



Local Education Update Local Education Update

October 19 Board Highlights

Special points of interest:

- Board Highlights from October 19, 2011
- Creighton School Welcomes new staff to the division
- Retirement of Mrs. Cheryl Pogue
- Congratulations to our Creighton Scholarship Foundation winners

New Staff Welcome

The Board members, along with their new Director of Education, Bob Smith, had dinner with all new staff members to welcome them to Creighton School Division and to become acquainted with each other. Board members and new staff had an opportunity to meet in an informal setting, to put a face to a name, and to share some personal interests with each other. A pleasant evening was had by all.

Meet the Board

From left to right

- Tracy Andrusiak**
- Janet Clark-Chair**
- Rhonda Werbicki**
- Raymond Biberdorf Vice Chair**
- Heather Jacobson**
- Hermeline Fagnan**



Support Staff Collective Agreement

The Board unanimously voted to ratify all three support staff collective agreements with Local 7975 of the United Steelworkers. Employees covered by these three collective agreements include school secretaries, library technicians, educational assistants, custodians and maintenance staff. The new collective agreement is for a three year period commencing on September 1, 2011 and ending on August 31, 2014. Negotiations went extremely well and both parties came away feeling satisfied with the process and with the outcome.

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Joint Meeting with Flin Flon School Division

The Board has agreed to a future meeting with the Flin Flon School Division to discuss any areas of mutual concern. The opportunity for both boards to work collaboratively is of a benefit to the students and the staff of both school divisions. While no specific date for this meeting has been determined, it is anticipated that both boards will get together sometime in November.

Treaty Essential Learnings

The Director of Education prepared a short presentation for the Board outlining the division's results from the spring 2011 survey and assessment of Treaty Essential Learnings. The Office of the Treaty Commissioner, the First Nations people of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education recognize the importance to all Saskatchewan residents of having a strong understanding of the spirit and the intent of the Treaties that were signed between the First Nations and the Crown. The content of this curriculum understanding has been aligned to six major themes which are referred to as **Treaty Essential Learnings**.

Meet the Director



Mr. Robert (Bob) Smith

My name is Bob Smith and I have been the new Director of Education for Creighton School Division for the past four months. I am currently living at Denare Beach and I am really enjoying my home on the lake. Most recently I have worked in the Hanna, Alberta area as the Deputy Superintendent for the past 10 years. I have had a long career in education, 8 years as a classroom teacher, 16 years as a school principal, and 11 years in a senior administrative position at the division level) and the staff at Creighton School are some of the finest people I have worked with.

On a personal level I have been married for 37 years, I have two grown daughters who are very successful in their lives and their careers, and I have two wonderful granddaughters that I get to spoil.

My mission as an educator would be to ensure that all students receive a quality education that allows them to be successful in life, whether that be entering the world of working or pursuing further post-secondary studies. During the first several months of the school year, I have spent a lot of time asking questions of the staff in an effort to understand what our practices are, and why we do what we do. While it is important to honour the traditions of the past, it is important to always ensure that that we make our decisions based upon sound education practices. I am looking forward to the challenges that will come my way during the next 4-5 years as we work together as a community to make Creighton Community School the best school it can be.

Meet Our New Staff



My name is Shauna Madarash and I was raised in Flin Flon. I recently graduated from Brandon University's BUNTEP program in May 2010 with greatest and great distinction. I am thrilled to be teaching at Creighton Community School. Currently I teach Grade 7 Mathematics, Grade 9 English Language Arts, and Grade 9 Career Education. I live out in Denare Beach with my husband Shane and my teenage son Josh.



My name is Carol Sutherland and I am the new Community Coordinator at Creighton Community School. My family and I moved to the area in 2004, and are proud to call Denare Beach home. Some of you may recognize me from my daughter's Hoop Dancing events or my nephew's involvement with the school wrestling team. We are so excited for the upcoming year, as we have many activities and events planned. If you have any suggestions or concerns please stop by the Community School office; our door is always open!

Our New Staff



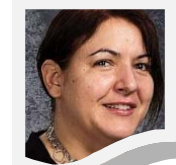
My name is Candace Nyberg, I grew up in Dryden, Ontario, where I enjoyed playing sports and doing anything outside, especially skiing (I am really looking forward to trying out the trails here). The last few years I have moved around a lot living in Ottawa while taking my undergraduate degree in Economics and French as a Second Language at the University of Ottawa then to Thunder Bay where I received my Bachelors of Education in French Teaching at Lakehead University and last year taught Grade 7 in Beauval Saskatchewan. Now my husband and I are very happy to be settled down in Creighton where I am teaching French and Art at CCS.



Hello. My name is Catherine Joa and I am very excited to be teaching Grade 4 at Creighton Community School. I am originally from Creighton. I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, and a Bachelor of Education from the University College of the North in The Pas, MB. I am very excited to be putting my roots down in the North and to be a part of this wonderful, vibrant community school!



Hello. My name is Leslie Ruben. I was born and raised in Flin Flon. As a young adult I began to follow in my mother's footsteps and started volunteering as a Guide and Brownie leader for Girl Guides of Canada. I also began to follow a dream of mine from my early childhood which was to become a teacher. I enrolled in Brandon University and later graduated with distinction in my Bachelor of Education. I have really enjoyed the few months that I have been teaching pre-kindergarten at Creighton School, and I look forward to returning in another capacity when Ms. McKay returns from her maternity leave.



My name is Anita Nickerson and I was born in Sussex, New Brunswick. I am the second oldest of seven children. I started playing instruments that were laying around the house when I was three or four years old, and I began formal music training on the violin when I was nine. Music has always been a very important and special part of my life, and I am very happy to have the opportunity to teach elementary music at Creighton Community School. I am also team-teaching Grade Six, which I enjoy very much. I have two children ages 14 and 12, and we are all now happy to call Creighton home.



My name is Kevin Imrie and I was born and raised in the Creighton area. After graduating high school from Hapnot Collegiate I attended post-secondary studies at Bethany Bible Institute and the University of Saskatchewan. After returning home in 2009 I was initially employed in the construction industry, but soon found a position as an educational assistant in Flin Flon, and now at Creighton Community School. I am really enjoying my new position and the challenges that my new role brings.



My name is Jeffrey Nyberg and I am the new Grade 5 teacher here at Creighton Community School. I am going to start out by saying that I am extremely excited to be living here in Creighton and to be a part of this community. I was born and raised in Dryden, Ontario where my childhood was spent playing sports and participating in all sorts of outdoor activities. When I finished high school, I moved to Winnipeg where I attended the University of Winnipeg. After finishing my degree, I moved to Brandon to attend the University of Brandon to complete my teacher training. During my first two years I taught in Cole Bay and Beauval, both great communities to teach and live in. We moved to Creighton this past August and we plan on settling down in this fantastic, busy and supportive community.

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Mrs. Pogue Retires

I have enjoyed my time at Creighton School. Thanks so much to all the students and staff who have been my school family for the past 23 years. I am excited about my future. Grandkids and travel are my new goals in life! So long for now, you will be seeing me around. Take care and be good to one another.

We're on the Web!
www.creightonschool.com

Congratulations to the Creighton Community School Scholarship Winners

Academic Scholarship

Athletic Scholarship

Aboriginal Scholarship

Bev McCrimmon Citizenship Scholarship

Arts Scholarship

Katie Buettner & Morganna Senyk

Jessie Manns

Lexi Blouin

McKenna McCrimmon

Lexi Blouin

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What should school/learning look like in the 21st Century?

How is Creighton Community School doing?