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June 26, 2020

## Introducing the Canada Student Service Grant



# I Want to Help

**Empowering students. Supporting communities.**

The past few months have presented new challenges to nearly all areas of everyday life, and we're proud to see the perseverance and strength in our Frontier Family. The struggles we've faced through the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the importance of working together to support one another. This is one of the reasons we are thrilled to announce that Frontier School Division is sharing the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) program with our students, in the hopes they will participate!

This exciting program unites Canadian not-for-profit organizations in a collective mission, providing meaningful service opportunities to thousands of post-secondary students and recent graduates, creating impacts in communities across the country, and empowering young people to develop their own skills through service.

Upon completion of the CSSG volunteer opportunity, student participants who meet the eligibility criteria can also apply to receive a grant between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

If the CSSG is of interest to Frontier students, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible as there are many exciting opportunities to be taken advantage of!

After you register, you will be invited to join volunteer training. Upon completion, student volunteers will begin service activities.

We hope that you take advantage of this exciting opportunity to showcase your talents, and find strength and connection within your community during this unprecedented time.

[For more information on the Canada Student Service Grant Program click here.](#)

Frontier students who are interested in applying, please contact:

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## **Who is eligible to participate in Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) volunteer opportunities?**

Volunteer opportunities through the CSSG are open to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Canadian Citizens, permanent residents, First Nations, Metis or Inuit, or those with Refugee status.
- Students who are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution in September 2020 or recently graduated no earlier than December 2019.
  - This includes part-time or full-time studies in pursuit of a degree, diploma or certificate at an accredited institution over a period of at least 12 weeks.
  - [Accredited institutions](#) include universities, colleges and Indigenous learning institutions accredited by the province or territory in which they are located.
  - Canadian students who study abroad but are currently residing in Canada and do their volunteer hours in Canada.
  - Students currently attending spring/summer classes are also eligible.

All students who meet the above criteria will be eligible to apply for the grant upon successful completion of their CSSG volunteer opportunities.

## *Who is eligible to receive the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG)?*

To be eligible to receive the CSSG, student participants must be:

- Canadian citizens, permanent residents, First Nations, Metis or Inuit, or those with Refugee status.
- Enrolled and attending an accredited post-secondary institution during spring, summer and/or fall 2020 or recently graduated no earlier than December 2019.
  - This includes part-time or full-time studies in pursuit of a degree, diploma or certificate at an accredited institution over a period of at least twelve weeks.
  - Accredited institutions include universities, colleges and Indigenous learning institutions accredited by the province or territory in which they are located.
  - Canadian students who study abroad but are currently residing in Canada and do their volunteer hours in Canada.

All post-secondary students and recent graduates, up to the age of 30, who meet the eligibility criteria, including the required number of volunteer service hours, will receive the grant.

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May 27, 2020

## Engaged Learners and Indspire Conference in Ottawa

The Frontier Engaged Learners program recently sent 4 students to the National Indspire Youth Conference in Ottawa. All from different communities in Manitoba, students Evan, Tia, Ronaldo and Dre were chosen from a larger group of Engaged Learner applicants based on their academic performance and residence, showing outstanding attitudes and work ethics!

Each of the students had a great time on this adventure. Along with the Division chaperones, the group attended the Indspire Conference, and visited the Supreme Court of Canada, the Parliament Buildings, the Bank of Canada, and went to an NHL hockey game.

This trip provided an important opportunity for our youth involved. Upon reflection, students said they learned more about themselves, made valuable new friendships, and that the experience even made them stronger. For some, it was their first time travelling by airplane!

Since the trip has finished, our student Evan has been featured at the top of the Indspire website. We're so proud to see not only the impression this experience had on our students, but the impression our students made at the Indspire Conference.



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March 26, 2020

## Curtis Nepinak Recognized with 2019 Manitoba Aboriginal Coaching Award

Curtis Nepinak has been recognized by the [Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council](#) with the male [Aboriginal Coaching Award](#) for 2019!

Curtis is the Principal of Skownan School in FSD, and his contributions extend far beyond the classroom walls. As a coach, Curtis makes it his responsibility for students to not only succeed on the court or ice, but in life as well. He teaches student athletes to be leaders, to be organized, and the importance of time management.

Mr. Nepinak has been an everyday role model for both his students and colleagues, going beyond his duties as coach, buying his team food, finding hand-me-down equipment for students in need, and showing up to every practice, game and team bonding activity.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition, Curtis! There are so many members of the Frontier Family who you positively impact on a daily basis.

The Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council recognizes Aboriginal coaches for their commitment and development of Aboriginal athletes. To learn more, visit [masrc.com](#).



MANITOBA ABORIGINAL MALE COACH OF THE YEAR

## CURTIS NEPINAK

WATERHEN  
BAND MEMBER OF SKOWNAN FIRST NATION

Multi-Sport



**Sport**  
MANITOBA  
COACHING  
Awards

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March 17, 2020

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information for Parents and Guardians

The health, safety and well-being of our students, staff and everyone in the Frontier Family is at the core of all of our decisions.

We have been closely monitoring the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) situation as it has been developing. We are working closely with Manitoba Education and Provincial Health Officials in order to ensure that any action taken is in the best interest of our schools' and communities' health and safety.

To that end, please be aware of the following:

- All classes will be suspended on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, and we are anticipated to resume on Monday, April 13, 2020.
- Where student study packages were not provided, students are encouraged to continue to read at home.
- Below please find information regarding COVID-19 and handwashing that we trust will be helpful.
- As always, if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home. Please contact your local Nursing Station, health centre or hospital, or call Provincial Health Links toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.
- Parents and Guardians with questions or concerns are asked to contact the School Principal directly.
- Frontier School Division will continue to work closely with Provincial officials over the coming weeks. As well, Parents and Guardians are encouraged to review our social media and website for any updates regarding the on-going Division response to this situation.

Sincerely,  
Reg Klassen  
Chief Superintendent

### *Divisional Memo:*

[March 11 - Divisional Memo](#)

[March 13 - Divisional Memo](#)

[March 13 - Memo - Provincial Closures](#)

[March 17 - Memo to Parents and Guardians](#)

[March 17 - Memo to All Staff](#)

[March 18 - Maintenance and Custodial Staff Memo](#)

### *Documents:*

[Manitoba Health - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Fact Sheet](#)

[Handwashing Procedures](#)

[What You Can Do to Fight the Flu](#)

### *Social Media:*

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

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March 16, 2020

## FSD Students Attend the 2020 Indspire Awards



In early March, a group of students from across Frontier School Division had the opportunity to attend the Soaring: Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering in Ottawa hosted by Indspire. Our youth attended the Indspire Awards, along with a career workshop about post-secondary education opportunities.

Students met notable speakers and Indigenous performers who conveyed inspiration and motivational messages. It was an experience that they will never forget!



The Indspire Awards represents a high honour bestowed upon Indigenous Canadians. Over 26 years, the Indspire Awards have honoured 362 First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement. The show is a nationally broadcast celebration of culture, showcasing the diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada, including performances by Canada's biggest names in Indigenous entertainment.

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March 13, 2020

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - Update and Additional Measures

*Updated December 7, 2020*

On December 2 the Minister of Education announced for the two-week period of January 4-15, 2021, Grade 7-12 students will be provided with remote learning.

Students in Nursery to Grade 6 will continue to be offered in-class learning, but parents will have the option to choose remote learning for this two-week period. Should you be interested in this option, please contact your school administration no later than December 14, 2020.

Students in Grade 7-12 with special needs, or those at-risk that must be accommodated in a classroom setting, will be allowed to attend school during this time period.

We want to reiterate that school is a safe place for place for our students in Frontier, and the best place for them to continue their education.

Thank you to everyone in the Frontier Family for supporting our children as we cope with the pandemic. We continue looking forward to when we can be with each other again.

We are wishing the absolute best to everyone in our communities this holiday season.

Yours truly,

Reg Klassen  
Chief Superintendent

## **Divisional Memos:**

[December 4, 2020 - Letter to Parents](#)

[October 30, 2020 – Memo from Reg Klassen, Chief Superintendent](#)

[August 13 - Message to Parents and Guardians](#)

[July 29 - Message to All Employees](#)

[May 27 - Memo to All Employees and Families](#)

[May 7 - Memo to All Employees](#)

[March 26 - Memo to All Employees](#)

[March 18 - Maintenance and Custodial Staff Memo](#)

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[March 11 - Divisional Memo](#)

## **Web Links:**

[Code Orange Restriction Information](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Manitoba Health](#)

[Government of Canada Travel Advisories](#)

[Manitoba Suspends Classroom Learning Indefinitely Amid Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

## **Documents:**

[World Health Organization: Key Messages and Actions for COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Schools](#)

[Provincial Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information and Resources for Schools and Educators](#)

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Public Health Factsheet](#)

[WHO - Coronavirus Advice for Public](#)

## **Social Media:**

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Update Videos from the Chief Superintendent](#)

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February 26, 2020

## **Talons Make School History**



*Coach David Kopecky and the history-making Minegoziibe Anishinabe Talons.*

To say the Minegoziibe Anishinabe Talons have had a good season is a bit of an understatement. Sure, they've won a bunch of games (16-5) and some tournaments, but the varsity boys basketball team has done more than that. They've made Pine Creek First Nation history.

The Talons are now the first Minegoziibe Anishinabe School team to win a Zone 8 Championship, ever.

*"It's really huge for this school. Everyone in this school feels like they're a part of it,"* said MAS PE teacher and Talons coach David Kopecky.

*"We didn't get the chance last year, so to come back and win it this year, it really does mean a lot. It's a special feeling."*

The team was on fire from the beginning of the zones and never looked back. In the semi-final they beat Ste. Rose, 96-54 and netted a huge 107-79 win in the finals against the Grandview Spartans. That's 203 points in just two games.



*"We're really aggressive. We're fast and we apply a lot of pressure and we capitalize on our chances,"* said Kopecky.

Winning the zones wasn't the only title that the team has taken home. In December, they beat the Winnipegosis Lakers to win the Elm Creek Tournament and in January they clocked second place at the Pizza Place Classic. They also won another title in February when they took down the St. Boniface Diocesan Tournament.

The 16-5 season is one of the most successful in recent years for the team.

"I'm very proud of these boys, they're working so hard," said Kopecky, *"they've done such a good job this year of working hard."* The Talons are currently the sixth-ranked team in the province, but Kopecky believes they may end up higher when the newest rankings come out on February 27.

Next up for the team is a provincial qualifier event. They'll either play in Treherne, Sprague, or Pinawa and, if they play well, they'll head to Fisher River for the Provincial Championships in March.

*"We're very confident, wherever we play, we just have to play as we have been all season. We're looking forward to it, that's for sure."*

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February 14, 2020

## **Brigette Lacquette Presented with Frontier Achievement Award**



Frontier School Division established the Frontier Achievement Award in 1998 to recognize the honour and achievements of those who have attended school in the Division.

This year, we were happy to present the Frontier Achievement Award to Brigette Lacquette, Olympian and member of Canada's National Women's Hockey team!

A graduate of Rorketon School, Brigette recently returned to Frontier to present for students from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre and Jack River School in Norway house.

Brigette started skating at the age of four, playing hockey at the nearest indoor rink to her home. Attending school, she continued to pursue hockey, spending countless hours representing Waterhen School while working just as hard to achieve academic success.

Striving to succeed in all her pursuits, Brigette was seen as a role model and mentor due to her skill level even at a young age. She included all players during practices, games and classes, wanting her fellow students to achieve success.

Today, Brigette is the first First Nations hockey player to be called to Canada's National Women's Hockey team. She recognizes that she is a role model for young First Nations athletes, a job she's happy to accept.

Brigette continues to be a role model for her home community and all our students in Frontier. We are proud to have her a member of the Frontier Family, celebrating her achievements and the inspiration she provides to all of our students.

Brigette was unable to attend the ceremony at the 2020 School Committee Conference to accept the Frontier Achievement Award due to her Olympic commitments. Her aunt, Joanne Catcheway was present to receive the award on her behalf.

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February 7, 2020

## Frontier Collegiate Student Presented Healthy Youth Role Model Award



The [National Addictions Awareness Committee for Flin Flon, Creighton and Cranberry Portage](#) recently presented Frontier Collegiate student [Kateri Manoakesick](#) with the 2019 Healthy Youth Role Model award!

The award is presented to youth who show a commitment to school, community and personal health. Kateri is part of several sports teams in the Division, finding joy in sports and exercise, while making an effort to help or assist in finding help, for her fellow students who are looking for support when they are down or upset.

Congratulations, Kateri! Everyone in the Frontier Family is very proud of you!

Read more about the award in the original article from the Reminder below.

### HEALTH

## Mental, physical wellbeing key for youth winner

**ERIC WESTHAVER**  
Reporter

Staying healthy and finding joy in helping others - this year's Healthy Youth Role Model award winner may have been surprised, but organizers found her to be the right choice.

Frontier Collegiate student Kateri Manoakesick is the recipient of this year's award.

"I was shocked, but also happy. I was a little nervous," she said.

Manoakesick was awarded the honour during a ceremony at Frontier.

Manoakesick is from St. Theresa Point, one of the communities covered

by Frontier Collegiate. During the school year, Manoakesick stays, like many other students, in the on-site residences at the school.

A councillor at Frontier Collegiate's residences nominated Manoakesick for the award.

The award is given out by the local National Addictions Awareness Week committee, which hand it out to a deserving winner going to school in Flin Flon, Creighton or Cranberry Portage. The group takes submissions from teachers, students and staff for the award. This year, a record number of nominees came in from Frontier.

"You can tell in the enthusiasm in the person who nominated her and in speaking to the school staff. They were very enthusiastic about her name when it came up," said committee member Amanda Link-Labarre.

To qualify for the award, a youth must show a commitment to school, community and personal health. Manoakesick is part of several Frontier sports teams and finds joy in sports and exercise.

"In the evenings, I go to the gym. I don't like the feeling of being lazy," she said.

Mental health is also an important side of personal wellbeing for

Manoakesick. She said while she and other students can feel down or upset, she can help or assist in finding help for students.

"I can talk to my friends when I'm feeling down, or I spend time drawing or reading books and thinking by myself. It works for me. If I'm really down, I can see my counsellor for help and they'll help me. Whenever I see someone down, like one of my friends, I can help them too," she said.

After graduating, Manoakesick wants to help her home community. She intends to pursue education and possibly return to her hometown in the future.



Frontier Collegiate student Kateri Manoakesick is presented with a gift basket by National Addictions Awareness Week committee member Amanda Link-Labarre after being named this year's Healthy Youth Role Model award winner. The award is given out annually by the committee to honour a student who demonstrates a commitment to community and health, including avoiding alcohol and drugs. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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February 4, 2020

## Nominations for the Outstanding Employee Contribution Award are Open



### Outstanding Employee Contribution Award

Nominations are invited for the Frontier School Division Outstanding Employee Contribution Award 2020. This award recognizes employees who demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Proficiency in their area of responsibility;
- Contribution to the Division as an employee;
- Contribution as a community member;
- Provision of leadership in the nominee's area of employment;
- Evidence of personal and/or professional growth; and
- Evidence of development and implementation of effective practices in their field of work.

[Download the Outstanding Employee Contribution Award Nomination Form](#)

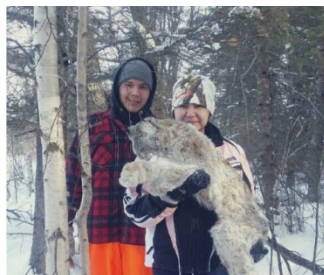
**Nomination packages must be received by Reg Klassen, Chief Superintendent, at the Division Office  
no later than Friday, April 17, 2020**

The selection of the recipient will be made by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting in May and announced in June via special announcement.

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January 29, 2020

## Students Participate in Traditional Food Preparation, Trapping and more at Winter Cultural Gathering



On January 24th and 25th, students and staff from Frontier Collegiate and Engaged Learners joined to host a Winter Cultural Gathering at Egg Lake.

Knowledge Keepers and Traditional Gift Givers from around Manitoba came together to share cultural knowledge and teachings with students in Frontier School Division.

Youth learned about the construction and teachings of the Tipi. Students participated in traditional food preparation, including trapping, visiting an active trap line and fish scaling.

Students learned how to field dress and harvest a tundra caribou from a traditional perspective. The group also successfully built outdoor shelters using materials from the land.

In addition, facilitated sessions were offered on soapstone carving and traditional Indigenous beading. Youth had the opportunity to make their own hand drums together with Elder Andrew Daniels and traditional helper Joe Partridge.



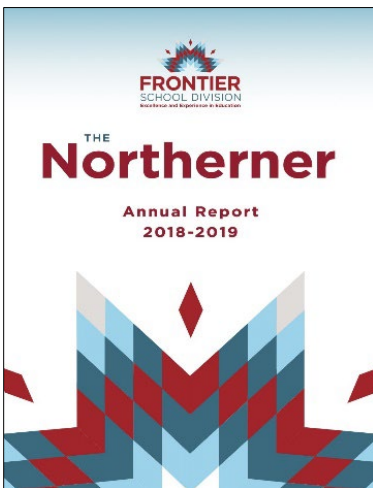
The gathering was filled with student engagement and excitement. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in planning and supporting these necessary opportunities for our youth in Frontier School Division.



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January 23, 2020

## The 2018-19 Annual Report is Now Available



We're pleased to announce that our 2018-19 Annual Report issue of the Northerner is now [available to read](#).

The Annual Report brings together the themes of our [Board Report](#) and [School Committee Conference Report](#) with various accomplishments and highlights from the last school year, connecting to our division [Focus Areas](#).

As another step in our journey in providing excellence and experience in education, we have much to celebrate from this important period of growth. Focusing on new initiatives engaging students, staff and our communities, we're proud to see last year's achievements influencing our activities today as we continue to walk in a good way together.

Visit our [Reports](#) page, or click on the image to read the 2018-19 Annual Report.

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January 20, 2020

## Honouring Daisy Monias



The Frontier Family and community of Norway House Cree Nation acknowledges the unexpected passing of Ms. Daisy Monias, Area 5 Superintendent. A celebration of Daisy's life took place in her community on January 4th with family, friends and colleagues sharing many stories, tears and laughter.

Daisy was born in Norway House and raised in a simple traditional lifestyle. She learned early how to work hard, the value of community and the importance of her language and culture.

Beginning her teaching career 30 years ago, Daisy's passion was education. She worked closely with children with special needs and went on to complete her Special Education certificate and her Master's. Daisy developed programs to support all learners before eventually moving to administration, taking on the role as Area 5 Superintendent in 2018.

Daisy served her community in other roles as well, including chair of the Cree Nation's Post-Secondary Education Advisory Board, and committee member for the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.

In 2019, the Aboriginal Circle of Educators awarded Daisy its annual award for her work in preserving the Cree language.

Cree culture was an important part of Daisy's values and a guiding force in her practice. She brought many traditions into school during her time as an administrator, from drumming to land-based education. In her own life, she honoured her heritage and was gifted with the traditional name Mikisew Mekwan (Eagle Feather).

The Frontier Family and the community of Norway House keeps Daisy's five children, six grandchildren and countless former students and colleague in our thoughts and prayers.

Kinaskomitinow, Mikisew Mekwan.

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January 3, 2020

## Vern Anderson Receives Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers



*Originally posted January 3, 2020  
Updated September 23, 2020*

In early January, Vern Anderson was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Though the original ceremony was cancelled due to the beginning of the coronavirus, Vern was invited to a private ceremony with Lt. Governor Janice Filmon on September 21, where he was formally recognized with the award.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements from across the country and abroad, celebrating a wide range of voluntary contributions.

The recognition is part of the Canadian Honours System and is an official honour created by the Crown.

Vern's award is presented for the fun and cheer he has brought to South Indian Lake, including fundraising for and organizing the annual Christmas season sliding party, and his work as a member of the Indigenous Advisory Council where he's assisted Booth University in becoming culturally competent with Indigenous culture and Truth and Reconciliation goals.

Vern was previously presented with the Division's [2019 Frontier Achievement Award](#) and we are proud to see him recognized again with such honours.

To learn more about the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, visit the [Governor General of Canada's website here](#).

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December 3, 2019

## Read the 2018-2019 FSD Board Activity Report



Our 2018-2019 Board Activity Report reflects on the previous school year and all of the initiatives and activities that the Board of Trustees have been involved in. The past school year was, once again, busy and productive as the Board of Trustees continue to focus on walking in the good way, supporting the needs of our students and communities.

Read the 2018-2019 FSD Board Activity Report Below:

We encourage you to [get in touch](#) if you have feedback and questions about this report.

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November 22, 2019

## Jackie Connell Recognized at 2019 Guiding the Journey: Indigenous Educator Awards



On Thursday, November 21, Jacqueline Connell, Assistant Superintendent for Senior Years and Career Studies, was recognized for Community Service at the 2019 Guiding the Journey: Indigenous Educator Awards!

The 2019 Guiding the Journey: Indigenous Educator Awards are presented by Indspire, a national Indigenous organization that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples by connecting educations of K-12 Indigenous students

with programs, resources, and a professional learning community to improve educational outcomes, increase high school completion rates, and support sustained systemic change.

Honourees are outstanding educators who are leaders in their fields. They implement innovative and impactful teaching practices and advocate for resources and culturally based curricula.

Thank you for all of your hard work and congratulations on this well-deserved award, Jackie. We are all so proud to celebrate this achievement that speaks to your impact on our students and Indigenous education in our Division!

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October 7, 2019

## Global Science: Water in the Arctic and Beyond

**FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION**  
Excellence and Experience in Education

**GLOBAL SCIENCE**  
**WATER IN THE**  
**ARCTIC AND BEYOND**

**Join us for an amazing youth-based**  
**GLOBAL CONVERSATION**  
**streaming straight from the**  
**Polar Bear Capital of the World - Churchill, MB!**

We will be discussing our connections to water, science, and to each other as a global population.

Be a part of the discussion with students, scientists, eco-tourism experts, educators and more.  
As part of this conversation, participants will be introduced to our very first GLOBAL SCIENCE PROJECT that YOU can participate in fully.

This event is for early, middle and senior years students.

**Wednesday, October 30th 2019**

**Session 1**  
10:00am – 11:30am Central  
Audience: Classes in early, middle and senior years

**Description:** Students will be talking with other students from around the world. The conversation will focus on all aspects of water (science, recreation, water in our communities, and more). The virtual audience will be able to contribute and ask questions as well. During this session, we will introduce our first ever GLOBAL science project! Classes can decide if they would like to participate in the extended project or not.

**Session 2**  
1:00pm – 2:00pm Central  
Audience: Educators

**Description:** Educators will be talking with other educators from around the world. We will review the major interests and discussion points from the youth conversation, discuss the global science project, and gather any extended ideas. The virtual audience will be able to contribute and ask questions as well.

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<https://permission.click/03QZn/ca>

**For more information contact:**  
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**Water**

**Nipiy** Cree      **Nibi** Ojibwe      **Mni** Dakota      **Nipi** Oji-Cree

We are incredibly excited to announce our upcoming Global event streaming to you from Churchill, Manitoba, Canada - Polar Bear Capital of the World! All you need is the ability to connect to Youtube!

Global Science: Water in the Arctic and Beyond is an event for early, middle and senior years students and educators.

The first session will be students talking to other students and experts all about WATER around the globe.

The second session serves as a professional development opportunity for teachers around the world! They will review the global science project, talk about ideas, and be able to connect as outstanding educators.

Please note - session times are in Central (streaming from Manitoba, Canada). If you are unable to view during the live session, you will have access to the session afterwards. Please register so that you have access to the event and to participate in the global project!

Register: <https://permission.click/03QZn/ca>

For more information, contact: [jacqueline.monteith@fsdnet.ca](mailto:jacqueline.monteith@fsdnet.ca)

[Download the event poster here!](#)

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September 27, 2019

## Cranberry Portage Elementary Hosts Governor General of Canada and Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

On September 26, Students, and staff at Cranberry Portage Elementary were honoured to receive an exciting visit from Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and The Honourable Gary A. Filmon.

During their visit, Her Honour Janice Filmon told students about her role as Lieutenant Governor and then opened the floor for students to ask questions. The students were engaged and asked a variety of great questions for Her Honour to answer.

Her Excellency Julie Payette then spoke to students about her position as the Governor General of Canada, which she followed with a photo presentation and about her time as an astronaut! The students were amazed and had the chance to ask Her Excellency questions all about her job, and her time in space.

After the presentations all of the students felt inspired and energized, and many of them are now talking about becoming astronauts!

Thank you to Her Honour and Her Excellency for sharing their stories with our students, who were so proud to share their questions and experiences in return. The Frontier Family was honoured to have you with us!

Check out the photo gallery below:





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September 12, 2019

## Statement Regarding FSD Counsellor

On August 30, the RCMP contacted Frontier School Division (FSD), to inform us that they have charged one of our employees Daniel Hughes with sexual assault. When the RCMP informed us of the charges, we immediately suspended this individual and are working with the RCMP.

The charges were made recently and stem from a period BEFORE he worked with Frontier School Division and are not in any way related to his time here or with any previous position. This individual has worked for FSD for three years and was one of 26 dormitory counsellors.

Though we have received no complaints regarding the conduct of this individual, we will be conducting our own inquiries with staff and students. Please be assured that he was subject to all criminal background checks including the Child Abuse Registry, criminal record check, and references before he was hired.

Dorm counsellors are part of a team responsible for the supervision and care of our students both on and off campus while they attend Frontier Collegiate.

I must reiterate that these charges are NOT related to the individual's time with Frontier School Division and out of an abundance of caution we will work with experts to ensure that the exceptional professionalism and learning environment we provide has not been impacted in any way.

The protection and education of our students are the top priorities of any school division; Frontier is no different. The principles that guide all of our decisions are to deliver outstanding education in a safe and creative learning environment that you have come to expect from our Division.

Please be assured that as soon as we have more information to share with you we will do so immediately. In the meantime, if you have questions we encourage you to reach out to me, our Area Superintendents or members of our board.

Reg Klassen  
Chief Superintendent  
Frontier School Division  
(204) 775-9741  
frontier@fsdnet.ca

For more information, please see below: Questions & Answers

- Q: How do we know our children are safe when they stay with you?  
A: The protection and education of our students are the top priorities of any school division; Frontier is no different. The principles that guide all of our decisions are to deliver exceptional education in a safe and creative learning environment. We have never received any complaints against this individual.
- Q: What are you doing to ensure none of the children that were students during his time as counsellor weren't impacted?  
A: We have never received a complaint regarding this individual and he has had two performance reviews which didn't indicate any problems. We view this as an isolated incident but nevertheless we are conducting our own inquiries. Please be assured that all criminal background checks and screening procedures were followed when we hired the individual.
- Q: Was he the only dormitory counsellor at the time or are there others? How many kids are in residence and from where?  
A: There is an entire staff during shifts so there is never a singular counsellor on at one time. We have 238 students aged 15 to 18 in residence with 26 counsellors.
- Q: What was his job previously and was he qualified for this position?

A: He started on the casual list for a counsellor in September 2016, he was later hired as a permanent counsellor in January 2018. He had proved himself, there were never any complaints, and he was well-liked by our students. Again, we performed all criminal background checks and screening procedures were followed when we hired the individual.

Q: Has he been fired?

A: When the RCMP informed us of the charges we immediately suspended the individual without pay and worked with the RCMP. Currently these are still charges and until the court case has been completed, we have to adhere to due process. However, please be assured that this individual is suspended, and it not allowed back in any capacity with Frontier School Division.

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September 4, 2019

## Welcome Back to School!

As we gather in our respective community schools and offices for another school year, I find myself reflecting on many of our accomplishments in recent years. Our students, staff, and communities have been busy, continually striving to improve education in our division.

Together, we have:

- created a new brand reflecting our rich heritage, culture and diversity
- worked to increase attendance throughout the division for both staff and students
- continued to build relationships with our communities
- launched a brand-new website
- moved forward with strong literacy and numeracy programs
- increased Indigenous Way of Life programming
- implemented new initiatives focussing on the wellness of students and staff.

The list is by no means exhaustive, but does demonstrate that we have grown and evolved in many important ways in the last while.

Every school year is a new chapter providing opportunity for us to foster an environment in which everyone is valued. In the face of all our achievements, we must constantly remember there will always be work to do as we continue to partner with our communities to provide excellence and experience in education.

Guided by our values, we recognize our collective responsibility to engage in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action. Frontier School Division is committed to walking alongside our communities in this work and intend on becoming leaders in our province in Indigenous Way of Life and language education. It is our job to continually redefine and advance an educational model that works for our students and families so everyone can come to school and feel recognized, safe, included and engaged in their learning.



I'm proud to start another school year among all of the students, staff and caregivers that make up our Frontier Family. I look forward to seeing all of our communities throughout Frontier School Division grow and flourish together. Welcome back everyone. I wish you all the best for the 2019-20 school year!

Reg Klassen  
Chief Superintendent

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July 17, 2019

## **PENT Graduation Celebration 2019**

On Friday, July 12th a celebration dinner was held at the Victoria Inn honouring our 2019 PENT graduates. Congratulations are extended to Gina Albert (Jack River School), Nazia Berens (Berens River School), Craig Hardisty (Wanipigow School), Laura Kelly (Falcon Beach School), and Colleen Noel (Chan Kagha Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School) who were in attendance for the dinner and celebration. Congratulations are also extended to graduates, Anthony Yellowega (Cranberry Portage Elementary) and Brandon Dibiasi (Gillam School). In October, their hard work and commitment will culminate with Brandon University conferring upon them a Bachelor of Education (A.D.) degree.

During the evening's celebration, three Frontier students were recognized for their grade point average. Bravos are extended to:

- Graduate with the highest GPA - Craig Hardisty, Wanipigow School
- Highest GPA after 90 credit hours - Ingrid Flett, Berens River School
- Highest GPA after 42 credit hours - Hailie Wasnie, San Antonio School

Once again, congratulations to the graduating students and the recipients of awards.

We wish the PENT graduates much happiness and success in their teaching positions within the Division.

