



## NipNews

### September 25, 2009

#### NOTES FROM THE PRACTICUM OFFICE



**Do you have your OESC card yet?**

##### **Faculty Advisor Meetings:**

Year 2 & 3 : October 19, Year 1, 2, 3 : January 4, 2010, Year 4 : February 5, 2010. Full details of meeting times and locations will be published asap. In preparation for the Faculty Advisor meetings, Year 2 & 3 placement information will be emailed the week of October 13, 2009.

##### **Practicum Opportunities:**

###### Year 4 – JI – Music Quest Technology and Music Initiative

Applications for a unique practicum opportunity exploring the integration of technology and music are now being accepted. As part of the placement, Teacher Candidates will be provided the opportunity to apply the IT skills, and implement a unit of study developed as part of the iTeach and Music Education programs.

You might be interested in this placement if:

- Junior / Intermediate teacher candidate
- Interested in doing a placement in Brantford (GEDSB). (If you did not choose this Board on your practicum form, this can be changed)
- Have received prior evaluations of Proficient or higher on practicum placements
- Some background or an interest in technology and/or music.
- Interested in participating in cutting-edge research

If you are interested, please review the letter of information and complete the consent form found on our website. Please forward your application, a résumé, along with a brief summary of why you are interested in this project to either Dr. Christina Grant, [christiq@nipissingu.ca](mailto:christiq@nipissingu.ca) or Tim Pugh, [timothy@nipissingu.ca](mailto:timothy@nipissingu.ca). The application deadline has been extended to Friday September 25, 2009.

##### **Year 3 – Virtual Grand**

Nipissing U-Brantford and GEDSB have partnered together this year to create some targeted technology placements for Year 3 teacher candidates. There are currently nine placement opportunities.

Year 3 student teacher candidates will receive extra training in technology at Nipissing Brantford in order to:

- a) support already existing technology-based learning efforts within the practicum classroom (i.e. SmartBoards).... AND ALSO
- b) be the conduit responsible for introducing "new" technologies into their placement classroom

**Application Criteria:** Year 3 teacher candidates:

- available to attend 2 pre-practicum information meetings
- agree to technology orientation and training with Stephen Tedesco and Tim Pugh; agree to embed technology into practicum offerings
- agree to attend debriefing sessions post practicum; (more information to follow)
- Please email your expression of interest to Deanne Osborne [deanne@nipissingu.ca](mailto:deanne@nipissingu.ca) Applications will be accepted until Friday September 25, 2009.

##### **Mentorship:**

Research from the Ontario College of Teachers found that timely and relevant professional support for beginning teachers is cited as a significant factor not only in retaining teachers but in facilitating their emotional development, enhancing their commitment to teaching, fostering their professional efficacy and, most significantly, improving pedagogical practice that improves student learning. "We will also be continuing the mentorship model based on positive feedback.

##### **Strong Start training:**

**Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a child?** If so, then volunteering in the Strong Start® program at a local school may be the volunteer opportunity you are looking for. The Strong Start®: Letters, Sounds and Words program has been created to be used specifically by volunteers. 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.

**Training sessions will be held at 50 Wellington on: Tuesday, October 6, 2009, and Tuesday, October 13, 2009 in room EC 202 from 7–9 pm**

Strong Start® is now available in the various schools in the Grand Erie District School Board and the Brant Haldimand, Norfolk Catholic District School Board. 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 and must be registered with a school before participation in the Strong Start program.

More information about the program can be found on the website [www.strongstart.ca](http://www.strongstart.ca). If interested, please contact Mieke Schroeder at [mschroeder@sympatico.ca](mailto:mschroeder@sympatico.ca) or telephone(519) 759-8372.

#### NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

We have many exciting events planned in the weeks ahead. All Year 3 students should participate in iTeach Education Technology Conference on Sept.28 and all year 2 students should register for the Year 2 iTeach Education Technology Conference scheduled on Oct.5. Both conferences are in the Wellington Street building and will feature new uses of technology in local school systems. Please take advantage of the innovative resources and professional development offered through the iTeach initiative.

Year 4 Conference is coming!

Have a great week!

## YEAR 1 WORKSHOPS

At Nipissing, "Mondays are Education Days". A combination of workshops from Laurier's Writing and Study Skills Resource Centre and Nipissing Academic Services will be offered on Mondays from September to December, 9:30 AM- 2:00 PM. Year 1 Teacher Candidates are expected to attend. Please mark the upcoming workshops on your calendar:

**Monday, September 28th: Please bring your Concurrent Education Practicum Handbook with you!**

Study Skills Overview- Group A (9:30-10:30 am, Multi-purpose Room in the WLU Student Centre)

Concurrent Education Q&A- Group B (9:30-10:30 am, 67 Darling Street Building)

Study Skills Overview- Group B (10:30-11:30 am Multi-purpose Room in the WLU Student Centre)

Concurrent Education Q&A- Group A (10:30-11:30 am- 67 Darling Street Building)

**Monday, October 5th:**

Writing Centre Overview- Group A (9:30-10:30 am, Multi-purpose Room in the WLU Student Centre)

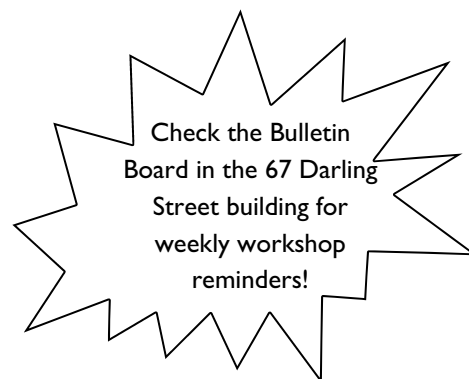
Practicum Binder Workshop- Group B (9:30-10:30 am, 67 Darling Street Building)

Writing Centre Overview- Group B (10:30-11:30 am, Multi-purpose Room in the WLU Student Centre)

Practicum Binder Workshop- Group A (10:30-11:30 am- 67 Darling Street Building)

**\*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.**



## YEAR 2, 3 and 4 WORKSHOPS

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

**Monday, September 28:** Year 3: Educational Technology Conference  
8:30 a.m.- 3:45 p.m.

**Thursday, October 1:** Year 2, 3 and 4: Creating Educational Games  
12:30-2:00 p.m. or 2:30-4:00 p.m. \*Registration Required

**Monday, October 5:** Year 2: Educational Technology Conference  
8:30 a.m.- 3:45 p.m.

**Friday, October 16:** Year 2, 3 and 4: Creating Educational Games  
9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. \*Registration Required

**Monday, October 19:** Year 2 and 3: Faculty Advisor Meeting and Mentorship Workshop

## NOTES FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

### YEAR 1

All **Year 1** Teacher Candidates are strongly encouraged to arrange an appointment with Kelly Wilkin, Academic Advisor. Year 1 Teacher Candidates can arrange an appointment by e-mailing [kellyw@nipissingu.ca](mailto:kellyw@nipissingu.ca).

### YEAR 2, 3 and 4

Questions? Concerns? All Teacher Candidates who would like to make an appointment should contact Kelly Wilkin:

Phone: 519-752-1524, ext. 7550 E-mail: [kellyw@nipissingu.ca](mailto:kellyw@nipissingu.ca)

## 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.



## CIRCLE K

It was great to see a number of new faces at our first Circle K Information Session. We are looking forward to working together!

All interested students are invited to attend our first meeting:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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.

We hope to see you there!

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

E-mail: [circlek@nipissingu.ca](mailto:circlek@nipissingu.ca)

## STUDENT CLUBS

## Student Advisory Committee



The Student Advisory Committee held their first meeting of the year on Tuesday September 22nd. Many items were discussed regarding this coming year, and the meeting finished with an open conversation about issues/questions related to Nipissing Brantford. It was great to see many new faces out and we are always looking for more!

A reminder about the **ThinkRecycle** program: bring in your empty print cartridges and old cell phones to be recycled. All funds raised will go directly back into Go Green initiatives at Nipissing Brantford and help to keep these items out of landfills.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for: **Tuesday October 6th** from 10:00 - 11:20 am. We will meet in EC301, 50 Wellington Street Building.

Questions about SAC? Interested in our initiatives? Contact: [sac@nipissingu.ca](mailto:sac@nipissingu.ca)

# NOTES FROM THE iTeach TEAM

## Greetings from the iTeach team

The iTeach team is excited to have our first Educational Technology Conferences (ETCO9) on Monday September 28th, 2009 for all students in Year 3. All Year 3 students are expected to attend. If you have not yet registered for the conference (via <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops/>) then we ask that you please do so ASAP.

The Year 2 ETCO9 conference will be held on October 5th, 2009. All Year 2 students are expected to attend. If you have not yet registered for the conference (via <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops/>) then we ask that you please do so ASAP.

The Educational Technology Conference for Year 4 students will be in January. Once planning is finalized for this final session of the conference we will provide you with more information.

Also, our first workshop titled "Creating Educational Games" is open for registration for all students in Years 2, 3, and 4. If you would like to register for this workshop please visit <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops>

Finally, if you are looking for any information regarding iTeach programming, have questions, or need some help, please come by the iTeach office (Room 010 in 50 Wellington St.) and talk to a member of the iTeach team.



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

WE WANT YOU...that's the message that the Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Brant, Brantford, Haldimand & Norfolk want to get out. Since expanding into Brant County & Brantford the local agency has set their sights on increasing volunteer participation in the 18-25 years of age category and has found the perfect place to do it. BBBS is the leading child and youth serving organization providing mentoring programs that offer a variety of commitment to suit any volunteer. Men and women (age 18 or older) give of their time to become a mentor to a youngster who can greatly benefit from having an adult role model to look up to.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters offer a number of different community programs and fundraising events that you can take part in. Whether you have one hour a week or want to take part in one of the annual fundraisers – it all makes a difference! Contact Diane Corbett today at (519) 426-3121/800-268-8784 or go online at [www.bbbshn.ca](http://www.bbbshn.ca) and see how you can help us "Share the Dream".

## PHOTO DAYS

All Teacher Candidates are reminded to have their photo taken on the following days:

**Year 3 and 4:** Monday, September 28th

**COST:** \$7.00

**LOCATION:** Lower Level Student Lounge — 50 Wellington

All Teacher Candidates are required to have a Nipissing University photo ID card with them for identification at practicum. If you missed having your photo taken, please do so on September 28th. This will be the final opportunity.

## TRIBES TRAINING

There is still time to register for the next session of Tribes Training! This training will be offered on the following dates:

October 22nd– 3:00-9:30 p.m.

October 23rd– 3:00-9:30 p.m.

October 24th– 9:00-2:30 p.m.

October 25th– 9:00-1:00 p.m.

Please refer to the attached information sheet for additional details and registration information.

## GO-GREEN INITIATIVE

Support alternatives to using a car. Walk, bike or take public transit to regular destinations.

## TUTOR OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a tutor to help with Grade 3 Math homework (French Immersion)  
When: Between 4:00 – 4:30 PM everyday, if possible  
-15-30 minutes per day  
-Flat rate of \$30/week

Where: The student can come to Laurier Brantford to complete homework on campus in a Student Lounge.

If interested, please call Penny at 519-756-8228 ext. 5769 or stop by CB200

## NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

### WATERBOTTLES

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

## YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

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).

# 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 **\$185.00/ 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 Two**

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

October 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

October 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
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

January 15th 3:00

January 16th 9:00

January 17th 9:00

# *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](mailto:christig@nipissingu.ca)

**Cost - \$25.00**

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