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## **NUTANA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**

### **Principal's Message**

Quarter 3 began on February 1<sup>st</sup> and it has been a full and exciting term. Our Cultural Responsiveness Committee has hosted several meaningful events that have had strong participation from our students, staff and the community. A First Nations pipe ceremony and feast were held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Guests from the school division's First Nations, Inuit and Métis Unit provided the teaching for this event while Nutana staff members prepared food and oriented students. We held a Pow Wow in our gym on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> which was another huge success with a large turnout. Finally, there was a Poetry Reading event on Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Library to honour Black History Month. Students and staff read poetry and other personal writing aloud while others performed musical numbers. Students also used this event as a fundraising activity to send donations to Haiti from our school. The end of the quarter will have students in our Native Studies classes taking part in traditional sweats.

We continue to be involved in the wider community with student volunteers. Students and staff hosted a display at the Saskatoon Heritage Festival held in the Western Development Museum on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Items from our archives showed off our proud history at this event. Our students provided face painting for children attending the festival. More recently, our school participated in Gardenscape by having a booth to showcase the school. Staff, students and community members donated wonderful items for sale and were very proud of our contribution to this spring event held at Saskatoon Prairieland Park, one of Nutana's partners.

Renovation work continues with the third floor almost completed. New paint and flooring have been added so we are able to see what the finished classrooms throughout the school will look like. Work has also been underway in the new gym, creating a new weight room area. Construction crews will move down to the east end of the second floor for the next phase of the work. This will block off the east end entrance to the second floor during this period. We are happy to report that this building work is moving forward well.

The alumni at Nutana continue to make exciting plans for their 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion on July 2, 3 and 4. Visit their website at [www.nutana100.com](http://www.nutana100.com) for more details and to register. The early bird registration date has been extended for this event, so if you plan to attend or know a Nutana grad that plans to come, please check out the website and finalize your arrangements.

Quarter 4, which begins on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, will bring numerous year-end celebrations, awards and our Grade 12 graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Our annual meeting of the School Community Council will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Any parents/guardians or community members are invited to join this Council for the 2010-2011 school year. The last term of the year also leads to planning for the following school year and we will be underway with those activities very soon.

These are just a few of the highlights at Nutana for this term. For ongoing information about school events and upcoming dates, be sure to check our school website at <http://schools.spsd.sk.ca/nutana/>. Monthly updates listed under the "Newsflash" heading are posted for your information.

On behalf of the staff,  
Dr. S. Figley  
Principal

## Learning

Saskatoon Public Schools make learning a priority, and this year we are highlighting samples of staff and student learning so that you can get a glimpse of some of the learning that is occurring at Nutana.

### Student Learning:

- Students in our art classes have been visiting local galleries to learn more about art that is being displayed and sold in our community.
- Students from our physics class recently toured the Synchrotron.
- Alumni from Nutana came to the school this term to talk with our current students about what being a student was like and how their education was offered here in times gone by.
- Senior English students examined a wartime letter in our archives and compared the use of language to that used in communication today. They then worked together to translate the letter into a text message for a cell phone and discussed how the communication was different from the original. Their work was then submitted to a journal for publication.

### Staff Learning:

- Staff has been working together this year to learn more about assessment and evaluation of students. A major focus of our school professional development this year has been around Assessment for Learning.
- Teachers have been working to create new comments for student report cards. Several sessions have had staff discussing and creating comments that provide good descriptions of student learning.
- Our Leadership Council spent a day examining the work that we have accomplished at the school this year and discussing our vision for the future of professional studies at Nutana.
- Staff has been meeting regularly in "Focus Groups", which are groups of individuals with similar roles in the school, discussing items as a follow up to professional development sessions.

**INVITATION TO  
PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)  
FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

Nomination forms for new members to our School Community Council are now available at the Main Office. If you are a parent or guardian of a Nutana student, or a community or business member from the Nutana neighbourhood, you are invited to indicate your willingness to participate in our SCC by completing a nomination form by noon on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The Annual General Meeting of the Nutana SCC will be held at noon on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the school. A vote will be held at that time if necessary. No nominations will be taken from the floor that day.

For more information or to get a nomination form, contact the school at 683-7580.

## Free Graduation Attire for Girls

The Princess Shop is a nonprofit organization established to provide female students with an enhanced graduation experience by providing them with beautiful gowns and accessories donated by members of our community. They also are able to provide hair, make-up and professional photos for Saskatoon graduates. Young women who are interested in the program can receive both application forms and contact information from their school, by visiting the Princess Shop website ([theprincessshop.ca](http://theprincessshop.ca)) or by calling 222-3311.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this project, please encourage her to submit an application.

### Are you an alumnus of Nutana?

If so, come to the 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration this summer

July 2, 3 & 4

Registration is online at

[www.nutana100.com](http://www.nutana100.com)

Don't miss out – spaces are limited!

## CAREER CRUISING SOFTWARE

You can access Career Cruising from home or any off-site computer!

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| Steps: | 1. | Log on under Google: <a href="http://careercruising.com">careercruising.com</a> |
|        | 2. | I.D.: Nutana  |
|        | 3. | Password: Collegiate  |
|        | 4. | Once you are in save your materials under your own name and password.           |

## Student Voice

Nutana students are currently taking the What Did You Do In School Today (WDYDIST) survey in order to share their thoughts regarding many aspects of Nutana, their education and lifestyles. WDYDIST is a collaborative research and development initiative of the Canadian Educational Association and the Canadian Council on Learning. The results of the survey will be shared with staff and students in an effort to understand their classroom experiences and potentially take steps to enhance their learning and education. Further information regarding the WDYDIST survey is available by contacting Mr. Bradley at the school.

## Dates to Remember

April 2 – 11	No classes for students <b>NOTE: The school doors will be locked for this week due to construction work inside.</b>
April 15	Last day of classes for Quarter 3
April 16 - 20	Exam days
April 21	First day of classes for Quarter 4
April 27	DEAR reading time in the a.m.
April 28	411@411 - Information fair for Quarter 4
April 29	Career Day for Quarter 4
May 4	Literacy Conference
May 5	Graduation Meeting for Quarter 4
May 7	School Community Council Meeting - noon
May 11	DEAR reading time in the p.m.
June 3	Friends of Nutana luncheon
June 9	Rehearsal for Graduation Ceremony
June 11	Grade 12 100th Graduation
June 14	<b>Nominations for School Community Council due at the school</b>
June 15	Student Recognition Luncheon
June 18	Annual meeting of School Community Council (Noon)
June 21	Last day of classes for Quarter 4
June 22 – 24	Exam days
June 28	Orientation activities for new Grade 9's
June 29	Quarter 4 report cards distributed

### Please Note:

We would appreciate that if a student in your household is away the first three days of Quarter 4 (starting April 21) that a call is made to our Attendance Office stating your name, the date and the reason for the absence. **The attendance line is 683-7585.** If you need assistance, please call the Main Office at 683-7591.

It is especially important if you are away **April 21, 22 or 23** that you call to clear the absence or you may be taken off roll in error if not in attendance for these three days.

**If you haven't selected classes or need a timetable change for Q4** please make an appointment with Student Services (683-7586). We would like you pre-registered so there is less confusion around Q4 startup.

**If you are not returning** for Quarter 4 please notify the Main Office with the reason (e.g. graduating, moving out of town, going to another high school, etc.) We also want to make sure that your address is updated so that marks from Sask Learning will be mailed to the correct address.

## École Henry Kelsey School is 50 years old

January 1, 1960 to January 1, 2010

You are invited to join us and help us celebrate a half century of learning on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the "old" school, 16 Valens Drive, in Saskatoon.

Please pass the word around and RSVP at: [henrykelseyschool@hotmail.com](mailto:henrykelseyschool@hotmail.com)

### Is your emergency contact information current?

With the dawn of a new quarter, it's a good time to remind parents, guardians, and students to ensure the emergency contact information we have on file for your family is current.

If there have been any changes to your emergency contact information, please notify our main office immediately so we can update our records.

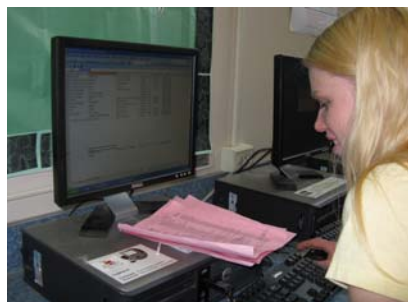
Thank you for working with us to ensure we know how to get in touch with you in the event of an emergency.

### Nutana Students Host National CATT Conference

Nutana's Academy of Tourism students are busy planning and preparing for the Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism (CATT) national student conference. The CATT student conference is held every two years at different locations across Canada. Come May, students from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia will be arriving in Saskatoon to experience local tourist attractions and to learn about tourism from experts in the field. This is also a fun time for students to make friends and expand their experiences. Nutana students not only get to attend the conference, but they are also key players in the planning process. Students are responsible for planning meals, games, decorations, organizing activities, introducing dignitaries, seeking donations, emceeing banquets and more. The tourism classroom is buzzing with activity and the excitement of the students radiates throughout the school. As the date approaches we look forward to meeting new people and enjoying an amazing national conference right here in Saskatoon!



Katie and Steven promote the conference at Nutana's 411@411



Lesley creates a spreadsheet for donation requests.



Mike and Lutfan make decorations for the opening banquet.