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Kapawe'no First Nation Students Triumph at Jazzworks Band Festival

Kapawe'no First Nation - The students of Buffalo Bay Academy have recently returned from an unforgettable four-day music trip to Edmonton, marked by an exceptional achievement at the Jazzworks Band Festival. Participating in a variety of musical activities throughout the weekend, our grades 7 through 12 students showcased their talents, culminating in receiving the second-highest score in their category at provincials.

Their journey was a deep dive into the world of music, featuring an enriching workshop with the Edmonton Jazz Orchestra and participation in the renowned Jazzworks Band Festival.

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Buffalo Bay Academy will launch its new E-Sports program soon!

Join our E-Sports journey – where gaming meets education. Develop essential skills like strategic thinking, teamwork, and communication while engaging in your favorite games.

Our comprehensive program is designed to cultivate your gaming talents and propel you into the competitive arena!




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Kapawe'no First Nation Students Triumph at Jazzworks Band Festival from page 1

This experience not only enhanced their musical abilities but also fostered a profound appreciation for jazz among them.

The festival was a vibrant stage for our students to demonstrate their dedication and skill. Their performance was a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment nurtured at our school. Mr. Fred Mack, the music teacher, expressed his pride and excitement: "Incredible experience! They performed incredibly well. We received the second highest score in our category at provincials!!"

Teachers and parents alike shared the joy and pride in the students' accomplishments. Teacher Ms Sherry Bellegarde remarked, "It was awesome. Our students were so good. It was so awesome to see them on stage play their songs! The awards last night were amazing! Such a great experience for our students."

This trip was about the joy of performing, the spirit of learning, and creating unforgettable



memories. Our students from Buffalo Bay Academy have demonstrated that through passion, perseverance, and nation support, remarkable achievements are within reach.



Integrating Nēhiyawak Miyo Pimachitiwin and Traditional Medicines in Grade 7 at Buffalo Bay Academy

Kapawe'no First Nation - At Buffalo Bay Academy, the Grade 7 class has been at the forefront of embracing the Nēhiyawēwin Isihcikewin each morning. Students have been deepening their understanding of the Nēhiyawak Pimachitiwin, particularly through the study and application of traditional medicines. A memorable experience for them was when Elder Knowledge Keeper Herman Sutherland Sr. guided them in gathering muskeg tea, also known as Labrador tea, in the territory.

Ms. April Adamson, who has been studying these traditional medicines, gaining valuable insights from the Nation and Elder Sutherland during their last medicinal harvest.

Labrador tea holds significant value in the cultural and medicinal practices of various Nations. The tea leaves has been a staple drink among our Nation's for a long time. From a medicinal perspective, Labrador tea leaves are prized for their healing qualities.



Historically, they have been used to alleviate colds, flu, respiratory issues, migraines, and even skin problems. Modern research has uncovered promising findings as well.

It is essential to use Labrador tea with care due to its potential toxicity, it's advised to consume this tea in moderation and



to be cautious with brewing durations to prevent the release of harmful agents.

Labrador tea exemplifies a fusion of cultural importance and medicinal efficacy, serving as a vital element and natural healing practices. The knowledge, such as that imparted by Elder Knowledge Keeper Herman Sutherland Sr., is invaluable in preserving these traditions and ensuring the safe and respectful use of such natural resources.





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Where tradition meets the future. Knowledge ever increasing!

First Nation College is a special place where we learn about our traditions and get ready for the future. We mix old teachings from our ancestors with new things we need to know for today's world. This is where students like you can grow strong in who they are and learn lots of new things. We believe that knowing about our past makes us ready for tomorrow.

At the heart of our mission and vision lies the aspiration to infuse our students with resilience, wisdom, and profound knowledge. We envision graduates who, while deeply connected to their heritage, are adept at navigating the global milieu with finesse.

Mission and Vision

Mission: To enrich learning rooted in Knowledge Ever Increasing blending ancestral wisdom with academics.

Vision: Fostering a learning environment with ancestral wisdom and contemporary knowledge to face and shape tomorrow's challenges.



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Guiding Principles for First Nation Virtual Learning Centre (FNVLC)

1. Nation Bonding - Our digital platform thrives on the essence of love, fostering an environment where students and educators support, care for, and nurture each other, replicating the warmth of face-to-face interactions in a virtual setting.

2. Inclusive Dialogue - Grounded in the teaching of respect, we ensure every voice is valued. By creating spaces for diverse experiences and views, we cultivate a culture where each member's perspective enriches our collective understanding.

3. Boundless Exploration - With the spirit of courage, we urge our students to step outside their comfort zones. Our platform champions innovative learning methods and encourages members to tackle challenges head-on, redefining the boundaries of virtual education.

4. Authentic Engagement - Honesty, as a guiding beacon, ensures our community remains transparent and genuine. Every

interaction, content shared, and feedback loop at FNVLC is anchored in truth and ethical practice.

5. Enlightened Learning - Beyond mere information dissemination, our platform emphasizes transforming knowledge into wisdom. Drawing from ancestral teachings, we guide students to reflect deeply, ensuring a balance between age-old insights and contemporary contexts.

6. Collaborative Growth - Recognizing the collective effort behind every milestone, our principle of humility ensures we view our achievements as a communal success. Every individual's contribution, no matter how small, is celebrated and acknowledged.

7. Pursuit of Authenticity - Steeped in the spirit of truth-seeking, we are committed to an education that encourages probing questions and genuine interactions. Our learners embark on journeys of self-discovery, understanding, and sincere knowledge acquisition.

Kapawé'no Muskwak Elevates Presence at Alberta Native Hockey Provincials with Five Teams

Kapawé'no First Nation - Kapawé'no Muskwak is making a significant impact at this year's Alberta Native Hockey Provincials by entering five teams across various age groups, including U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18 Elite.

This participation underscores the Nation's commitment to developing young hockey talent. Coaches from the Kapawé'no Nation and the schools, specifically Kapawé'no Nêhiyawak School and Buffalo Bay Academy, have been instrumental in this effort.



Students train weekly in High Prairie with the help of the High Prairie Junior Red Wings and on synthetic ice at their schools, blending physical skill-building with Nêhiyawak values. Their participation

in the provincials is a display of athletic skill, nation unity, and Nêhiyawak pride, showcasing the resilience and strength. Muskwak proud forever!



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Through these principles, FNVLC aims to craft a holistic virtual education experience, harmonizing ancestral teachings with the needs of the modern digital age.



Future Steps in Employment

Graduates from First Nation College find themselves equipped with a unique blend of ancestral wisdom and modern skill sets. Our alumni have secured prominent positions in diverse fields, from community leadership and education to corporate sectors and entrepreneurial ventures.

Our dedicated career services team offers resources, networking events, and mentorship opportunities, guiding students towards fulfilling career paths.



We are proud to offer a diverse range of Certificate and Diploma programs this Fall:

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT
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INDIGENOUS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE
LEVEL 1, 2 AND 3 (2 YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE)

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA
(2 YEAR AND 3 YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE)

INDIGENOUS LAW(F) LAND, AIR, WATER, FIRE DIPLOMA

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Admissions

First Nation College believes in an inclusive and holistic admissions process. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievements, involvement in their nation, and passion for learning. The admissions window opens in spring, with details available on our website. Our dedicated admissions team is available for queries, ensuring prospective students have all the information they need.



Financial Aid & Scholarships:

We believe in providing every deserving student an opportunity. Our financial aid office assists students with grants, scholarships, and loan information. Discover the First Nation College difference. Join us on this transformative journey. Enroll today!

First Nation College isn't just about acquiring knowledge—it's about understanding where that knowledge comes from. Here, you won't just learn about the world, but also your place within it, anchored by Nehiyawak traditions. Join us and be a part of this transformative journey.

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OUR 7 SACRED GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

Kihew Eagle (Love)

Embracing every student with warmth, understanding, and kindness. "Let Kihew's spirit elevate our hearts, fostering love that transcends"

Sakichitowin



Sakawmostos Buffalo (Respect)

Honouring the unique journey of each individual. "With samawmostos's wisdom, we learn to respect every path, recognizing the journey in each step."

Manacichtowin



Muskwa Bear (Courage)

Fostering a spirit of bravery and resilience. "Muskwa's courage reminds us that true strength lies in facing our fears with a brave heart."

Sokkitchewin



Mistapew Sasquatch (Honesty)

Upholding transparency and integrity. "Embrace the Sasquatch's honesty, walking a path of integrity that enlightens our spirit."

Kwayaskitatsowin



Amisk Beaver (Wisdom)

Continuously seeking and imparting. "From amisk's diligence, we learn the wisdom of building our minds as we do our world."

Tyenisowin



Mahikan Wolf (Humility)

Approaching each day with a willingness to learn and grow. "Emulate mahikan's humility, understanding that every day is a chance to grow wiser and kinder."

Tapakteyimisowin



Miskinahk Turtle (Truth)

Committed to teaching the genuine history, values, and knowledge of our people. "Let miskinahk guide us in our quest for truth, anchoring us in the wisdom of the ages."

Tapwewin



In the spirit of respect, humility, seeking and finding balance and a profound commitment to lifelong learning. Knowledge is ever increasing for our children.

FIRST NATION VIRTUAL LEARNING CENTRE (FNVLC)

“Empowering First Nation Students through Innovative Virtual Education”

Our Journey

Since its establishment on April 1st, 2021, the First Nation Virtual Learning Centre (FNVLC) has embarked on a pioneering journey that seeks to redefine education on Turtle Island for students in Grades 4-12.

Our focus extends far beyond the classroom, encompassing all those who aspire to explore and wholeheartedly embrace the rich heritage of our ancestral way of living. We aim to create a future where knowledge transcends traditional boundaries, curiosity knows no bounds, and the immense potential of First Nation students is fully realized.

Mission-Vision-

Mission

“To provide cutting-edge virtual school experiences that transcend traditional boundaries and unlock the potential of First Nation students, as well as those eager to learn about our ancestral ways.”

Vision

“Interactive virtual learning that transports students to higher order thinking and digitized learning experiences that make education engaging and fun, and personalized learning paths that cater to individual needs and aspirations.”



Our journey is driven by the following:

A Commitment to Transformation

At FNVLC, we stand at the forefront of a transformative movement in education. We believe that learning knows no bounds, and through the seamless fusion of the physical and digital realms, we've created an educational experience unlike any other. It's an experience that doesn't merely impart knowledge but integrates the very essence of Nēhiyawak culture and wisdom into every lesson.

An Innovative Approach

Our approach is a testament to innovation. We are dedicated to pushing the boundaries of what's possible in education. From curriculum development to instructional design, we are constantly evolving to meet the dynamic needs of our students. We understand that each student is unique, and our commitment to personalized learning ensures that every individual can thrive in their way.

Empowering Through Education

We firmly believe that every student, regardless of their background, deserves the very best education. Our commitment to excellence is unwavering. Our educators and staff are not just mentors; they are dedicated champions of student success. They work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment.

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Buffalo Bay Academy Music Program reverberates with a potent mix of concentration and vitality



Kapawe'no First Nation - In the music room at Buffalo Bay Academy, the air thrums with a potent mix of concentration and vitality. Mr. Mack leads our students through a disciplined rehearsal, each measure they play sharpening the edge of their sound.

The music they're preparing is set to be the pulse of the upcoming sports academy events in the very near future, designed to resonate the walls of the gymnasium and arena within the spirit of the Nation.

Mr. Mack, speaking on the role of our music program, says, "These pieces are more than just notes on a page; they are a celebration of who we are. We're crafting a legacy here—a sound that speaks of our strength, unity and Muskwak pride. When our athletes hear these songs, they'll know their Nation and school stands with them."



"These pieces are more than just notes on a page; they are a celebration of who we are."

As the sports season is still a ways away, the Buffalo Bay Academy's musicians are learning to play together; they're learning to play for something bigger than themselves—a testament to their collective identity and resilience. Muskwak pride forever!

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Online Learning at First Nation College: Upholding First Nation Sovereignty and Embracing Nêhiyawak Traditions

Kapawe'no First Nation - First Nation Control of First Nation Learning. Central to our philosophy at First Nation College is the principle of self-determination in lifelong learning. Our online learning environment is an embodiment of this principle, providing a space where First Nation control over First Nation learning is paramount. We empower our Nations by designing courses that are not only informed by, but led and taught by, First Nation educators. This approach ensures that our teachings, perspectives, and ways of knowing are accurately represented and preserved.

Our curriculum is deeply rooted in Nêhiyawak way of life, offering a unique educational experience that honors our ancestral knowledge. Each course is an exploration of Nêhiyawak wisdom, where students delve into our history, philosophies, and the teachings of our elders knowledge keepers. This approach is not just about learning facts; it's about immersing oneself in the Nêhiyawak way of life and understanding the world through our ancestral lens.

Nêhiyawawin and Connection to Aki is a way of life. A profound aspect of our online courses is the integration of Nêhiyawawin, the language of the Nêhiyawak. Language is more than a tool for communication; it's a carrier of culture, values, and worldviews. By incorporating Nêhiyawawin into our virtual learning, we connect students deeply with their heritage and with Aki, Mother Earth. This connection is vital, as it fosters a sense of responsibility and stewardship towards the land, instilling in our students the importance of living in harmony with the natural world.

Interactive and Earth-Centered Learning; our online platform offers interactive experiences that bring the teachings about Aki into students' homes. Through virtual reality tours,



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interactive simulations, and collaborative projects, students can experience and appreciate the beauty and wisdom of Mother Earth, learning to apply these insights in both personal and professional contexts.

Empowerment Through Knowledge is in every course, as we strive to empower our students with knowledge that is both practical and spiritually fulfilling. We understand that true learning is about acquiring skills and

nurturing a deep, respectful relationship with our Nêhiyawak way of life, our Nation, and Mother Earth. Our online learning environment is a testament to this understanding, offering a space where tradition and technology meet to create a transformative educational experience. The First Nation College is here for you. Call our Student Services staff at (780) 751.0009 to enroll today and register. Get started on a "Knowledge ever increasing..." journey. Call now.



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be kind
it's the ultimate rebellion against bullying.



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The Guiding Principles

Our guiding principles for the First Nation Virtual Learning Centre (FNVLC) are foundational beliefs and values that shape its mission, vision, and approach to education. Our guiding principles include:



Cultural Respect and Preservation: To honor and respect our ancestral cultures, traditions, and languages, and to work towards their preservation and revitalization;

Inclusivity and Equity: To provide equitable access to quality education for all First Nation students, regardless of their location, background, or circumstances;



Community Engagement: To actively involve and engage with the local Indigenous communities, Elders, and knowledge keepers to ensure the curriculum and approach are culturally relevant and meaningful;

Holistic Education: To offer a well-rounded education that includes cultural teachings, traditional knowledge, and values alongside academic subjects.

Innovation and Adaptation: To be open to innovative approaches in education and adapt to the changing needs of students while

Our journey is driven by the following... from page 9

Inclusivity Beyond Borders

As we look to the future, our commitment to virtual education remains steadfast. Through our innovative Indio Network platform, we are ready to offer another year of transformative learning experiences. We'll continue to stream our lessons to First Nation students across Turtle Island, ensuring that access to quality education is not limited by location or circumstance. Our focus is to extend educational opportunities to all corners of our vast and diverse Turtle Island.

Venturing into the Future

The future of education is boundless, and at FNVLC, we are poised to embrace it fully. We're venturing into uncharted territories, expanding our virtual content to encompass a wide range of subjects. Our focus includes interactive virtual field trips that transport students to far-flung places, digitized learning experiences that make education engaging and fun, and personalized learning paths that cater to individual needs and aspirations. The possibilities are limitless, and we're determined to explore them all.

Join Us in the Journey

Welcome to a new era of education, where the possibilities are as boundless as the sky. We invite you to join us on this transformative journey of discovery, learning, and cultural celebration. Together, we can redefine education and empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and visionaries.



preserving cultural integrity;

Empowerment: To empower students to become leaders, thinkers, and contributors to their communities and the broader society;

Sustainability: To ensure the sustainability of Indigenous cultures and languages by incorporating them into the educational experience.

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Embracing Nēhiyawawin on the Land at Buffalo Bay Academy

Kapawe'no First Nation - Nestled on the land, within the embrace of a traditional tipi, Buffalo Bay Academy high school students engage in more learn; they partake in the living heart of Nēhiyawawin. Here, the classroom extends beyond four walls, grounded in the land itself.

Students gather, the warmth of the fire in the center, as they learn the Tansi greetings, absorb the opening prayer, and embrace the words of spring—an embodiment of Nēhiyawak way of life and sovereign learning.

These lessons are vital threads in the fabric of Nēhiyawak miyo pimacihowin. Today, they practice foundational phrases, greetings that serve as a bridge between generations and a reaffirmation of identity:

- Tanisi kiya – How are you?
- Namoya nantow - I am fine.
- Ekwa Kiya - And you?
- Namoyah nantow nista - I am fine too.
- Tansi Kitsikason - What is your name
- [Your name] Nitsikason - [Name] is my name
- Tanti ochi Kiya - Where are you from
- [Place] niya ochi - I am from (place) eg. Kapawe'no ochi niya



As they exchange names and share where they are from, the language flows as words, and connections to each other and to Kapawe'no, the land that has nourished the Nation for generations.

The lesson culminates in the Kâkîsimowin, a prayer of gratitude and protection, a call to the Creator, acknowledging the life given and the guidance needed. Each line, spoken with reverence, reaffirms their place in the world and their responsibilities to each other and to all creation. Ohpinaw Ospwakan (Oh pi now o spwa kun) I lift the pipe.

Buffalo Bay Academy is a place of learning; it is a space where the Nēhiyawêwin breathes, grows, and strengthens with each spoken word and each shared experience. It is a living classroom, one that honors the past and sows the seeds for a future rich with the wisdom of the land and our ancestors.



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Looking Ahead

As we look ahead, our commitment to virtual education remains unwavering. Through our innovative Indio Network platform, we are ready to offer another year of transformative learning experiences. We'll continue to stream our lessons to First Nation students across Turtle Island, ensuring that access to quality education is not limited by location or circumstance.

Let's delve deeper into what this forward-looking commitment entails:

Unwavering Commitment to Virtual Education

The FNVLC is resolute in its commitment to virtual education. This means that it recognizes the importance of leveraging digital platforms to provide accessible and flexible learning opportunities.

Innovative Indio Network Platform

The mention of the "Indio Network platform" signifies the FNVLC's investment in cutting-edge technology and infrastructure to deliver education. This platform likely offers features and tools designed to enhance the virtual learning experience.



Transformative Learning Experiences

The FNVLC is not content with just delivering education; it aims to make a difference in students' lives. "Transformative learning experiences" indicate that the FNVLC is dedicated to providing education that goes beyond the acquisition of knowledge. It's about personal growth, development, and empowerment.

Accessibility Across Turtle Island

The FNVLC's commitment to streaming lessons to First Nation students across Turtle Island emphasizes inclusivity. Turtle Island is a term used by some Indigenous peoples to refer to North America. By ensuring access to quality education across this vast region, the FNVLC is addressing geographical and circumstantial barriers that might hinder educational opportunities.

Equity in Education

The overarching goal is to ensure that all First Nation students, regardless of where they are located or their personal circumstances, have equitable access to a high-quality education. This commitment aligns with the FNVLC's mission to empower students and promote educational equity.

In essence, "Looking Ahead" signifies the FNVLC's readiness to embrace the future of education, leveraging technology to provide transformative and accessible learning experiences to First Nation students. It reflects a dedication to breaking down barriers and ensuring that education reaches every corner of Turtle Island, ultimately contributing to the empowerment and success of Indigenous communities.

Unbounded Possibilities

The future of education is boundless, and we're poised to embrace it fully. We're venturing into uncharted territories, expanding our virtual content to encompass a wide range of subjects. Our focus includes interactive virtual field trips that transport students to far-flung places, digitized learning experiences that make education engaging and fun, and personalized learning paths that cater to individual needs and aspirations. The possibilities are limitless, and we're determined to explore them all.

Let's explore the key points in this statement:

Boundless Future of Education

The FNVLC acknowledges that the future of education is limitless. It recognizes that traditional boundaries and limitations are giving way to new possibilities and opportunities in education.

Embracing the Future

The FNVLC is not just passively observing but actively embracing the changing landscape of education. It is willing to adapt and evolve to meet the needs of students in this rapidly changing world.

Venturing into Uncharted Territories

This phrase signifies the FNVLC's willingness to explore new and innovative approaches to education. It is ready to take risks and pioneer new methods to enhance the learning experience.

Expanding Virtual Content

By expanding virtual content, the FNVLC is broadening the scope of subjects and resources available to students. This reflects a commitment to providing a comprehensive and diverse educational experience.

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WHO WE ARE

First Nation Collegiate, under the four pillar schools, is accredited both in western studies and the Nêhiyawak Pimachihowin (way of life). Our programs we specialize in include Nêhiyawewin (Cree Language) Isihcikewin (to know for yourself) arts, sciences, music, sports and Nêhiyawak studies. With state-of-the-art technology, we build upon the technological advances of Kapawe'no Nêhiyawak School (K-6), Buffalo Bay Academy (7-12), First Nation Virtual Learning Centre (FNVLC) and First Nation College while focusing on higher education standards.

LOCATION

Nestled within the ancestral lands of the Kapawe'no First Nation, First Nation Collegiate stands alongside Buffalo Bay Academy and Kapawe'no Nêhiyawak School, enriching our Kapawe'no Territorial educational ecosystem. Knowledge Ever Increasing where Ancestral Wisdom Meets Higher Education.

KNOWLEDGE EVER INCREASING

Mission: To enrich learning rooted in Knowledge Ever Increasing blending ancestral wisdom with academics.
Vision: Fostering a learning environment with ancestral wisdom and contemporary knowledge to face and shape tomorrow's challenges.

LIFE LONG LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

"Knowledge Ever Increasing" our philosophy embodies the harmonious blend of Kapawe'no Nêhiyawak teachings and modern pedagogy.

We extend the principles established in the First Nation Virtual Learning Centre, enriching the academic environment with collaborative and wisdom-based learning.

UNIQUE FEATURES

Interdisciplinary Programs: Melding traditional knowledge and modern subjects for a well-rounded education.
Research Opportunities: Working in sync with First Nation College, we offer research initiatives that allow students to delve into their ancestral heritage.
Partnerships: Leveraging relations with local businesses and organizations for internships and job placements.

GOVERNANCE

Functioning under the Kapawe'no First Nation's Hereditary and Life Long Governance and Leadership, we share governance principles with the other educational institutions within the territory, ensuring alignment yet maintaining our own distinctive role in higher education.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

Building upon the four-day school week implemented at our schools, the curriculum includes interactive virtual sessions, enabling students to pursue independent research projects or participate in local support service.

CURRICULUM

Fully accredited, our courses meet the academic standards for higher education, while our unique indigenous studies program complements the curricula offered.

INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM ELEMENTS

Wisdom Circles: Interactive dialogue sessions where students, educators, and Elders share knowledge.
Global Indigenous Exchange Program: An extension of cultural exchange initiative, now at a collegiate level.



Schools

We have four pillar schools along with our outreach program under our First Nation Collegiate which are:

The following schools are:

- Kapawe'no Nêhiyawak School - K-6 (KNS)
- Buffalo Bay Academy - 7-12
- First Nation Virtual Learning Centre (FNVLC)
- First Nation College

Our Outreach programs are;

- Kapawe'no Outreach
- Virtual and Adult Outreach

ADMISSIONS

Admission processes are holistic, considering applicants' academic and cultural contributions. They are also in line with the open and inclusive admissions policy at First Nation College.



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Interactive Virtual Field Trips

The mention of virtual field trips indicates a commitment to immersive and experiential learning. It allows students to explore places and concepts beyond the confines of a traditional classroom.

Digitized Learning Experiences

Digitized learning experiences make education engaging and fun. They leverage elements of games to motivate and challenge students, enhancing their learning experience.

Personalized Learning Paths

Recognizing that every student is unique, the FNVLC aims to provide personalized learning paths. This approach tailors education to individual needs, interests, and aspirations.

Limitless Possibilities

The statement emphasizes that there are no limits to what education can achieve. It conveys a sense of ambition and determination to explore all the opportunities and innovations that the future holds.

Unbounded Possibilities reflects the FNVLC's commitment to pushing the boundaries of education. It aims to create an educational environment that is dynamic, engaging, and tailored to individual learners, while

embracing emerging technologies and pedagogical approaches. This forward-looking vision signifies a dedication to providing students with an education that prepares them for the limitless opportunities of the future.

Courses Offered 2023/24

Our diverse curriculum includes a range of courses to cater to the diverse interests and needs of our students.



Independent Studies (Choose from a catalog of independent studies courses under supervision).

Over 150 courses available virtually

These courses include:

- Social Studies 10-1, 10-2, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2
- Art 10, 20, 30
- English 10, 20, 30
- Family Law (10)
- Intro To Psychology (10)
- Nêhiyawêwin 10, 20, 30

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Sâkîhitowin **(Love) - Kinew**

(Eagle): Embracing every student with warmth, understanding, and kindness.

"Let Kinew's spirit elevate our hearts, fostering love that transcends boundaries."



*“Where tradition fuels the future,
we create a distinct path to wisdom and growth.”*

A R T S | M U S I C | S P O R T S | L A W F

Buffalo Bay Academy, a Grades 7-12 school is part of the First Nation Collegiate at Kapawe'no continues to be an autonomous school. We offer technology-enhanced classrooms to support both traditional and new methods of teaching, offering students a unique blend of the Nêhiyawak way of learning. This blend incorporates Arts, Music, Sports, and LAW teachings through full accreditation by Alberta and our Elder Knowledge Keepers.



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The Commitment to Excellence

This statement reflects the FNVLC's dedication to providing a top-tier educational experience. Let's delve deeper into what this commitment entails:

Driving Excellence

At the core of our FNVLC is an unwavering commitment to excellence. This means that we continuously strive for the highest standards of quality and effectiveness in every aspect of education that we offer.

Curriculum Development

We take pride in being leaders in curriculum development. This means that our educational programs are not stagnant but instead evolve to meet the changing needs of students and society. We invest time and resources in creating engaging, relevant, and up-to-date curricula.

Instructional Design

Our instructional design reflects our commitment to delivering the best learning experiences. We employ innovative teaching methods and technology to ensure that students are actively engaged in their education. Our instructional design is geared toward promoting creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Dedicated Team

Our educators and staff are the backbone of our FNVLC. They are a dedicated team that works tirelessly to ensure that our students receive the highest level of support and guidance. Their passion for education is what drives our commitment to excellence.

Fostering Creativity

We believe that education is not just about



VIRTUAL LEARNING IS THE FUTURE

The Kapawe'no First Nation and its hereditary Chief Sydney Halcrow has a strong vision of incorporating the Cree way of living with the next steps in life long learning. This Vision is taking the next steps into Virtual learning.

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memorizing facts; it's about fostering creativity. Our approach encourages students to think outside the box, explore new ideas, and develop innovative solutions to real-world problems.

Critical Thinking

Critical thinking is a cornerstone of our educational philosophy. We equip students with the skills to analyze information critically, make informed decisions, and navigate complex challenges.

Cultural Enrichment

We understand the importance of cultural enrichment. Our commitment extends beyond academics to include a celebration of culture, heritage, and diversity. We believe that a well-rounded education includes an appreciation for different cultures and perspectives.

Accessibility

We firmly believe that every student, regardless of their background, should have access to the very best education. This commitment to accessibility ensures that our FNVLC is inclusive and welcoming to students from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

In summary, our "Commitment to Excellence" is a holistic dedication to providing students with a high-quality, forward-thinking education. We prioritize innovation, creativity, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment to ensure that every student receives the very best education possible. This commitment is a testament to our mission to empower students and prepare them for success in a rapidly changing world.

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