

Moody x 2 Video to be Featured at Upcoming Film Festival Awards

Homegrown duo Moody x 2 continue to gain attention with their music.

Natashia and Alexandria Moodie released their music video called Universe earlier this summer.

The video is dedicated to NCN children, Keethan Lobster, Mattheo Moore and Terrence Spence, who were killed in a drunk driving accident, and the Humboldt Broncos hockey team, which lost 16 members of their team and staff in a highway accident.

The Edmonton Short Film Festival announced that Universe will be screened at its red carpet gala on October 13th.

“Everything that has transpired with this video, from writing the song to being invited to the festival, it just feels like it was meant to be. When we were driving to Drumheller to film, we actually drove right through the Humboldt accident site, and I just had such a profound feeling of sadness. We’ve met family members of the hockey players since, and the song has brought them comfort, so that makes us feel good,” says Natashia.

“When our manager told us our video would be screened at the Festival, I was working, so too busy to reflect. But wow, I

didn’t realize the song would have this impact. We’re so excited and we’re planning to attend.”

The video was produced by Starland Studios in Drumheller, Alberta and filmed in various locations around the Drumheller area, including the hoodoos and Starmine suspension bridge.

Sisters Natashia and Alexandria are Wolf Clan from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and public speakers on bullying,

suicide prevention and missing and murdered women. Their musical influences include Shania Twain, Celine Dion and Buffy St. Marie.

Check out the video on YouTube!

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:

META CANNABIS SUPPLY COMPANY

Coming this fall, META Cannabis Supply Co is opening a new location in Thompson. META will be running legal cannabis retail stores with the goal of providing an exceptional customer experience and quality products to the community. The team is looking for individuals to join their retail team as Retail Associate, Keyholders, and Manager who echo their philosophy of safe and responsible access to cannabis. The company offers flexible shifts, fantastic training opportunities, and benefits to successful candidates. Be a part of building this new industry and creating a great team! For more information contact:

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N.C.N. Parks & Recreation & 313 Cree Warriors

Invitational Co-ed Slo-pitch Tournament September 28, 29 & 30, 2018

Ages 14 - 17 years

6 male & 4 female

Entry fee: \$100.00/team

8 team limit



1st \$2000.00
 plus trophy



2nd \$1500.00
3rd \$500.00

Entry deadline: Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Accommodations provided - Please bring sleeping bags

If you have any questions call:
 Wayne Spence @ 679-3704
 Carl Young @ 679-0049
 Ryan Tait @ 307-0099



Fall Fun with NCN Parks and Rec

It's a busy time of year between the summer festival and getting back to school, but we still had a lot of fun!

Many NCN kids participated in a youth co-ed slo-pitch tournament in Split Lake the weekend of August 26. First place champions were our Warriors #1 team. They brought home a trophy and \$2,000. The Split Lake Indians took second place and our Warriors #2 team came in third place with a \$1,000 cheque. Thanks to bus driver Tyson Spence and a huge shout-out to Jack Young for leading our kids to victory!

Kids joined Parks and Rec on Tuesday, September 11 at DWMH. We celebrated back to school with a movie night at 4 p.m.

On September 9th Parks and Rec hosted a Mini Moo Moos Bingo. Prizes included all sorts of school supplies, including backpacks, binders, pencil cases, markers and crayons.



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Reminder:

Sign up for the invitational youth co-ed slo-pitch tournament before the September 26 deadline. Contact Wayne Spence, Carl Young, or Ryan Tait for more details.

Plan to join in the Monster Bingo on October 27th!



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Otetiskiwn School Closure on Friday, September 21st, 2018

Please be advised that the OK was closed on the above date due to high staffing shortages which led to inadequate classroom coverage. Staff were absent for valid, various reasons. Unfortunately, incidents, as such, can/do happen. We are a small system with limited resources. Efforts to avoid such a scenario into the future will be addressed. Your patience and understanding is appreciated. Thanks!

NNCEA Public School Board Meetings for 2018-19 at OK School Delayed

Please be advised that public meetings for NNCEA School Board Meetings were to begin on September 18th, 2018. This has been delayed until further notice.

With the elections on the horizon, the Board felt it best to postpone. Once the new Board is elected, inaugurated, trained and ready, this topic will be addressed.

Any updates on when public meetings will begin will be shared/circulated. Public school board meeting protocol will be shared/circulated into the future.

Thank You!



Footprint Lake Water Levels

Footprint Lake 14-Day Water Level Forecast

Revised Forecast as of September 18, 2018

On September 18, 2018 the level of Footprint Lake was at an elevation of 798.7 feet. The level of the lake is expected to fall 3 inches to an elevation of 798.5 feet by the end of the month.



The 14-day forecasts are estimates, and subject to change. Northern forecasts are broadcast on local radio stations at the beginning of every month.

Kindergarten Full Day Students

- Parents and guardians are reminded to please send lunch with your child if they are bus students.
- Students going home for lunch can be picked up at the Nursery/Kindergarten doors at 12:00 p.m.
- Afternoon classes start at 1:00 p.m.
- Reminder that it is very stressful to your child if no one is there to meet them. They are hungry and anxious when they need to be returned to school. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to be at home to greet their child at the end of their school day.

2018-2019 Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik Staff

Welcome back teachers and staff to the start of a new school year. I hope that your summer vacation has provided a well-earned rest, including time to enjoy with family and friends. As we approach the beginning of a new school year. It is an opportune occasion to reflect on our progress and reaffirm our commitment to the students of Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik. I am looking forward to yet another school year where we will continue to grow and reach new levels of success for all students and staff.

It is my pleasure to introduce our returning administrators and teachers.

Administrative Team

Principal

- Ms. M.Gibb

Vice Principal – Nursery – Grade Three

- Ms. N. Yetman

Vice Principal – Grade Four – Eight

- Mr. J. McBain

Vice Principal – Special Events/Elders Program

Speciality Teachers

Cree Language

- Ms. L. Linklater – Early Years
- Mrs. P. Hart – Middle Years

C.C.A.S.E.L. (Cultural Collaboration for Academic Social Emotional Learning)

- Mr. D. Hart

Lifeskills Program

- Mrs. F. Bunn

Physical Education Early Years

- Mr. A. Murphy

Kindergarten Full Day

- Mrs. S. Francois-Moore

Grade One

- Ms. J. Baker

- Mr. W. Spence

Reading Recovery/Literacy Specialist

- Mrs. N. Tays

Administrative Assistant

- Sharon Linklater

Resource Team

- Miss A. Duffy
- Ms. T. Long

Grade Two

- Ms. F. Flett
- Ms. S. Montoux

Grade Three

- Mrs. L. Francois
- Mrs. J. Mc Bain
- Miss G. Britnell

Grade Four

- Ms. D. Duvall
- Miss T. Van Segbrook
- Mr. R. Francois

Grade Five

- Mr. S. Lindsay

Grade Seven

- Miss M. Bird

Grade Eight

- Mr. B. Badiuk

I am pleased to welcome our new teachers to Otetiskiwin Kiskinwamahtowekamik. We are grateful that they arrived safely in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. They traveled as far away as Ontario and Saskatchewan. Our students were excited to meet their new teachers when classes resumed on Tuesday, September 4th. We are enthusiastically looking forward to having an exciting year.

Nursery A.M./P.M.

- Roba Bradburn

Kindergarten A.M./P.M.

- Caroline Hart

Grade One

- Ivy Bonner
- Bernice Olsen
- Pamela Colon

Grade Two

- Lynn Gamblin

New Teachers

Grade Five

- Glenda Moose

Grade Six

- McKayla Monden

Grade Seven

- Keith Fontaine

Grade Eight

- Margaret Thomas

Finally, I would like to welcome back the remainder of our school team who all make valuable contributions to ensure that our school is a safe and happy environment for our school.

Custodial

- Carol Linklater-Supervisor
- Miriam McDonald
- Shirley Swanson
- Nancy Peterson

Maintenance

- Zolton Teli
- Brian Beardy – Supervisor
- Matt Cheeseman
- Jacob Moose

Additional staff includes Educational Assistants too numerous to name as well as Hallway Monitors. Thank you for returning for 2018-2019. Your dedication and caring for our children is greatly appreciated.

Cree Cultural and Language Program in Nursery P.M. Class

- Cree Language Revitalization Program will begin Phase One in September 2018 by offering Cree Language classes for Half Day Nursery students in the P.M. class.
- The morning Half Day Nursery class will offer parents the opportunity to place their child in an English language classroom.
- Nursery teacher will be a fluent Cree speaker and will introduce Cree language to all students in both A.M. and P.M. classes.

C.A.R.E.

- A new approach to making the school safer and more welcoming and more inclusive will be implemented in September called C.A.R.E. (Community Approach to Revitalizing Education).
- The C.A.R.E. program is an ongoing pilot project to meet the diverse needs of all our students.
- The major change is that the school will operate as two separate schools with Nursery to Grade Three students in one half of the school, and the Grade Four to Eight students in the other.

- It is an alternative solution to reduce the number of school suspensions.
- Rather than sending students home for suspensions, they will spend time in CARE rooms where they will be provided counselling services from the Elders, Guidance counsellor, and Social Workers as needed.
- Community collaborators will include the Wellness Centre, Jordan's Principle staff, Medicine Lodge, RCMP, Public Health nurses, Elders program, and Parks and Recreation.
- The rationale for separating the students is to keep the primary students safe from the older students who can be very intimidating to the much younger students because there has been a consistent concern that our younger students do not feel safe in the hallways and school grounds.

Second Step Program

- Mandatory use of Second Step kits to be used in all classrooms in a school wide effort to reduce bullying.
- Teachers will integrate components of the Second Step program on a weekly basis.

C.C.A.S.E.L. Program (Cultural Collaboration for Academic Social Emotional Learning)

- CCASEL program will continue with the classroom remaining offsite, but students will begin to transition back into OK Elementary by attending computer and gym classes.

- The CCASEL program will only have one teacher responsible for the program with two educational assistants available to the teacher.

Elders Program

- The Elder program will continue to expand more into classrooms on a daily basis in September as the Elders offer to teach traditional cultural values and skills to all students.
- There will be a focus to implement more Aboriginal perspectives into all curriculum outcomes in all subject areas.
- Sharing circles will be mandatory in all classes from Nursery to Grade Eight, in all classrooms when school resumes in September.
- Students will participate in traditional Cultural Teachings and values school wide in all classrooms under the guidance of the Elders.

Team Teaching Project – Grade Seven and Eight

- Team teaching will be piloted in the Grade Seven and Eight classrooms.
- By introducing students to team teaching in Grades Seven and Eight, it is hoped that it will begin to prepare students to transition to the subject teaching format that takes place starting in Grades Nine to Twelve.

Lifeskills Program

- The Lifeskills Program has been expanded to A.M./P.M. classes on a daily basis.
- Aboriginal perspectives will be interwoven into all subjects in a cross-curricular approach to attain learning outcomes in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies, vis-à-vis traditional crafts such as moccasins, traditional dress, traditional foods, storytelling, etc.
- Elders will be actively involved in the lessons to guide students in student projects throughout the year.

Literacy Programming

- Mrs. Tays will continue with the Reading Recovery Program on a daily basis in the A.M.
- Additionally, she will be available for all teachers in the P.M. in her newly appointed role as Literacy Specialist.

Student Enrolment

The encouraging news is that student enrolment has reached a total of 624 students as of Friday, September 7th. Students in all Nursery/Kindergarten classes are returning to school after absences from last year. It is hoped that parents and guardians will actively sustain excellent attendance with their young children to attend school every day.

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

1. R.C.M.P. Bike Rodeo
2. Chief and Council Inauguration Ceremony – Thursday, September 6th
3. Terry Fox Annual Run
4. Snack Program – Tentative start date is week of September 10th
5. Orange Shirt Day – Friday, September 28th

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

1. Thanksgiving Holiday – Monday, October 8th
2. Flex Days – Tuesday, October 9th – 12th, School closed for 5 days
3. Hot Lunch Program – Third week of October

FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

- Classes start at 8:40 a.m. for all students in the A.M.
- Lunch Dismissal is 12:00 p.m.
- P.M. Classes start at 1:00 p.m.
- Dismissal for P.M. Nursery /Kindergarten is 2:45 p.m.
- Dismissal for Grade One to Eight is 3:40 p.m.

FINALLY...

- Parents and guardians are reminded to please send a lunch with your child if they are bus students, because the hot lunch program does not start until the third week in October
- Please send indoor shoes for your child
- Please send your children to school on time and dressed for the weather

Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Excellent Attendance Early
School success goes hand in hand with excellent attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in Nursery/Kindergarten too many absences can cause learning struggles
 - Missing 10 percent (18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
 - Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
 - Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
 - Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. Start building this habit in Nursery, so that they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Excellent attendance will help children do well in high school, university, and at work.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- Introduce your child to his/her teachers and classmates before school starts to help with transition
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up
- Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

When Does Absences Become a Problem?

CHRONIC ABSENCE (18 or more days)

WARNING SIGNS (10 to 17 days)

GOOD ATTENDANCE (9 or fewer absences)

Note: These numbers are based on a 180 day school year
 Visit: attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org



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