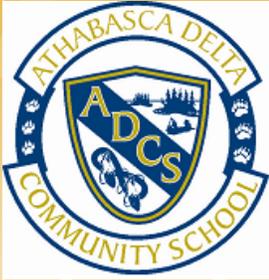


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# ADCS

Athabasca Delta Community School

## Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year

What is NEW & EXCITING for the upcoming school year?

- The development of a School Council and the election of a board trustee. Need more information? See ADCS administration.
- Our modernized computer lab. The final touches will be added over the September with the Grande Opening on Monday October 2 @ 2 p.m.! Everyone is welcome.
- Swimming Lessons! Yes every student will have an opportunity to take free lessons and earn badges. If your child doesn't have a swim suit or towel, ADCS has extra. Watch for the permission forms!
- Award winning Arctic FOXY and Arctic SMASH programs will be visiting our secondary students on October 12.
- Arctic Greenhouse will be operating. Might take a little experimenting, but our goal is to grow lettuce and some herbs for our lunch program. Want to help us? Connect with Gail Patrick.
- Right to Play partnered with ADCS for one year to focus on education and afterschool programming. Details to come. Congratulations to MCFN who also received a RTP position!

-- *ADCS Staff*

### Save the Date!

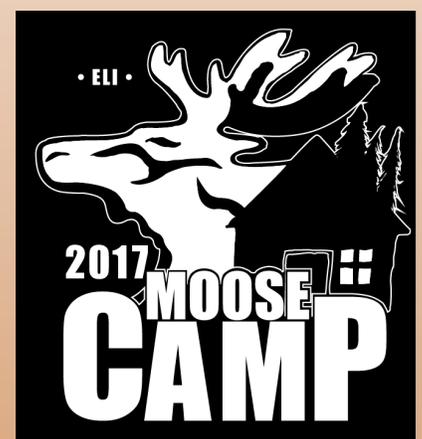
**Computer Lab  
Grande Opening**

**October 2 @ 2 p.m.**

Thank you to Syncrude and Northland School Division for all their support in the modernization of this critical space for our students.

## Our 2017 Moose Camp Logos

## Great Work Kara!



## Important Dates

Students – Opening Date: September 05, 2017  
 Students – Last Day of School: June 28, 2018  
 Staff – Last Day of School: June 29, 2018  
 Christmas Break Dates: December 20, 2017 – January 02, 2018  
 Spring Break Dates: March 30, 2018 – April 08, 2018

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS:

#### Staff Only

September 22, 2017  
 October 27, 2017  
 March 09, 2018  
 March 16, 2018  
 June 21, 2018

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY – PLC DAYS:

#### Early Dismissal at 12:15

September 25, 2017  
 October 30, 2017  
 November 27, 2017  
 December 11, 2017  
 January 29, 2018  
 February 26, 2018  
 March 26, 2018  
 April 30, 2018  
 May 28, 2018  
 June 11, 2018

#### LIEU DAYS:

##### No School

October 06, 2017  
 November 24, 2017  
 February 12 – 13, 2018 (Teachers' Convention)  
 May 18, 2018

ADCS would appreciate the following donations to support healthy living and learning for all our students.

**Greenhouse Program:** Spare gardening tools, compost, gardening containers, seeds, grow lights, wood for construction of benches, books on gardening or plants

**Breakfast Club & CTS Jr./Sr. High Foods Programs:** Breakfast food (jam, syrup, etc.), wild meat, berries, garden veggies

Please drop them off at the front office. Thank you.

## Welcome Back – a message from Superintendent of Schools Gord Atkinson



Tansi, Edlanat'e, Hello! It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone back for the 2017-2018 school year. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break. To our new families and staff, welcome to the Northland School Division (NSD) family. We are a school division that is committed to supporting students to be strong in identity, healthy and successful. To ensure we fulfill our commitment, we have adjusted the organizational structure to better support students and schools with the following division priorities aimed at increasing student success: literacy and numeracy; First Nations, Métis language and culture; student attendance; student and staff wellness; education technology; revamping the way we report how students are progressing through the curriculum; and professional learning for staff.

As illustrated in the organizational chart <http://tinyurl.com/y8tffwvxg>, schools are now organized into: Area 1 (West), Area 2 (Central) and Area 3 (East). In all three areas, there is an Associate Superintendent, pedagogical and student services supervisors to help schools increase student learning success. As part of our three-year technology plan, we will also focus on educational technology and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Division priorities must be supported with quality educators and that is why we are making investments in staff learning and careers. We are also going to improve staff housing across the jurisdiction. This will help us better recruit and retain staff and support NSD's focus on staff wellness.

On the administration side, we have simplified the student registration process for families. NSD has revamped the registration form for new students with a fillable form available on the NSD website <http://nsd61.ca/download/106563>. For returning students, forms are pre-populated and we ask parents to contact their local school to confirm if any changes to previous registration details. In the coming months, we will be introducing a new communication tool called *School Messenger Communicate*. This notification system will allow schools to send messages via voice (phone), text message and/or email for emergencies, student attendance and upcoming events. More information will become available this fall.

This is a year of great opportunity for parents and community members. With a new *Northland School Division Act*, there are new ways to participate in the division's education system. NSD has a new governance structure of eleven wards. I encourage parents and community members to consider running as a school board trustee and most importantly to vote. Nomination Day is September 18<sup>th</sup> and Election Day is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Visit the NSD website for more information <http://nsd61.ca/governance/elections>. Another avenue for participating in NSD's education system is becoming a school council member. Schools will be establishing school councils in September. Please contact your local school for more information.

Thank you in advance for support and involvement in your school division. Your contributions will help make NSD the best education system for our students.

**School Zone Speed Limit is 30 km/hr  
Please slow down and watch for our children.**

## Welcome Back – a message from Official Trustee Lois Byers



Tansi, Edlanat'e, Hello! It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to a new school year with Northland School Division (NSD). We hope you are recharged and excited to participate in your child's education and school. It continues to be a busy time in the largest geographical school division in Alberta as preparations continue for the return of a Board of Trustees in October 2017 and moving forward with strategies to better support students and schools. Key to moving student success forward is the five-year investment funding the Minister of Education and Alberta Government has agreed to make into NSD.

Working together we identified gaps and areas where additional funding is needed to support student success. Literacy, numeracy, building First Nations and Métis perspectives, histories and knowledges around the curriculum; language and culture; land-based learning; attendance; wellness; professional learning for staff and community members; and school councils will be areas of focus. The biggest change communities will notice is the additional assistance provided to students and schools through the area offices. A division covering approximately 288,000 square kilometres creates challenges and area offices will help convert driving time to more time in schools.

On May 4, 2017, a new Northland School Division Act was proclaimed law. Key points of the new act are available on the NSD website <http://nsd61.ca/governance>. Information about School Board Trustee Elections can be found on the NSD website <http://nsd61.ca/governance/elections>. Also watch for details on Facebook, in newspapers and radio (YL Country/KIX FM, CFWE and Real Country 93.3FM). If you have any questions please contact central office at 780-624-2060 and ask for Melanie Mantai, Executive Secretary. With respect to school councils, please contact your local school to learn more. Schools will be sharing information with families this month.

There's an important transition happening with three NSD schools. The Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (KTC) Education Authority will assume control of Peerless Lake, Kateri (Trout Lake) and Little Buffalo Schools on September 1, 2018. A partnership agreement is currently in place between NSD and KTC Education Authority to support language and culture, sports and recreation, literacy and high school. This great partnership will continue after the KTC Education Authority assumes control of the schools.

It has been a year of changes and this year will see more new things happening. We know one of the main factors in student success is meaningful parent involvement. We also know "parent" includes more than biological parents and we encourage everyone to become involved and show children that education matters. From the smallest gesture such as saying "you need to go to bed now as you have school tomorrow" to a big one like being school council chair – everything you say and do can help raise understanding of the value of education and student success. Please get involved and work with your school to help ensure every child's success.

## Messages from a Few of Our Staff...

I would like to extend a warm welcome and greeting to all of the students and community on behalf of Athabasca Delta Community School. I look forward to an exciting year full of learning, building relationships and having fun.

Throughout my time in Fort Chipewyan I have had the pleasure of gaining valuable knowledge and skills from many individuals within the community. Learning about the land and culture of the First Nations people has been of great value to my personal growth and spirit. Partaking in many community events, being out on the land and working with various organizations has allowed me to create cherished relationships and become a community member in the town I love and call home.

I continue to enjoy being physically active as well as engage in my first love, art, utilizing the beautiful landscapes as a source of inspiration. Besides pursuing my passion for art, I am dedicated in expanding my education previously receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Lethbridge.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year at ADCS and within the Fort Chipewyan community.

Tegan Vacheresse  
Vice-Principal

Artwork by Tegan



Hello everyone! I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to be a part of the ADCS team this year. I am from Calgary, Alberta but was born in Accra, Ghana (West Africa). I completed my social work degree from U of C. I have a lot of experience working with children/teens and families and it's what I love to do, so naturally, I am very excited to be here. I can't wait to get to know everyone on a more personal level. I'm always ready to talk and listen. Please feel free to come say hi or come have a talk with me whenever you feel the need.

- Angela Holdbrook  
ADCS Family Wellness Worker

My name is Suzie Greenwood, and this is my second year at ADCS. Last year, I worked as the inclusion teacher and also taught grade 7 math. This year, I am the ECS teacher and am enjoying the change.

I am originally from Newmarket, Ontario which is just north of Toronto. I attended university in northern Ontario and loved being able to spend time outdoors. However, I also liked to keep busy by playing team sports, and I played ultimate frisbee year round and in a dodgeball league each winter.

I moved to Fort Chipewyan for a new adventure and to experience something different than I was used to. I'm really glad I made the decision to come to Fort Chipewyan.

- Suzy Greenwood  
ECS Teacher

# Welcome to Grade 1!

The Grade 1 students are an awesome group of individuals! I am looking forward to all the learning and fun we will have this school year.

Parents/Guardians, please know that you are welcome to volunteer in the classroom anytime. My door is always open.

Lynne Couturier  
Grade 1 Teacher

School Council  
Meeting  
'Start Up'

October 3

Watch for posters  
for a start time.



## Swimming Lessons Begin on September 27

We will be starting with Grade 1 on Wednesdays, Grade 2 on Thursdays and Grade 3 on Fridays. Starting at 1:00 p.m. After a couple months we will start with Grade 4s, 5s, and 6s.

Towel & Swim Suit are needed. If you require assistance with this please contact administration at ADCS.

**Please keep cell phones, mobile devices and tablets at home.**

If your child must have one at school please have them turn it into the office during class time.

Our focus is teaching.  
Students' focus is learning.

Thank you  
ADCS

Hi there!

My name is Sarah Mason and I am one of your brand new counselors for Northland School Division, I will be working out of ADCS as well as the other Northland Schools from here to Conklin!

I am originally from the UK where I did my training in Psychology and Counselling, since moving to Canada I have enjoyed spending time and working in the various communities around Fort McMurray in a variety of roles. I am super excited to work with you in Chip and I am looking forward to getting to know you all closely. My main area of focus is Addictions awareness, education and prevention - but don't let that scare you off! ... My aim is to build resiliency in our young people to help equip them with the skills they need to make the best possible choices for their lives and themselves.

I will also be opening my door to any families who feel they could benefit from our working together, where I will work with you to strengthen your family unit and build open lines of communication between your children, youth, teenagers and you as their parents. I very much look forward to meeting and connecting with you on my upcoming visits.

Catch me in the community on my Monthly visits where you will find me in the school 2-3 days every month.

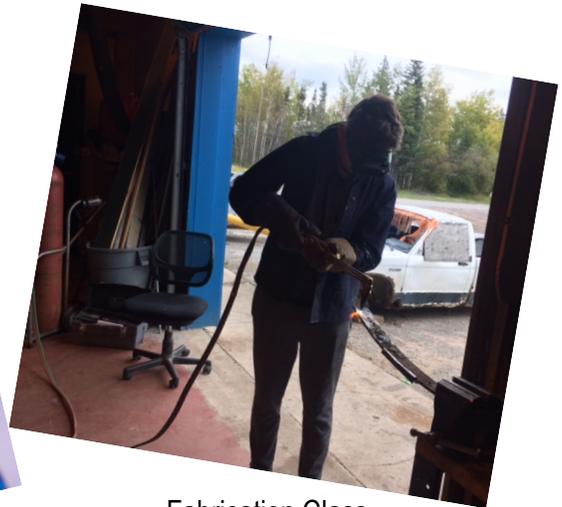
So don't be shy...stop in and say Hi and we can get things moving, or speak to your child's teacher and have them do a referral to me. Together we can start building strong relationships, healthy minds and healthy children!!

-- Sarah Mason NSD Addictions Counselor





CTS  
Steve Tait



Fabrication Class  
Samuel Marten Shott

CTS students designing and creating the 'Thank you to Syncrude' sign for our new computer lab!



Mechanics Class

**Healthy Snacks** provide your child with the vitamins, minerals and hydration to focus, concentrate and grow.  
**Best Picks:** Veggies, Fruit, Proteins

## Key to School Success: ATTENDANCE Northland Administrative Procedure 330

Regular attendance by students in all of their classes enhances their performance and contributes substantially to their educational progress. While students have a right to access an educational program **they also have a responsibility to attend classes regularly.**

The School Act requires students to attend school regularly and punctually and identifies circumstances under which an absence may be deemed as excusable. The Associate Superintendents have been designated as the Attendance Officers for their respective areas in the Division.

If a teacher judges the attendance of a student to be unacceptable, or if the student is absent ten percent (10%) of the days in any one (1) month or more, the teacher will report this attendance information to the Principal.

Once the Principal receives a report of poor attendance on the part of a student, the Principal will, in consultation with the school attendance committee, teacher and/or school/community liaison worker and/or parent, take appropriate actions to attempt to improve the student's attendance.

If the local school attempts at improving a student's attendance fail, the Principal shall report the case to the respective Associate Superintendent pursuant to the Attendance Action Protocol.

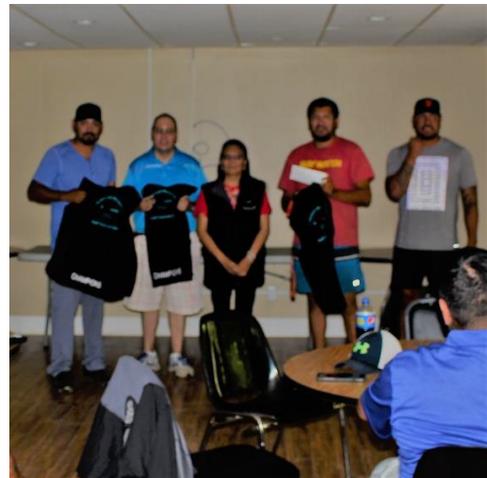
## Memorial Golf Tournament for the Late Patrick Lavallee August 14th, 2017

The tournament was held at the Last Oak Golf & Country Club which is situated on the Cowessess First Nation. As this time, I would like to thank the ADCS and Northlands staff for the sponsorship of the vest for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of the tournament. There were 13 golfers so they played 2-man best ball.

**1st Place Winners – Sean and Matty Lavallee**

**2nd Place Winners – Bean, Ron Acoose and Jade Lavallee**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE, ADCS, I KNOW DEEP DOWN THAT PAT IS BEAMING WITH PRIDE!!**



## Thank You

Suncor  
*Furniture Donation*

United Way  
*Backpacks with School Supplies*

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation  
*Cultural Event for our Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 Students*

LAYC & ELI  
*Supporting Our Northland Day & Community Orientation for Our Teachers*

MCFN, ACFN, Metis & LAYC/ELI  
*Organizing Our Upcoming Moose Camp*

Helping Hands  
*Continued Breakfast Club & Student Programming*

Careers Next Generation  
*Health Career Fair for our Secondary Students*

Imperial Oil  
*Various School Supplies*

Northern Store  
*Catch Ya Being Good Program & Breakfast Club Donation*

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**Keep in Touch via Facebook!**

### Up & Coming!

Literacy Initiative

Scholastic Book Fair

WE Event in Calgary  
(WE are looking for youth to attend!)

Fort McMurray Career Fair  
Day Trip

Art Afternoon @ Youth Centre