



## NipNews

### October 23, 2009

#### NOTES FROM THE PRACTICUM OFFICE

##### **Monday October 26, 2009 – Year 2,3 Teacher Candidates Practicum Begins**

Teacher Candidates are reminded to contact the Associate Teacher they have been assigned to prior to placement on Monday. Each Teacher Candidate should have their Associate Teacher Kit that they will give to their Associate on the first day of practicum. Take the time to go through this kit with your Associate Teacher. For those assigned a Principal letter, please ensure it is delivered to the Principal when you arrive at the school.

##### **Attendance Policy:**

Teacher Candidates are requested to attend their practicum placement regularly and punctually (30 minutes prior to the start of the school day and 30 minutes after the completion of the school day). Each Teacher Candidate is responsible for attending all of the assigned practicum days.

However if a day is missed, report any absences to:

- 1) The Associate Teacher
- 2) The Practicum Office
- 3) Faculty Advisor.

The Teacher Candidate must reschedule absent days in consultation with the Associate Teacher.

If 2 or more days are missed a medical certificate will need to be obtained by the Teacher Candidate.

A special thanks to all the Teacher Candidates who were able to work out transportation issues – we appreciate your effort and dedication to the practicum placement you were given.

Have a great first day at Practicum!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have had another great week.

The SAC Relay for Life team raised over \$1200 and represented us well at the Alumni Homecoming Events.

The practicum office planned excellent faculty advisor meetings for years two and three last Monday with a visit from the Ontario College of Teachers.

There have been meetings of Circle K and SAC this week with exciting events planned. Next week, there will be a distribution of iTeach memory sticks in classes of years 2,3 and 4. These memory sticks are provided by the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Sharon Rich and are intended to be a tool for technology education.

More information will follow.

Thank you for your participation and involvements.

#### 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!

## YEAR 1 WORKSHOPS

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

**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.

**Monday, November 2nd:**

Group Work and Group Essays- Group A (9:30-10:30 am, Lecture Theatre, 50 Wellington)

Academic Advising Drop-In Sessions- Group B (9:30-10:30 am, 67 Darling Street Building)

Group Work and Group Essays- Group B (10:30-11:30 am, Lecture Theatre, 50 Wellington)

Academic Advising Drop-In Sessions- Group A (10:30-11:30 pm- 67 Darling Street Building)

**\*If you are interested in arranging an appointment during the Academic Advising Drop-In Sessions, please sign up on the bulletin board in the 67 Darling Street Building. You can also e-mail Kelly Wilkin at [kellyw@nipissingu.ca](mailto:kellyw@nipissingu.ca).**

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

## 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/console>

**Wednesday, December 9:**

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

\*Use your WebAdvisor Username and Password to log-in.

## YMCA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The YMCA is opening a new after-school program in the Brantford area focusing on academic support for children attending two at-risk schools. Two part-time positions are available for those who would be interested in facilitating this program.

TITLE: *Virtual YMCA Facilitator (Part-Time)*

RATE OF PAY: *\$10.25/hour*

To view the complete job postings, please look at the bulletin board in 67 Darling Street.

## 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](mailto: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

Things are getting underway for the Circle K Social Club. At our next meeting we will finish talking about Nip Wear, our upcoming fundraising initiatives, and continue to talk about the Santa Claus Parade. If you are interested in helping decorate the Nipissing Santa Claus float or riding on it during the parade - please contact Victoria at [circlek@nipissingu.ca](mailto:circlek@nipissingu.ca). Coming soon: our very own website, complete with meeting minutes, upcoming events and ways to get involved. Our **next meeting is Wednesday, October 28th at 4:30** in the Darling Building room 103. It's not too late to get involved. If you have questions or want to become a member come to our next meeting or email us at [circlek@nipissingu.ca](mailto:circlek@nipissingu.ca).

## STUDENT CLUBS

## Student Advisory Committee



SAC is excited to announce that their new website is up and running! Check it out: <http://teacherweb.com/0N/Nipissing/StudentAdvisoryCommittee/wscall.aspx>

We are also happy to announce the kick-off of our **"Think-Recycle Student Incentive"**. Beginning Monday, October 26th, for every used printer cartridge or old cell phone you contribute to the Think Recycle program, you will receive one ballot that will be entered into a draw. Prize details will be revealed in the next issue of the NipNews- stay tuned!!

How will this work?: Bring your items to Kelly in the 67 Darling Street building. After you are given a ballot, place your items in the Think Recycle collection boxes. The draw will be made on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009! Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd from 10:00-11:20 a.m.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE iTEACH TEAM

The iTeach Learning Lab is officially open for student use. The iTeach Learning Lab is located at 50 Wellington St., Room 001 and will be open between the hours of 8:30-4:30. A schedule is posted outside of the Lab and teacher candidates are able to use the lab as long as it has not been booked for a course/conference.

The Lab contains the rear-projection SMARTBoard, 36 Macbook computers that run both the Windows and MAC OSX operating systems, and a plethora of educational software titles (exclusive to you as Faculty of Education students)

We are investigating the availability of a printing service in the lab as well, once we have a solution in place we will inform you through our regular communication channels.

Just a reminder that all students should be signing up for optional iTeach workshops. The latest workshop to be added is Web 2.0 in the classroom. Please see the attached poster for additional information.

Finally,

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, November 19th from 4:30 - 5:20

Session 2: Wednesday, November 25th from 4:30 - 5:20

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## 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 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!

## 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?



## Have Fun While Helping a Child!!

Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk offers a variety of programs to suit the needs of every volunteer.

Do you like being active and eating healthy?? BE A "GO GIRLS" OR "GO GUYS" MENTOR

Do you like to play games or make crafts? BE AN IN-SCHOOL MENTOR

Do you have an hour or more a week to spare?? JOIN OUR GROWING NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A CHILD

**Build a Bridge For No Reason But To Get To The Other Side**

**Walk The Walk Without Some Place To Go**

**Jump Without Asking How High**

**A Little Brother or Sister Will Happily Show You How**

**Go On...We Double Dare You**

For more information talk to Nipissing Professor Rick Denton ([rickd@nipissingu.ca](mailto:rickd@nipissingu.ca)) or In-School Mentor Coordinator Diane Corbett at (519) 759-3222 or e-mail her at [diane@bbbshn.ca](mailto:diane@bbbshn.ca).

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!

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# 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](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.

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 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.

## LOCKERS STILL AVAILABLE!

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.



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The image shows a Mac OS X desktop environment. On the left, a dock contains numerous application icons, including Adobe Creative Suite software (Contribute CS4, Dreamweaver CS4, Fireworks CS4, Flash CS4, Media Player, Photoshop Elements), Alice 2.2, Audacity, Comic Life, Easy iWeb Publisher, GarageBand, Google Earth, HP Scanning, iChat, iDVD, iMovie, iPhoto, iSquint, iTunes, iWeb, Jing, Kid Pix Deluxe 4, Lineln, Notebook, Photo Booth, RealPlayer, Skitch, Teacher Tools, WiimoteWhiteboard, WiimoteWhiteboard - Java Edition, and WMV Player.

In the center, a folder menu is open, displaying a list of educational categories: Adaptive Technology, Assesment and Planning, Internet and Web, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Multimedia (highlighted with a blue bar), Music, and Organization and Productivity. Below these are the options 'Options' and 'Open in Finder'.

On the right, a secondary menu lists specific software titles: Clicker 5, CoWriter SE, Say It Save It, Write OutLoud, AppleWorks 6, FileMaker Pro, Keynote, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, Numbers, Pages, SMART Ideas 5, and XMind.

At the top right, a text box reads: "TO ACCESS THE EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE, CLICK ON THE NIPISSING UNIVERSITY CREST IN THE DOCK". Below this text is a small graphic of a desk with a computer monitor displaying the Nipissing University crest, a printer, a PDF file icon, and a trash can.