tribes training will provide strategies to reach and teach students through an active learning approach that promotes student development, motivation and academic achievement. The 24 hour training includes a book and at completion a certificate stating that you have completed the Tribes TLC course. This certificate is helpful when looking for teaching positions. 'Tribes' is used in most school Boards across Ontario.

The book, **Reaching All by Creating Tribes Learning Communities**, blends the fields of group process and cooperative learning, prevention and resiliency, learning theory and school change into a comprehensive, meaningful whole.

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. 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.

Here are some dates for you to consider. You **need** to attend all the dates within your session of choice to receive your Tribes Certificate. You do NOT need to attend all the sessions being offered. You may want to bring a lunch each day.

Session Two

October 22nd 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

October 23rd 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

October 24th 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

October 25th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session Three

November 19th 3:00 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

November 20th 3:00 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

November 21st 9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

November 22nd 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

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.

January 17th 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

KidzJazz



Certification Course

As a Kidzjazz educator, you and your students will:

- * Explore the world of the great Jazz masters
- * Discover the art of improvisation
- * Expand creative talents in a positive, collaborative environment
- * Develop musical literacy using Xylophones and Recorders
- * Perform the music of the Jazz era

A **basic** understanding of music theory is required for this course.

Workshop Dates:

October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30
November 13
November 20

9 am - 12 pm
Room 302 Wellington

To register, contact Dr. Grant at
christig@nipissingu.ca

Cost - \$25.00

"more than just another music lesson...."