



NPSS MONTHLY NEWS FEBRUARY 2024

As we step into Semester 2, we embrace fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and success. Our devoted staff is steadfast in providing a supportive and engaging educational experience for every student. Let's collectively make this semester one marked by achievements, positive experiences, and a sustained sense of community. To our Grade 12s, you're nearing the finish line! This month, we have a Grade Meeting where crucial information about graduation and scholarships will be discussed. The next four months will fly by, so stay dedicated and work hard—you're almost there. Wishing everyone a fantastic semester ahead!

Sincerely,

Mr. Koponyas
Mrs. Taylor
Mrs. Peregoodoff



The NPSS Hair Salon is now open! Book by phoning (250) 785-4429 ext: 317

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REMINDER :

Due to severe airborne allergies, students and all visitors to NPSS are not to bring in any food that contains peppers.

Take a look at these important Links:

Honour Roll & Grad Sash Grad Requirements:

<https://npss.prn.bc.ca/parents-students/npss-honour-roll/>

NPSS Code Of Conduct: <https://npss.prn.bc.ca/our-school/code-of-conduct/>



Looking for Rugby Coaches- Have experience with the game and would get certified to help the teams? Please email the Athletic Director at jmnicol@prn.bc.ca

Spring Sports are starting up soon: Rugby, Girls Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Badminton, Track and Field. Keep your eye open on the Grizzlies instagram page or for postings outside the gym!

Questions about athletics? See Ms. McNicol in the PE office Grizzlies instagram @northpeacegrizzlies





ART

In November, students in Art Studio 12 engaged in a captivating mixed-media portrait assignment. The project involved the fusion of watercolor paints and pencil crayons, resulting in unique portraits of children residing in Colombia.

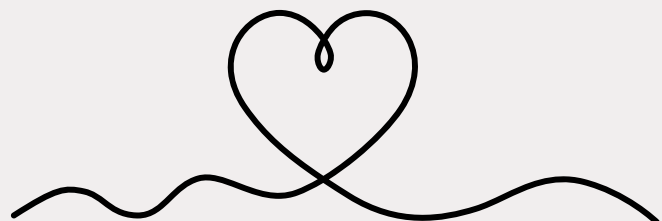
These children, aged 4-5, are part of a day program that ensures their daily nutritional needs are met. Many of them have escaped from violence in other regions of Colombia and currently face challenging circumstances. Notably, these children often lack personal photographs and have never experienced having their likeness transformed into a piece of art.

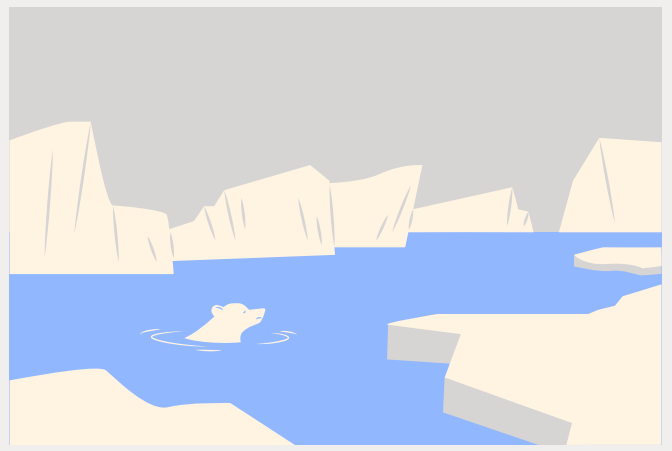
Given the age of the children, Ms. Ans took care to emphasize to her students that they were crafting these portraits not only for the children but equally for their parents. The intention was to create something meaningful for both generations.

The accompanying video primarily highlights the reactions of the children and their parents rather than focusing specifically on the artwork produced by the students. It captures the touching moments when the children receive and react to the personalized artworks, making it a heartwarming and impactful project.



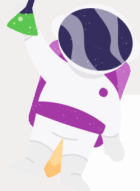
An example of a completed portrait





Congratulations to Mr. Hyde and the students of NPSS, along with the assistance of Search and Rescue, for bravely plunging into Charlie Lake on Saturday, January 20, 2024. The students not only took a refreshing dip but also collected pledges and raised funds to support SAR! Well done!





CHEMISTRY



In the Chemistry 11 class, students are employing the titration technique to ascertain the concentration of an analyte contained in the conical flask. This is achieved by titrating it with a titrant of known concentration from an upright burette. The titration process reaches its endpoint when a distinct color change occurs, signifying the complete neutralization of the two solutions (acid and base), with the number of moles being equal. Subsequent stoichiometric calculations are utilized to determine the concentration of the analyte.



WOODWORK

Here are some projects from the Woodworking classes this semester.



ENGLISH


The English First Peoples students were tasked with researching some incredible Indigenous Trailblazers in Canada. From athletes, to doctors, to actors and musicians. Students had the opportunity to grow and learn and understand the importance of our Country's history!

Willie Dunn???

all names in William Lawrence Dunn, also known as "The Old Man" voice is beautiful." Willie Dunn was born on August 14, 1945 in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. He was a Cree and a Métis. He was the first Cree to be elected to the House of Commons in 1988. He passed away on August 5, 2013 at the age of 71 in Ottawa, Ontario. He was a member of the House of Commons for 25 years.

He was a member of Métis heritage which is a First Nations people in Woodlands that is near the new Canada's Atlantic Provinces, a mix of Cree and Métis descent and Willie had a unique ability and in the Innu country which was formerly the national flag people!

His occupation and passion is, or was a Canadian multi-culturalist and was also an activist. He was well known and also in the North America Folk Community because of both of his songs from the cause of the Native Rights in his Canadian homeland.



Introduction

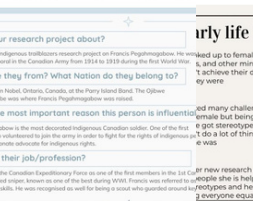
Rose Marie "Tantoo" Cardinal, is a Canadian Cree and Métis actress that has played in more than 100 films and is currently 73 years old. She was born in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada in 1950 and grew up in Anzac, Alberta, living in Canada here entire life. Tantoo Cardinal is one of the most widely known indigenous actors in the world known for great



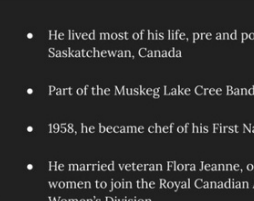
Who is susan aglukark?

Susan Aglukark is a Juno Award-winning Inuk singer-songwriter. She's known for her powerful voice and ability to share stories through her songs. Her music explores themes of Indigenous culture, identity, and resilience. Susan's influence comes from her ability to connect with audiences and raise awareness about important issues.

- Susan is from Arviat, Nunavut, Canada and is an Inuk.
- Susan's music often reflects her experiences as an Indigenous woman, and she uses her platform to raise awareness about Indigenous culture and issues. She received numerous awards for her contributions to music and has become an influential figure in the Indigenous community.

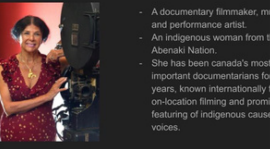


- He lived most of his life, pre and post-war in Saskatchewan, Canada
- Part of the Muskeg Lake Cree Band as a grain farmer
- 1958, he became chef of his First Nation
- He married veteran Flora Jeanne, one of the first women to join the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division.



Alanis Obomsawin?

A documentary filmmaker, musician, and performance artist. An indigenous woman from the Abenaki Nation. She has been Canada's most important documentarians for years. Known internationally for on-location filming and promoting Indigenous causes and voices.



Introduction

Morris is a retired Canadian sprinter. He is also a member of the Mohawk Nation, Kahnawake, and is well renowned as the most influential Indigenous athletes of all time. Always currently has a position in the position of the Aboriginal Sport Circle. On August 8, 2009 Morris held the Olympic torch during his participation in the 2009 Summer Olympic Games torch relay.

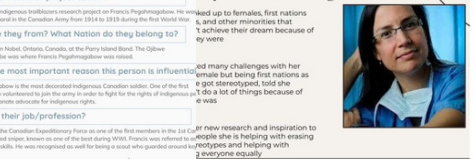


Early life & challenges

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one of the most important reasons this person is influential is the most decorated Indigenous Canadian soldier. One of the first challenges was being first nations and other minorities that I achieve their dream because of my race.

has their job/profession? He is in the Canadian Expeditionary Force so one of the first members in the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion. He was recognized as well for being a scout who guarded around stereotypes and helping with a everyone equality.




Influence

Dr. Nadine Caron is Anishnaabe from Sagami Anishnaabek First Nation, she was born and raised in Kamloops British Columbia. As the first female First Nation graduate of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine, Nadine works as a surgeon. As Canada's first Indigenous woman general surgeon she has broken stereotypes. Others are empowered and inspired by her accomplishments as a result of her achievements.

she has made many big accomplishments for indigenous peoples all over, some being:

- He was the President of Quebec's Medical Association, making him the first Indigenous physician to lead a provincial medical association in Canada.
- National Aboriginal Role Model Award (1995)
- National Aboriginal Achievement Award (2004)
- Medicine, Culture and Society Award (2012)
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)
- Resiste Award, Quebec Medical Association (2013)



Jesse Cockney

Jesse Cockney was an Olympic cross country skier and now is a teaches students all over the country about healthy living and goal setting. He was an amazing skier winning many championships and going to the olympics twice. He is from the Inuvialuit indiginous group which is from the Northwest Territories.

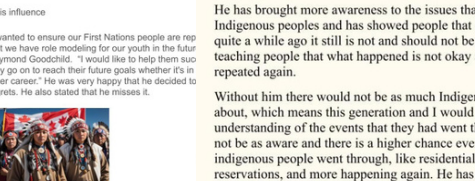


His influence

"I wanted to ensure our First Nations people are rep that we have role modeling for our youth in the future Raymond Goodchild. "I would like to help them suc they go on to reach their future goals whether it's in other career." He was very happy that he decided to retreat. He also stated that he misses it.

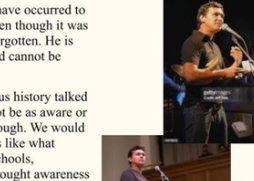
He has brought more awareness to the issues that have occurred to Indigenous peoples and has showed people that even though it was quite a while ago it still is not and should not be forgotten. He is teaching people that what happened is not okay and cannot be repeated again.

Without him there would not be as much Indigenous history talked about, which means this generation and I would not be as aware or understanding of the events that they had went through. We would not be as aware and there is a higher chance events like what indigenous people went through, like residential schools, reservations, and more happening again. He has brought awareness



What is he most known for

Raymond Goodchild was most known for the peacekeeping missions assigned to which happens to be one of Canada's most famous peacekeepers overseas to this day. He is from Ontario and he has been a peacekeeping pays part nation. He served in a group called the 1st Canadian Air Force. He was born in 1945 and as a child that he wanted to be a someone who he went into the CAF later in his life.



Achievements?

- ★ Robert saw that indigenous people wouldn't get treated with the same amount of respect as everyone else
- ★ He wanted to make a difference, and always stood proud of his heritage
- ★ He says "You could tell that the work we were doing was making a difference. And I felt so proud to be Canadian as we drove by patrolling with our Canadian flag, bringing hope to the people. It was powerful."
- ★ First Squadron Commander for the Aboriginal Leadership Opportunity Program at the Royal Military College of Canada.

Conclusion


Buffy Sainte-Marie's music, activism, and support of Indigenous rights have had an enormous effect on the world. Her contributions to the causes of social justice, cultural preservation, and the mistreatment of Indigenous peoples have been invaluable. Sainte-Marie has influenced attitudes and promoted a better understanding of Indigenous experiences through her well-known songs and outspoken stances on a range of social issues.

I am aware of how Buffy Sainte-Marie's work affects those who appreciate what she has done for music, activism, and the voice of Indigenous people. Her advocacy serves as a source of inspiration and empowerment for many, particularly those who identify with her principles of social justice and cultural resilience.



Achievements

Other than being an actor, Tom Jackson is also a talented musician and social activist - and has released many country/folk albums. As a singer and songwriter, Tom has recorded 14 albums, two of which have received Juno nominations. Tom was also given the Humanitarian Award by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television at the 2007 Gemini, and in 2002, Tom was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal.



About Cherie

- Born July 2nd, 1975 in the Georgian Bay Metis Community, Ontario.
- Best selling author and writer.
- Most known for her novel *The Marrow Thieves*, which was named by TIME magazine one of the best young adult fiction books of all time.






Blind Date With A Book



You shouldn't always judge a book by its cover. Put your trust in fate and choose a book - you might just fall in love!

The second annual Blind Date with a Book will be taking place in the library from February 12-16. Pop in and sign out a mystery book!

How to Date: There are a number of books wrapped in brown paper and decorated for Valentine's Day.

Read the description and/or quote on the wrapped up books. - You will not be able to see the title or the author...this is blind date with a book after all!

Check out a book and get a small gift!

Unwrap the book and & read - -Enjoy!

Inside the front cover is a "Rate Your Date" slip where you can rate the book you chose. Bring back that slip and get entered into a draw! There will be some grand prizes and regular prizes to win.

The draw will take place March 15 - the Friday before Spring Break, giving you plenty of time to read your book!

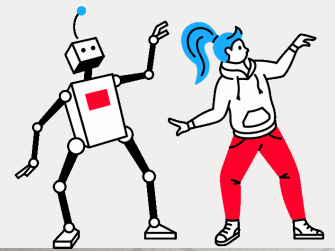
Come check out our games:



February 1st Senior Fundraiser at 6pm- NPSS vs First Responders
Junior Boys Basketball Zones are February 9-10th in Prince George
Junior girls Basketball zones are February 16-17th in Prince George
Senior girls Basketball Zones are February 16-17th at North Peace
Senior boys Basketball Zones are February 23-24th at North Peace



Winter Formal



Student Council threw the ultimate Winter Formal bash at the Pomeroy! It turned out to be a night filled with fantastic dance moves, good vibes, and unforgettable moments spent with friends. 🎉🎊





Hats off to the Entrepreneurship class for their remarkable efforts in establishing businesses, putting in hard work to sell their products, and generously contributing their profits to nonprofit organizations.

Here's a roundup of the impactful donations:

Silver Creek Burgers: A generous donation of \$885.25 to the Energetic Edge Cheer Association.

Cups and Dogs: Contributed \$442.02 to support the Fort St. John Library.

Bagel Bodega: Showed their care with a donation of \$229.07 to the SPCA.

Jeromes Sweet Treats: Contributed \$75.11 to further support the SPCA.

Sensational Treats and Kandy: Spread the love with a donation of \$184.63 to the Women's Resource Center.

Tonik: Stepped up with a donation of \$226.68 to benefit the NPSS Senior Basketball Team Boys.

A round of applause for these outstanding entrepreneurs for making a positive impact on our community! 🌟👏





Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, January 29 - Friday, February 2- Grad Photos in the Cafeteria
- Monday, February 5- Tuesday, February 6- Learning Survey Grades 10 & 12
- Wednesday, February 7- Pep Rally
- Wednesday, February 14- Valentine's Day
- Friday, February 16- Saturday, February 17- Senior Basketball Zones
- Monday, February 19- Family Day
- Wednesday, February 28- Pink Shirt Day
- Wednesday, February 28- Open House for parents at NPSS

Grad 2024 Dates:

- Thursday, June 20 - Grad Rehearsal at 3:30 pm, Grad BBQ at 5:00 pm
- Friday, June 21 - Grad Ceremony at 1:30 pm