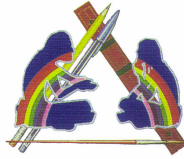
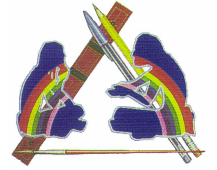


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Principal's Message



September – *mating moon*

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**Nipisihkopahk Secondary
School Office Hours**
Monday-Friday
8:30 am.-12:00 pm.
12:25 pm.-4:00 pm.

Vice-Principal's Message

Welcome to a great year for parents and students at N.S.S.!

I am always amazed at how these students transform themselves to another level of maturity over the two short summer months. We have new changes at N.S.S. and we are moving forward to continue to deliver sound curriculum. We will be hosting a 'Meet the Parent' night on Thursday, September 17 from 4:00-7:00 pm. We have a few Representatives coming to speak to the parents about various programs in the community, and this is the time to meet the many new staff members that we have. Other topics that will be covered for this evening will be to establish a parent relationship by forming an executive. We need ideas as to the types of clubs the students want as possible extracurricular activities. We are hoping to establish a 'skipping team' (skipping rope) and a possible cross country team. We are off to a great start and we thank you for your support by choosing our school.

Cheryl Munro M.A.,
Vice-Principal, N.S.S.

Tansi! I hope that everyone had a good summer! Like that commercial on TV, "it's a wonderful time of the year!" The kids are back to school.

My name is Alvina Flormann, and I am Acting Principal until Mrs. Jardine is back in the second semester. I have been working for Nipisihkopahk Education Authority for many years now, and still very eager to help our students with their education.

Several changes have taken place at N.S.S. For one, we now have a closed campus; which means that students under 18 are not allowed to leave school grounds without permission by the parents. Students who are over 18, will be signing in and out, when they leave for lunch, etc. So far, the students are complying with this change.

It is crucial that we keep open the lines of communication with parents, so please do not hesitate to check up on your children; and to talk with your child's teacher.

For students who may need an emergency lunch, we are now providing a hot lunch program. Thanks to Donna Rain, our new Foods and Fashions Instructor, who prepares the lunch program. We have a cafeteria for their use as well; however there is no charging allowed. You can put money into a cafeteria account for your child as well.

Our school has a "Breakfast for Learning" program available for student use. This is also optional. The teachers are supplied with toasters so that students can have something to eat before school starts.

In our school, this year, we have Drama in Junior High. We also have grade nine students in Cosmetology and Construction.

We have a very caring staff, and pleased with the progress of our school...Like any other school, we follow the same program of studies mandated by Alberta Education. I am looking forward to a productive year, and anticipating more parental involvement. Drop by and check on your children, stay and chat!

Alvina Flormann

Nipisihkopahk Secondary School Staff Listing 2009/2010

Principal-Nikki Jardine

Assistant Principal-Alvina Flormann

Vice-Principal-Cheryl Munro

Senior Secretary- Rose Hilbach

Receptionist- Candace Swampy

Student Records Clerk- Cynthia Waskahat

N.E.A. School Liaison- Marlene Lightning

Grade 7 Teachers- Yvonne Buffalo & Murray Bear Chief

Grade 7/8 Teachers- Preet Dhaliwal & Seema Deol

Grade 8 Teacher- Patricia Richards

Grade 9 Teachers- Kristie Sonnenberg & Jennifer Hotchkiss

Jr. High Cree Instructor- Tracy Saddleback

Sr. High Social- Heather Ferguson

Sr. High Math- Crystal Ozment

Sr. High English- Jean MacDonald

Sr. High Science- Kevin Larsen

Sr. High Math 14/24-Seema Deol

Sr. High CALM/ Sr. High Social-Preet Dhaliwal

Sr. High Info Pro/Computers- Shawn Wittal

Sr. High Knowledge and Employability- Nadalie Lightning

Sr. High Foods/Fashions- Donna Rain

Sr. High Cree/Work Experience-Rita Cutknif

Jr. and Sr. High Phys-Ed.- Byran Omeasoo

Jr. & Sr. High Construction- Rod LaFond

Jr. & Sr. High Drama/ Sr. High Comm. Tech.- Steve Wood

Jr. & Sr. High Cosmo/ Sr. High Special Projects- Anita Saddleback

Jr. & Sr. High Music- Garvey Soosay & Tim Baughman

Librarian- Sharon Ward

Cafeteria Cook-Tammy Saddleback

Educational Assistants- Jason Makinaw & Garth Esperance

Security- Leroy Alphonse & Don Nepoose

Academy Staff:

Academy Teacher-Eunice Buffalo

Academy School Counselor- Dennis Green

Academy School Counselor- Flora Northwest

CELLPHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES/GAMES

The use of cell phones is prohibited from being used at school. If students have a cell phone at the school it is to be turned off between the hours of 8:30-3:30. Any student that has a cell phone turned on will have the phone taken away and it will be kept at the office until dismissal of that day. A second incident will result in the phone being kept at the office for two days and a third violation will result in the phone being kept at the office for a period of one week.

We also discourage students from bringing electronic devices/games to school. If they are using them in class they will be confiscated and given to the school administration. Students will have the device returned at the end of the day. If students continued to bring these devices to school and it causes a problem, the device may be confiscated and kept until the end of the school year, at which time they will be returned to the student.

Staff Profile- Seema Deol- Gr. 7/8/Teacher

As a new teacher to Nipisihkopahk Secondary School, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Seema Deol, I will be spending the 2009-2010 school year with your child. I have just recently returned from Australia, after two years working there as a secondary school teacher. I had the opportunity to explore the countries dynamic, culture and education system. I look forward to working with the creative students of Nipishkopahk Secondary School, and getting to know them better in the coming weeks.

This year I will be teaching grade 7, 8 mathematics, science, social studies, and mathematics 14/24. In the coming weeks the grade 7/8 will be exploring Mix and Flow of Matter unit in science, culture and the Aztecs in social studies, and number connections in mathematics. I hope for this school year to be inspirational and motivational for your child. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or interest in participating in any activities that may occur.

Staff Profile- Murray Bear Chief- Grade 7 Teacher

I am a member of the Siksika Nation. I am very honored and grateful to be working in Samson Cree Nation with Nipisihkopahk Secondary School.

I am married with 5 children and have adopted another. I have an traditional back ground from both Cree and Siksika.

My interests include coaching minor sports in Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball and Baseball. I enjoy Rodeos and going home on weekends.

I hope to get involved with the community in this short time.

Staff Profile– Eunice Buffalo-Academy Teacher

Tansi,

My name is Ms. Eunice Buffalo. I am pleased to be working in my community, with your children. I am happy to be working at Nipisihkopahk Academy as their teacher.

I was a Educational Assistant for 7 years at Nipisihkopahk Secondary School. I then went back to school to receive my Bachelor Degree in Education.

I am looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you and wish all of you a safe and happy year.

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Staff Profile– Patricia Richards-Grade 8 Teacher

My name is Patricia Erlene Richards. Most of my friends call me Erlene. I moved from St. Vincent 13 years ago for Canada. St. Vincent is a beautiful Island in the eastern Caribbean.

I am the 7th child in a family of 9. I worked first as a nanny upon moving to Canada. Then I went back to school and obtain my Bachelor of Education Degree.

I enjoy teaching and has committed my time and effort to reach each student that I have the opportunity to teach.

Staff Profile– Rod LaFond-Construction Teacher

I am originally from Muskeg Lake, Saskatchewan. I live in Millet with my son and two daughters.

Through out my life I had served five years in the Army and then did some Logging in the Caribou Country. From that point on I worked in Heavy Construction for a few years and then went to Carpentry to build new houses and renovations. I moved to Hobbema in 1983 to contract and did some carpenter instruction for SAIT at Samson Cree Nation's Human Resources. I also was a Housing Director for Ermineskin Tribal Enterprises.

My interests are in sports. I enjoy Golf, Hockey and Fast Ball. I coached Minor Hockey in Hobbema and Ponoka.

Staff Profile– Jennifer Hotchkiss-Grade 9 Teacher

I was recently teaching in Thailand and I've returned home to enjoy the winter!

I am excited for this year and I'm confident that with the consistent hard work our Grade 9's will be successful.

Staff Profile– Jean MacDonald-Sr. High English Teacher

I am happy to re-introduce myself to you as the English Teacher for grade ten, eleven and twelve. In the past two years I have been at Mameo with the junior high. I enjoy teaching and especially enjoy literature and with it the joy of reading, writing and listening.

My profession has taken me from Kindergarten to Adult Practice, all of which has been rewarding. Hobbema has provided me with a teaching locale for many years. As a second generation Albertan I can say that I love this province and appreciate living here. One main factor is the wonderful natural outdoors.

I live close by in Wetaskiwin with my husband Bill Speth. Her is retired and now helps me a great deal on the home front.

Staff Profile– Tim Baughman– Music Instructor

Hello. My name is Tim Baughman. I am a new music teacher this year at Nipisihkopahk Secondary School. I grew up in Swift Current Saskatchewan. I lived in Camrose for 22 years until two years ago, when I met my wife Sheri. We are happily married now. I graduated from the University of Alberta in May, 2008, and am in my second year of teaching. I taught last year in Kingman at Cornerstone Christian Academy, teaching mostly mathematics and Science.

I have a strong music back ground. I earned Honors in Grade 8 piano (Royal Conservatory of Toronto). I also play drums and tin whistle, have sung many years in college and church choirs (including numerous solo parts and two road tours) and have played the trumpet in the past. I presently play keyboards and sing at our church in Edmonton. I have written over 30 songs, and hope to help students at Nipisihkopahk Secondary School to explore songwriting skills. Along with Mr. Soosay, we are a part of the school's expansion of the music program by adding a band component. I am very much looking forward to working with the parents throughout this year.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 First Day Students	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Meet Parents 4-7 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm Staff Mtg.	25 PD Day No Classes	26 -Hobbema Bingo/ Parent Volunteers needed
27	28	29 PARTY Program	30			

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