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Renewed Partnership with Black River First Nation



(Standing): Board Vice-Chairperson Marion Pearson, Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Cattani, Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen, Black River First Nation Councillor Oral Johnston.

(Sitting): Frontier School Division Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne, Black River First Nation Councillor Leah Fontaine.

On Friday, June 14, 2019, the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees and the Black River First Nation Council renewed their education agreement. The signing marks the continuation of a seven-year relationship between the school division and the First Nation community.

Situated on Treaty 5 territory, the community is located approximately 138 kilometers northeast of Winnipeg. Black River First Nation is an Ojibway community with a population of approximately 980 people.

The revised agreement places emphasis on the wishes of the First Nation and includes programming for academics, indigenous way of life, wellness.

Councillor Oral Johnston expressed his appreciation for the partnership and is looking forward to the future.

Frontier School Division Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne stated, *"by working together we will make a difference for the students and the community, and that is what this partnership is all about"*.

Chief Sheldon Kent could not attend the Board meeting and signing due to a personal matter but was able to find some time to meet with Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen on June 12, 2019, to discuss and sign the Agreement.



Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen (left) and Black River First Nation Chief Sheldon Kent.

June 3, 2019

Renewed Partnership with Berens River First Nation



(Standing): Area 3 Trustee Marg Imrie, Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen, Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Cattani, Berens River First Nation Councilors Steven Berens, Gerald Kemp, and Suzanne McKay, and the First Nation's legal counsel Norman Boudreau.

(Sitting): Frontier School Division Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne, Berens River First Nation Chief Hartley Everett.

On Friday, May 31, 2019, the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees and the Berens River First Nation Chief and Council renewed their education agreement.

The signing marks the continuation of a fifty-plus year relationship between the school division and the First Nation community.

Situated on Treaty 5 territory, the community is located approximately 362 kilometers north of Winnipeg. Berens River First Nation is an Ojibway community with a total First Nation population of about 3,500 people.

The revised agreement places emphasis on programming for academics, Indigenous way of life, wellness.

Chief Hartley Everett expressed his thanks to the long-standing partnership and is looking forward to the future, and the importance Frontier School Division has in supporting the youth of the Berens River First Nation. He also expressed his gratitude to the opportunities the Division has provided over the years and is excited for the future.

Frontier School Division Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne stated, *"by working together we will strengthen the relationship and partnership, and the end result will be increased student achievement and success now and into the future"*.

Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen added, *"this long and storied relationship survived the test of time, and we look forward to another fifty years of educational partnership"*.

May 30, 2019

The Gathering Place



It was a very special day for family, students and staff at Frontier Collegiate. The school and community gathered to officially open "The Gathering Place" in memory of Dale Cowan, friend to all and dedicated to ensuring every student's success.



May 30, 2019

Partnership with Skownan First Nation Renewed



Front row seated: Chairperson Linda Ballantyne, Chief Cameron Catchway.

Back row standing (left to right): Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen, Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Cattani, Trustee Darlene Osborne, Councillor Sterling Catchway, Councillor Kenneth Catchway, and Trustee Howard Sanderson.

The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees, Chief, and Council for the Skownan First Nation renewed their education agreement on Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

The signing marks the continuation of a 30-year relationship between the school division and the First Nation community.

Situated on Treaty 2 territory, the community is located approximately 288 kilometers north of Winnipeg on the south shore of Waterhen Lake. Skownan First Nation is an Ojibway community with a total population of about 1,500 people. Since 1989, the Skownan First Nation has operated their school – Skownan School – in partnership with Frontier School Division. The school currently has a population of 110 students.

The revised agreement places emphasis on meeting the holistic needs of students, including their spiritual, emotional, physical, mental well-being and academic aspirations.

Chief Catchway thanked Frontier School Division Board Trustees and senior administrators in attendance, noting they have the best interests of the community's children at heart. He also paid tribute to the late Nelson Catchway, a former Councillor who was instrumental in getting the school in Skownan.

Frontier School Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne stated, "This agreement provides a clear and influential voice of the community in terms of advice, recommendations and directions to Frontier School Division on behalf of First Nation students" and "We look forward to building on our history together and past successes while focusing on the future of our children".

Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen added, "The privilege of working in this vibrant and forward-thinking educational partnership is very exciting for Frontier".

May 29, 2019

Shirley Nepinak Named Indigenous Educator of the Month



We are proud to announce that Shirley Nepinak was recently recognized as Indigenous Educator of the Month for April 2019.

The [Indigenous Educator of the Month](#) was started by the Manitoba Government to showcase Indigenous educators throughout the province. Candidates are selected representing a balance from the four directions, cultural groups and gender.

Joining the Frontier Family in 2005, Shirley has been a high school teacher at Minegoziibe Anishinabe School for almost 15 years. Shirley has taught a variety of classes, from science to math and extra curriculums, but she is best known as an English Language Arts teacher.

As a teacher and community member, Shirley has helped organize and facilitate baking, beading and star-blanket-making programs within the Pine Creek community. She volunteers for both high school sports and grad committees, raising money for events.

Shirley is currently completing her thesis for her Masters of Education through Brandon University, researching how Indigenous culture, knowledge and teachings can support students in learning environments.

She is also an active member of the Indigenous Inclusion Directorate, volunteering with the UCN/U of M Summer Institute as a beading instructor, and was previously part of the Test Development Committee (TDC) for the Grade 12 Language Arts Standards Test.

Asked to comment on this recognition, Shirley said, *"As a learner, I feel as though I am a knowledge gatherer. I am working my way in the circle of life in becoming a knowledge keeper, a sacred role in our community."*

[Read Shirley's Indigenous Educator of the Month feature.](#)

We are proud to have Shirley as a member of the Frontier Family. Thank you for all of your work and dedication to your students and community!

May 29, 2019

2019 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award Recipient



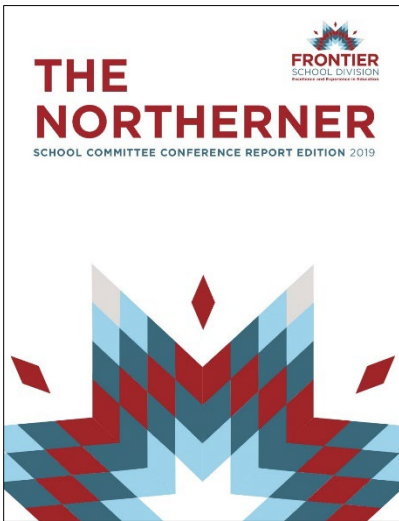
The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that **Doreen Korotash-Shewchuk (Teacher – Rorketon School)** has been selected to receive the **Outstanding Employee Contribution Award**:

[Special Announcement - 2019 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award Doreen Korotash Shewchuk.pdf](#)

The criteria for the award includes proficiency in responsibilities, contribution to the Division and community, evidence of leadership, and personal and/or professional growth.

May 16, 2019

Read the 2019 School Committee Conference Report



We're happy to announce that the Frontier School Division 2019 School Committee Conference Report is available to read!

Our Annual School Committee Conference is an important event in our school year and always promises to be an exciting, inspiring gathering. The report provides an opportunity to see inside the conference and learn about the different discussions, presentations and divisional practices that the school committee reviews at this time of year.

Read the 2019 School Committee Conference Report by clicking on the image:

May 14, 2019

Passive House and KITHOUSE Healthy Homes, Healthy Communities



Frontier School Division, in conjunction with the University College of the North, is hosting an information session on "Passive House and KITHOUSE – Healthy Homes, Healthy Communities". We are pleased to have two industry leaders share their experience and knowledge as we explore the world's most advanced and energy efficient construction standard.

Refer to the attached poster and registration details:

[Passive House Poster](#)

Get tickets for both the events below:

[Winnipeg](#)

[The Pas](#)

May 10, 2019

The Western Drone Show



The Western Drone Show was a success. With 170+ delegates, 15+ sponsors and several speakers, the conference permitted the education, government and industry sectors to collaborate. The auctions raised over \$1000 for Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

We were pleased with the turnout and especially excited that Frontier School Division was well represented with administration, students and teachers from several areas in attendance. Eight school divisions across Manitoba were also represented as well as Brandon University and University of Manitoba Faculty of Engineering. The tradeshow gallery was a great success with representatives from across the globe and with delegates having hands on experience in the drone cage, flight simulators and components workshop. We look forward to the continued growth of this conference, its delegation and sponsorship support.

[Drone Show Highlights](#)

May 2, 2019

Brigette Lacquette Visits FSD Students



Brigette Lacquette recently visited the Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre and Jack River School in Norway House on April 25.

Brigette became the first First Nations woman to play for the Canadian women's Olympic Hockey Team in 2018. It was an honour to have her visit our community and speak to our youth!

Brigette spoke of the obstacles she had to overcome to reach her goal. Through the support of her family and friends, Brigette rose above bullying and racism into her professional field.

Her quest to become an Olympian was not an easy task, but she was determined to make the Canadian Hockey Team and won silver for Canada in the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Brigette is truly an inspiration and a role model for many Indigenous youth. She left students with the message to, *"dream big, work hard, believe in yourself and to be proud of your roots."*



May 2, 2019

2019 Food Matters Gathering

Frontier students participated in a Food Matters gathering from April 26-28th at Bakers Narrows Lodge. This is the second year FSD students have participated in the event and it was a great success!



Students were engaged in many land-based activities including rabbit snaring, goose plucking, prepping and cooking, net setting and fish filleting, lynx skinning, traditional medicines, shelter building, medicine wheel teachings and more.

We would like to thank Alex and Damien at Food Matters and Bakers Narrows Lodge for hosting the event, as well as Cindy O'Nabigon for her traditional teachings on Sunday.

Everyone was deeply engaged and had a great time during this wonderful learning experience!



April 25, 2019

Frontier Students Building for the Community



On April 24, carpentry students in the Frontier Builders program started their day early to move three future teacher houses.

All three houses were built entirely by Frontier students who receive high school credits with the possibility of a 1st level apprenticeship through the carpentry arm of Frontier School Division's Technical Vocational program.

These three homes, built for Snow Lake and Norway House, are the 28th, 29th and 30th builds by Frontier Builders!



All the students were eager to learn what it was like to work on a real construction site. Their success was noted by the building mover who said, *"I would hire a number of your students if I lived in the north. I like coming here. Your students always have smiles and work hard."*



Fantastic work, Frontier Builders! What an engaged group of students showing their excellence in education.



April 13, 2019

Increasing Attendance at Frontier School Division

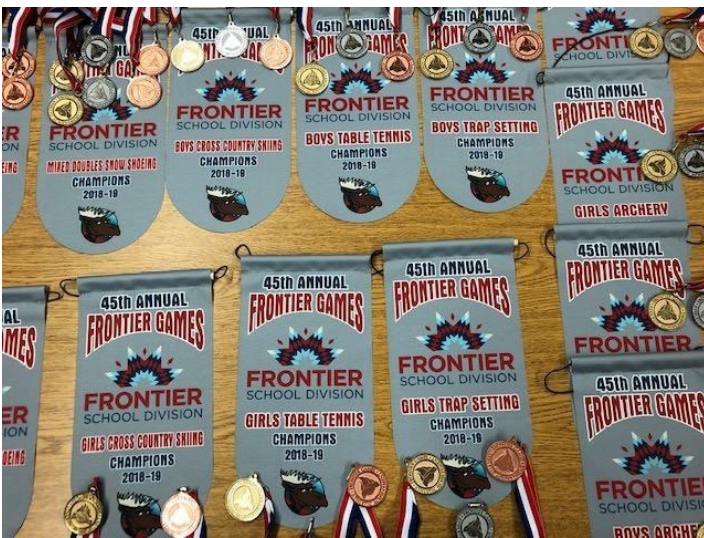


Improved attendance, fewer suspensions and increasing student engagement are a few of the many accomplishments that FSD is proud to share this year. Read about a couple of our recent success stories in our new Report on Attendance below:

[Report on Attendance Report April 2019](#)

March 29, 2019

Celebrating 45 Years of Sports Tradition and Competitions



The Frontier Games recently celebrated its 45th year! Hundreds of students, staff, chaperones and guests will convene in Norway House on Wednesday, March 6 for the official opening of the Games, with competitions in various traditional and land-based sports taking place on March 7-8.

Thank you to all of our staff, students and volunteers who always work so hard to make this event so memorable. It is always a joy to bring all our students together from across the province and see their passion, hard work and effort in action.

We'll see you all next year, celebrating 46 years!

March 29, 2019

Students Impress at 2019 Science Fair



The 2019 Frontier School Division Science Fair was the biggest one to date! We jumped from 32 projects last year to 54 projects this year! 14 schools participated with over 80 youth participants from grades 4-12. Our schools are bringing their best to the event, ready to celebrate these learning achievements.

Our top three individuals have earned the right to represent Frontier School Division at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton this May!

For the first time ever, our Science Fair was hosted by the Manitoba Museum. FSD students, staff, chaperones, and special guests were able to enjoy this world-class venue which included presenting projects in the grand Alloway Hall, and exploring the Science Gallery. Thank-you is not enough to express our sincere gratitude to all of the staff at the Manitoba Museum for making this possible.

[Read more in our full re-cap of the 2019 Science Fair here!](#)

March 29, 2019

Cranberry Portage Student Meets Prime Minister



On March 25, our student [Kailyn Danielson](#) received an amazing surprise when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited her at the hospital in Winnipeg!

This story started when Kailyn wrote a letter to the Prime Minister requesting a drug for her immune therapy be approved that existed in Germany, but not yet in Canada.

Now Kailyn is not only receiving her treatment using the newly approved drug for her therapy, but Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also presented her with a heroic medal of honour that he drew himself!

March 21, 2019

A Wish Come True



Kailyn Danielson, at the age of 9, is a teacher.

She is teaching her classmates about strength in the face of challenges and what it means to be part of a community. This fall Kailyn was diagnosed with brain cancer but has not let that slow her down.

She wanted to use her "Wish" to have her class come to see her in Winnipeg but CPE wanted her wish to be about her and her family so they worked to make her first wish come true. Kailyn loves school and misses being at home so school went to her.

With the help of many people and companies in Manitoba, on March 20th Kailyn's class traveled to Winnipeg. It was the first time on a plane for many of

the students and definitely a first to have science class in a hotel meeting room!

It was an engaging, fun filled afternoon with a lot of laughter.



March 11, 2019

2019 Juried Art Show Results



Every year the Frontier School Division Juried Art Show comes alive with colour, talent and expression. This year the students brought out the best in drawing, painting, sculpting, crafts, film and photography.

This year saw 273 entries from 154 students from 23 Frontier schools, and the judges noted that the work is getting better and better every year. Many pieces were selected to be part of an exhibition at Graffiti Art Gallery in Winnipeg and will be included as part of their Winnipeg student outreach programming.

[See the full list of winners here.](#)

Juried Art Show 2019.pdf

March 11, 2019

Celebrating 45 Years of Sports Tradition and Competition



Frontier Games is celebrating its 45th year!

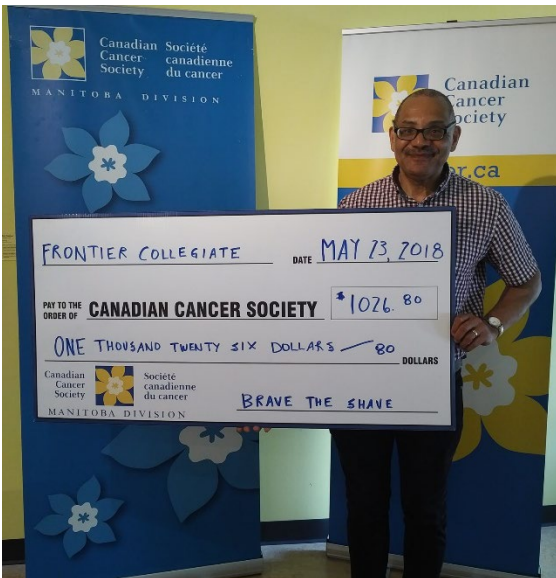
Hundreds of students, staff, chaperones and guests will convene in Norway House on Wednesday, March 6 for the official opening of the Games, with competitions in various traditional and land-based sports taking place on March 7-8.

For more information on the Games please check out the [Frontier Games website](#).

Best wishes Athletes!

February 20, 2019

Brave the Shave Fundraising Success



Frontier Collegiate's Brave the Shave fundraiser celebrated another successful year! The school raised over \$1,000 which they donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Many students and teachers supported this great cause and we would like to thank all of them for participating!

On Friday May 11th Frontier Collegiate held an assembly where students made both financial and hair donations. Ms. Glennis Valladares, the Advanced Cosmetology teacher, had six students provide head shaves and haircuts to students who donated \$10.00 or more. Frontier Collegiate's principal even participated by having Ms. Valladares tattoo him!

Bill Taylor, teacher at Frontier Collegiate, led the initiative this year. Events like Brave the Shave show students how engaging initiatives can make a huge difference in raising support for those in need of our help.

Great job, Frontier Collegiate!

February 20, 2019


D.R. Hamilton School Me to We Program



Since 2013 the Me to We Club at D.R. Hamilton School in Cross Lake has been actively creating positive change both locally and globally as part of the We Day movement. Interested students in grades 6 to 9 can join the club which has an emphasis on social justice and community service.

In 2013 students started a recycling program in their catchment area that has expanded to include other schools in the community and a partnership with Arctic Beverages. Students have taken on fund-raising to build a school in another country as their global challenge, and they make a difference in so many different ways locally. Me to We members have fund-raised for and volunteered at

local vet clinics, supported the school's breakfast program when funding was interrupted, and helped members of the community who have encountered challenging times. The list goes on to include many more acts of service.

Students travel to We Day in Winnipeg each year as a celebration of their contributions. This year, the group was approached by the We Day production team for some pictures of their service projects. The D.R. Hamilton Me to We group may very well be spotlighted on the We Day stage! 



February 20, 2019

Students Perform at School Committee Conference 2019



Each year in conjunction with the Annual School Committee Conference, students from across the Division come together to perform for delegates and guests. You can check out their performances below:

Frontier Fiddlers Performance

<https://youtu.be/VCz0omUITPI>

Frontier's Got Talent

<https://youtu.be/bh8JMyBIAJE>

Frontier's Got Talent is a student showcase open to all students within Frontier. Students were to submit a video showcasing their talents. This year 35 submissions were received ranging from singers, dancers, bands, drum groups, musicians, and comedians. 15 performers/groups were selected based on talents and how ready they were.

The selected performers/groups will be showcased their talent this at the 41st Annual School Committee Conference.

February 20, 2019

Nominations for the Outstanding Employee Contribution Award are Open



Nominations are invited for the Frontier School Division Outstanding Employee Contribution Award 2019. 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.

Nomination packages must be received by Reg Klassen, Chief Superintendent, at the Division Office no later than Friday April 19, 2019.

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.

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

February 20, 2019

Vern Anderson Recipient of the 2019 Frontier Achievement Award



Frontier School Division is pleased to announce that Vern Anderson is this year's recipient of the 2019 Frontier Achievement Award.

The Frontier Achievement Award was established by the Frontier School Board in 1998 to recognize and honor the achievements of a Frontier graduate as well as those who have attended a Frontier school or Home Placement. Candidates demonstrate outstanding career or lifetime achievement in a variety of fields such as community service, sports, law, education, health and business.

Vern attended school at Oscar Blackburn School in South Indian Lake. He moved to Cranberry Portage where he graduated from Frontier Collegiate in 1984. Vern furthered his education by attending Brandon University through the P.E.N.T. Program. He held various positions including Instructional Assistant at the Dakota Collegiate, Child Care Worker with Tumbler Ridge Family Support Society, and a Life Skills Instructor for New Directions and then graduated from Red River College Diploma Program in Child and Youth Care.

Vern is currently the Student Advisor in Frontier School Division's Work Education Program working with students that go through the Work Education, Student Leadership, University Tours and Mini University Programs.

Vern spends many hours volunteering his time to organize and fundraise for Rossbrook House, South Indian Lake Winter Fun Day, Siloam Mission, Volunteer Canadian Ranger and Board member in Co-op Housing, Youth Task Force, Cultural Competency at New Directions, Project Neechewan and Booth University College member of the Indigenous Advisory Council.

Vern initiated and continues to raise funds for the Arnold Dysart Bursary which is awarded to a South Indian Lake graduating student from Frontier Collegiate.

Vern is proud of his Indigenous Heritage and language and shares his knowledge of the Cree Language and Culture with students and adults. He has taken time to accompany students on canoe trips, he brings his experience to teach students about Indigenous Culture and Way of Life.

Mr. Vern Anderson was announced as the award winner at the 41st Annual School Committee Conference on February 6, 2019 during Celebrations of Achievements event. Congratulations Vern!

February 15, 2019

Aboriginal Circle of Educators Award



Frontier School Division is pleased to announce Daisy Monias as recipient of The Aboriginal Circle of Educators (ACE) award for Language Education. The ACE Award honours educators and leaders who promote and support Aboriginal perspectives in the classroom and in the community.

Daisy is of Cree heritage, born and raised in Norway House and is a fluent Cree speaker. Daisy's career has included teaching in Norway House (Jack River and former Rossville School) and was previously the Principal at Jack River School.

She is currently the Area 5 Superintendent (Norway House). She is a proponent and advocate of Indigenous language and culture and has planned and cultivated many activities in her schools and community supporting the Division's focus goal for Indigenous Way of Life. Daisy

received this award at the *"Honouring our Traditions, Celebrating Our Future"* awards banquet held in Winnipeg on February 15, 2019. Congratulations Daisy!

January 18, 2019

Partnership Renewed



Back row: Trustee Howard Sanderson, Councillor Chris Benn, Councillor Doug Hanska, Councillor Lindsay Bunn Jr.

Front row seated: Board Vice-Chairperson Marion Pearson, Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne, Chief Ken Chalmers, Trustee Darlene Osborne

The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees and Chief and Council for the Birdtail Sioux First Nation renewed their education agreement on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

The signing marks the continuation of a 10-year relationship between the school division and the First Nation community. Located approximately 50 kilometers north of Virden, Manitoba, Birdtail Sioux is a Dakota First Nation community with an on-reserve population of about 500 people. Since 2007, Chief and Council have operated their school, Chan Kagha Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School, in partnership with the Frontier School Division.

The school currently has a population of 137 students.

The revised agreement places emphasis on meeting the holistic needs of students, including their spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental well-being.

"I am very pleased with the new agreement," says Birdtail Sioux Chief Kenneth Chalmers. "As Dakota people we needed a new and unique agreement that reflected our culture, language and history. We are confident the education to come will support our children's success so they can graduate from high school well-prepared for participation in life and life-long learning."

Chief Chalmers thanked Frontier Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen and Frontier Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Cattani, noting that he trusts they have the best interests of the community's children at heart.

"We are very proud to re-sign with Birdtail Sioux," says Reg Klassen. "Our goal is to provide every community with the best educational opportunities that reflect their individual needs. We're looking forward to continue growing with the community and providing the stability and support the students deserve."

Frontier School Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne added, *"the revised agreement speaks to the value we place, as a Division, on ensuring that the educational needs of our diverse communities are met."*

The community's economic plan includes building a gaming centre and gas/convenience store in the coming year, followed by a hotel in the near future.

Chief Chalmers is confident that the education Frontier provides will ensure that there is a strong, dependable, self-sufficient labour force that will sustain the economic future of the Birdtail Sioux community.

August 28, 2018

FSD Launches Drone Pilot Training Program

We're excited to announce that we are kicking off another highly innovative instructional program specifically targeting employment opportunities using the leading edge Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS). The demand for this industry is increasing and expanding faster than the ability to provide qualified pilots for the available jobs. This program will prepare students with the skills and knowledge they need to pilot drones and find employment once they graduate. Current job opportunities include:

- Industrial inspections
- Conservation
- Search and rescue
- Agriculture
- Multimedia entertainment
- Forestry

It's easy to see the inherent interest our young learners have in these technologies; many of them have already developed some of the requisite skills through gaming and social media. Our science and technology departments have collaborated with M3 Aerial Productions, a Transport Canada compliant and University Credit RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft System) Ground School, to develop this graduated RPAS Licensing program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Program Outline

This program will operate in a three-phased approach:

- The first phase will begin with indoor RPAS units and will cover theories of flight, basic operation, and safety.
- The second stage will be both indoor and outdoor and will cover current legislation, flight planning, etc.
- The third and final phase will cover advance flight techniques, work planning, business planning, and official communications.

Each phase has a dedicated RPAS kit with the appropriate units for the given curriculum. The photo below shows how the kits progress in size, complexity, and power.



The two individual kits are for teachers and coaches to use when earning their RPAS certification without breaking up the students' kits.

Once they complete the program, students will be ready to take the Transport Canada RPAS Exam.

August 21, 2018

Berens River School Wins Dragon Boat Challenge (Mixed Division)



The Berens River Paddlers brought home 1st Place in the 17th School Dragon Boat Challenge in the Junior Mixed Division! Not only did the grade 7 to 9 students demonstrate strength and skill but also unity, optimism, and determination to achieve their championship goal. Our profound gratitude goes to chaperones Cyril MacGillivray (IA Teacher) and Virginia Bouchie Kemp (School Counsellor) and many others for their moral support and prayers. Thanks also goes out to Heather Lowe (Health, Wellness, and Physical Education Coordinator).

We all believed in the Berens River Paddlers ... Go Huskies Go!
