



Welcome to  
Fox Creek School  
May 2018



# Parent Newsletter

### Principal's Message

As we move into summer we are celebrating all the learning that has taken place at Fox Creek School since September. Thank you goes out to all the parents and guests who attended our Annual spring Concert and art Show. It is awesome to see so many in our gym to support our students and staff with their performance. This event is possible due to the hard work of our students and staff and for all of this I say Thank you.

Graduation plans are well underway as our Grade 12 students will be celebrating their achievements with family and friends on June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm. As we move into June, our CHAMP Team will be organizing sessions for our students in an attempt to support them with the preparation for exams at the end of the year. It is important we continue to support our students during the next month as we wind down to summer. This can be a stressful time for students as they prepare for exams and we are wondering what their next steps in life will be as they finish Grade 12. We are committed to working with our students and families to ensure students have a strong finish to their school year. If you have any concerns about your daughter or son please do not hesitate to contact us as we can support them to the best of our abilities.

There will be a Kindergarten information and registration evening on June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Fox Creek School. If you have a child entering kindergarten this will be a worthwhile meeting to attend so you have all the pertinent information for your child.

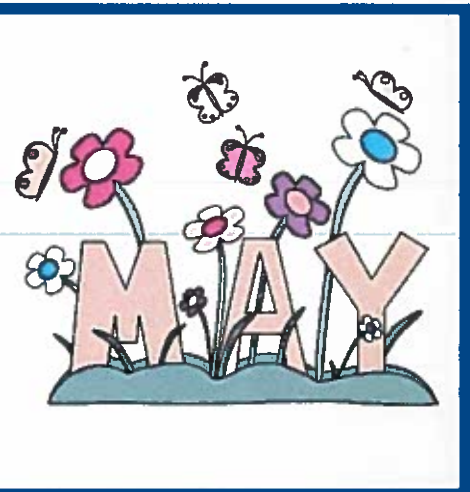
That PAT, Diploma and Final Exam Schedule is included in this newsletter. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the specific dates and times for these exams. It is essential students show up prepared to do their best on their exams. Students at this time of year are struggling to stay focused until the end of school, we all need to work together to support and ensure every student has a strong finish to the end of the year. Student attendance and commitment to their studies is critical for the next four weeks as they prepare for their finals.

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### Email List:

If you would like to be added to our email list and receive an electronic version of our newsletter, please contact Mrs. Carmichael at the office or

[amber.carmichael@ngps.ca](mailto:amber.carmichael@ngps.ca)



Dates to  
mark your  
calendar

June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Elementary  
Track and Field

June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten  
Graduation @  
7pm

June 28<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day of  
School

First Day  
Back To  
School  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup>/18

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Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is our Elementary Track Meet. We are hoping the weather cooperates but if we have to postpone due to weather please stay tuned for an alternative date. Thank you in advance to everyone who put their names forward to help with this event. Thank you goes out to Pembina for sponsoring lunch for all our students. Our community Businesses and Community Groups are definitely committed to our students and school. Congratulations to Taryn U and Megan M. for graduating from Norquest College with their Health Care Aide Certificate. We are extremely proud to have some college graduates on our school campus.

Congrats to our numerous Jr. /Sr. High Track and Field athletes. We had a sound performance at Zones and some of our athletes will be competing in Provincials this weekend in Red Deer. Good luck athletes and thank you goes out to all those who have helped to coach our Track and Field Teams.

So once again, you can see our students have been busy this past month. We look forward to June and we continue to ask parents to come in and meet with us if there is anything we can do to help support your children in our school. Have a great day!

Ian Baxter  
Principal, Fox Creek School

## NEWS FROM ELEMENTARY

The following students received Virtue of "Self-Control" certificates for the month of April:



KG	Madelyn Ashmore
1Din	Leighton Gallant
1Dec	Iyanna Durias
2R	Braxton Lussier
3O	Evanee Lamb
3S	Aurora Castle
4W	Cayley Stadnyk
5C	Malachi Ewert
6S	Taryn Matheson

The following students received Virtue of "Citizenship" certificates for the month of May:

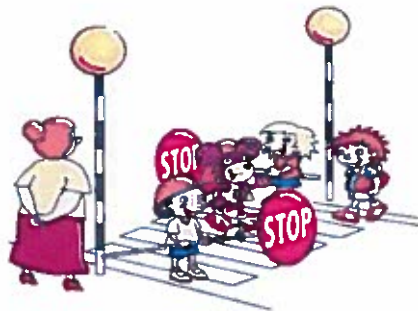
1Din Naarah Ewert  
1Dec Korbyn Bruce



- 2R Cole Goodick
- 3O Jomar Pangan
- 3S Xander Bignell
- 4W Daizy-Lee Jantz
- 5C Jaclyn Tomlinson
- 6S Hope Johanson



## PATROLLER OF THE MONTH



The recipient of the Patroller of the Month award for April is:  
-Bo LaChance

The recipient of the Patroller of the Month award for May is:  
-Abigail King

Great job to all of you!



## **Plant a Seed & See What Grows.**

Teachers were happy to receive a set of books, seeds, work booklets, cups and dirt for the students to plant and grow. Kindergarten to Grade 3 students enjoyed story time with a reading of the children's book; *Plant a Seed & See what Grows* by Roland Gahler and learned how to plant parsley and beans. This program is made possible by Plant a Seed & See What Grows Foundation and the Fox Creek Municipal Library.



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## Library Happenings

### Upcoming Workshops

Wind Chime Workshop for Grade 5 and up will be held June 21, 3:30pm-4:30pm in the library. Join us to make Wind Chimes out of natural materials. There is no fee, but preregistration is required. Contact the library at 780-622-2343.



### Displays

#### Indigenous Display

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples in Canada. The library will have an Indigenous display June 11- June 23.

#### Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition

The library will have an art display called "Rain Dance" in the library from May 17-June 8.

### Reminder to return Library Books

Students: Please return your library books by June 22.



Located in the School  
501 8<sup>th</sup> street  
Just walk right in the main doors,  
you will see our sign in the hallway!  
Summer Hours:  
July/August  
Tuesday/Thursday 8-9 p.m.  
Wednesday 1-4 p.m.



Here are some of the fun things we have planned this summer:

#### **\*\*NEW\*\* Stretching & Stories** Wednesday at 1:30-2:00

All ages welcome. Drop in. Children under 6 must have a responsible supervisor over 12 yrs. We will read a children's story and incorporate some gentle stretching and movement into our time. We will be using the floor, mats and movement. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends are welcome to attend and move along with us.

**TD Summer Reading Program.** Come to the library and pick up a log book. Keep track of your reading and access fun online activities too, on the TD Summer Reading Club website. Show the Librarian your log book with all the books you have read and receive a prize from our prize box.

**Craft/Activity every week**- We will have a new craft each week during the summer that you are welcome to drop in and complete while supplies last. Children under 6 must have a responsible supervisor over 12 yrs. old. All materials are supplied. This is what we have planned so far: T-Shirt Tote bags, Salt Art, Library Scavenger Hunt, Spin Art, laser crawl, and much more.

Don't forget to **enter our draws**. We will have some summer giveaways. You can't enter if you don't come to the library.

**Sign out a book** and keep up your reading level by practicing over the summer. If you need help finding a book that you are interested in, let the librarian know!



## OTHER REASONS PEOPLE COME TO THE LIBRARY:

- ✓ Free computer use Laptops/Desktops
- ✓ Device charging station
- ✓ Free Wifi
- ✓ Printing for a small fee
- ✓ Books, Magazines, DVD's
- ✓ STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Games, Toys, etc
- ✓ LEGO, Keva Planks
- ✓ Comfy chairs to sit and browse books
- ✓ Inter library loans
- ✓ Coffee/tea/hot chocolate \$1.00
- ✓ Air conditioning ☺

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### Diploma Final Exam Schedule June 2018

Date	Time	Subject
Wednesday, June 13	9 am-12 pm	English 30-1 and 30-2 Part A
Thursday, June 14	9 am-12 pm	Social studies 30-1 and 30-2 Part A
Wednesday, June 20	9 am-12 pm	English 30-1 and 30-2 Part B
<b>Thursday, June 21</b>	<b>Last day of regular High School Classes Aboriginal Day- No Exams</b>	<b>All Subjects</b>
Friday, June 22	9 am-12 pm	Social Studies 30-1 and 30-2 Part B
Monday, June 25	9 am-12 pm	Math 30-1 and 30-2
Tuesday, June 26	9 am-12 pm	Chemistry 30
Wednesday, June 27	9 am-12 pm	Biology 30
Thursday, June 28	9 am-12 pm	Physics 30
Thursday, June 28	1:00 pm- 4 pm	Science 30

### Non diploma High School Final Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Subject
Friday, June 22	9 am-12pm	English 20-1/20-2 Science 10/14
Monday, June 25	9 am-12pm	Physics 20 English 10-1/10-2 English 10-1/10-2
Tuesday, June 26	9 am-12pm	Science 24/Math 30-3
Wednesday, June 27	9 am-12pm	ADLC and Individualized Final exams.

### Junior High Final Exam

Students will report to their assigned class at the regular start time. Students will have from 8:45 until 9:50 for a study session. Students will begin their exam at 10 am sharp. They must stay in the classroom for at least 1.5 hours before they can leave the school. Last day of regular classes for Jr. High will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Date	Time	Subject
Monday, June 25	10 am-12 pm	Science 7- Social 8
Tuesday, June 26	10 am-12 pm	Social Studies 7 and 9 Science 8
Wednesday, June 27	10 am-12 pm	Language Arts 7-8-9
Thursday, June 28	10 am-12 pm	Math 7-8-9



### Grade 6 PAT Final Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday, June 12	9 am-12 pm	Grade 6 LA Part B
Thursday, June 14	9 am-12 pm	Grade 6 Math
Tuesday, June 19	9 am-12 pm	Grade 6 Social Studies
Thursday, June 21	9 am-12 pm	Grade 6 Science

## SCHOLARSHIPS



### Chevron Scholarships

**Award: (2) \$1,000**

**Deadline: June 11, 2018**

**Student requirements:** Students required to provide a 500 word application essay on why they have chosen to pursue an education in their field of choice and a reference letter from a teacher or community volunteer activity coordinator.

**Apply to:** Fox Creek School  
Mary Ann Hodges  
[Maryann.hodges@ngps.ca](mailto:Maryann.hodges@ngps.ca)  
501-8<sup>th</sup> street, Box 88  
Fox Creek, Alberta  
T0H 1P0

**Note:** All submissions must be received by 5:00 pm on the deadline date indicated above. Late submissions will not be accepted.



**.REPSOL**

**Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc.  
2018 Scholarship Award.**

The Scholarship is the \$1,000.00 scholarship for any Grade 12 graduating student furthering their education. We are asking any student interested in applying for this scholarship to write a cover letter outlining their academic plans for the future and telling a little about themselves. Letters need to be submitted by June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and can be sent via email to [tswerbus@repsol.com](mailto:tswerbus@repsol.com) or by regular mail to Box 6840, Edson AB T7E 1V2.

**Congratulations to Grade 8 Students:  
Alexys Eagan, Zoe Marinus and Fischer Hudson!**

The Grade 8 Social Studies class entered a contest on the Past, Present and Future of Alberta's Farming. The students were to write a 500-800 word essay on their thoughts and understanding of Alberta's Agriculture.

Alexys Eagan, Zoe Marinus and Fischer Hudson won the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta's Agriculture Essay Contest from Fox Creek School! They will receive an excursion on the historic Alberta Railway in June 2018.

Her Honor, the Lieutenant Governor will welcome Alexys, Zoe and Fischer, as well as other recipients on the Alberta Prairie Railroad excursion that departs from Stettler, Alberta at 2:30 PM on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This five hour excursion will highlight the amazing Rod Miller collection of hand-tools, one of the largest and best of its kind in North America. They will also be able to spend time in the tool museum building south-west of the Big Valley station. This trip will also include a buffet style Alberta roast beef meal and on board entertainment!

Again, Congratulations to Alexys, Zoe and Fischer! We are very proud of them!

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**Don't miss  
the  
3rd  
Annual  
Fox  
Creek  
Business  
Showcase  
Career  
& Job Fair**

**COME ONE, COME ALL  
Job seekers,  
Students & Parents  
& YOU!  
LET'S FILL THE GYM**

**Tuesday, October 16th,  
2018**

**All are welcome to  
attend this free event!**

**Free Dinner  
Sponsored by**  


**ONE DAY ONLY!**  
**Discover career opportunities,  
connect with employers,  
and learn about local businesses**



**4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Fox Creek School Gymnasium**

## SUMMER SURVIVAL GUIDE

If you are like me, you may be viewing the approaching summer with a mixture of excitement and dread. Depending on parents' work schedule it could be a mad scramble trying to find childcare and summer camps or you may be dreading the long days of keeping your child entertained, stimulated and out of trouble for eight weeks!

Many parents think that keeping their child occupied 24-7 will be beneficial for them. Have you heard of the term *"White Space?"* In the visual arts world, it is a term often referred to as a negative space, a portion in art or designs that is left unmarked, empty, and blank. Just like white space is important in the art world by giving balance and defining boundaries, white space in a child's life is important because it gives them a chance to stop, pause and breathe.

This summer, I am giving parents of Northern Gateway Public School students a terrifying suggestion (or a double dog dare, if you will): Give your child a full 24 hours with no internet, no video games, no phone, and yes, no chores. After an initial mental break down from you and your child, surprising things will happen...they (and you) will discover imagination, innovation, adventure and natural curiosity.

### *Why do we fear "unplanned time" or "white space"?*

In today's generation it's almost the norm to keep our children occupied at all times. Whether it's scheduled play dates, school, sports, video games or electronics. Some of us see unplanned time as a waste or fear that it could lead to our child getting into trouble. Or the darlings drive us a little crazy with their constant complaints on "being bored" or fighting among themselves.

At the risk of aging myself, I challenge parents this summer to go back to a few of parenting styles of the **1970's** and **'80's**. Okay, I am not saying to ditch the bicycle helmets and car seats and have your precious angels roll around the back of a station wagon, but I think we can all lighten up on the expectations to provide constant entertainment for our children over the summer months. Crack open a Tab, spray some "Sun-in" on your hair and relax.

For those of you younger than me and may not know what a **'70's** and **'80's** summer looks like, here a few ideas:

#### **1. They can play outside. All Day.**

- \*If they're thirsty, drink from the hose
- \*Run through the sprinklers

5 *They can play on a rainy day.*

\*Pull out the good old board games. Don't have any? Your local second hand store will have plenty. Leave a game on the table for a couple days, guaranteed your children will start playing them.

\*Have a picnic on the kitchen floor

\*Build a puzzle.

Great memories happen when we lower our expectations, turn off the screens, and harness the freedom of no school schedules. In our part of the country, the sunny, hot days of summer do not last long, so let's enjoy them while we can!

*"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." ~ Laura Ingalls Wilder*

*This article was submitted by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Division Social Worker. She is a support for schools, students, parents and caregivers to encourage success in school. Tammy advocates for students and provides a link between the student and other supports within the community. Tammy has been a social worker for nearly 20 years and is a mother to 4 children, 3 of which are teenagers.*

Gateway Academy

# Career Exposure

Summer Boot Camps

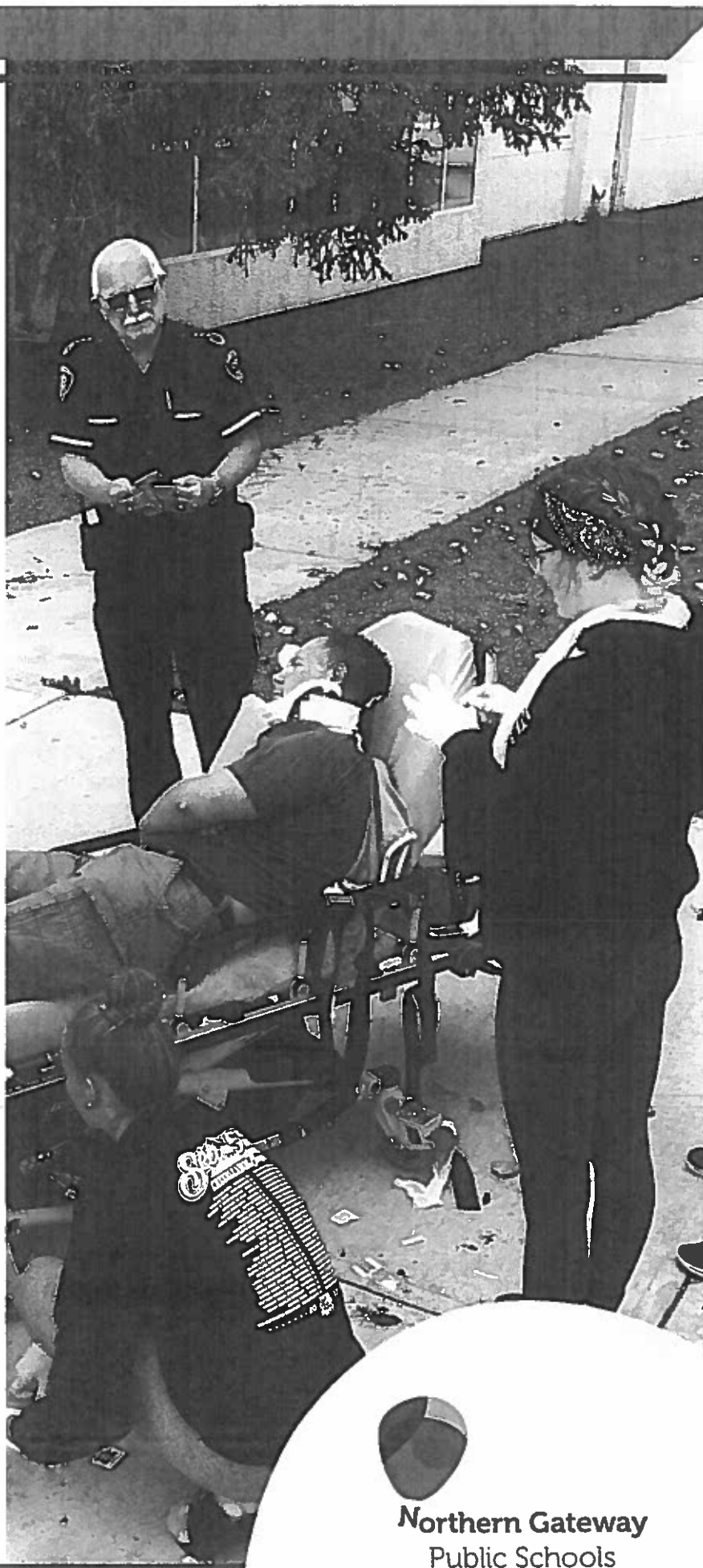
July 3 - 13,

# 2018

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Explore your options  
in technology,  
trades, business,  
science and the arts.*

Register online at  
**ngps.ca**



**Northern Gateway**  
Public Schools

## Summer Boot Camps - Week 1 - July 3 - 7, 2018 Hilltop Jr/Sr High



### Medical Minds 2 Credits

Take a journey through the health care system and explore the multitude of careers available. Students will receive standard 3-year First Aid and CPR Certification offered by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Course includes hospital and fire hall tours.

### Let's Redline your Automotive Knowledge 3 Credits

Students will develop an increased awareness of automotive technology and will gain the knowledge and skills to service a vehicle. Upon completing the camp students will be expected to use specialized equipment.

### Website / App Development 3 Credits

Developed specifically for use on small, wireless computing devices, such as smartphones and tablets, rather than desktop or laptop computers. Students will develop a mobile app and software application.

### Learners Permit Preparation 1 Credits

It takes study and practice to be a safe driver. Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to pass the Learners permit exam from this course. This camp will prepare students seeking to obtain an Alberta Class 7 learner driver's licence permit.

### "Cooking with Class" Culinary Arts 3 Credits

Students will learn to cook meals from around the world. Students will earn their Safe Food Handling Certification.

### So you want to be Millionaire!

#### 3 Credits

Students will learn about money management and personal wealth. This course will be taught by finance professionals. Course includes a number of financial simulations.

### Industrial Safety Certification

#### 5 Credits

Industry recognized 3-Year certification in the following:

- H2S Alive
- Confined Spaces
- Detection and Control of Flammables
- WHMIS 2015
- Ground Disturbance
- Fall Protection
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Fire extinguisher
- Flagging
- Ladder Safety

In Partnership with Northwest Fire

### Exploring the World of Travel

#### 3 Credits

Discover the possibilities of the hotel industry through the eyes of a tourist. Learn how to work and travel and develop a personal travel plan. Taught in partnership with Holiday Inn Express and Timber Ridge Inn and Suites

### Forestry 3 Credits

In partnership with local companies students will learn about various careers in the forestry industry.

Register online at [ngps.ca](http://ngps.ca)

## Summer Boot Camps - Week 2 - July 9 - 13, 2018 Hilltop Jr/Sr High

*Students in Grades 9 through 12 will explore areas of interest along side industry experts in a hands-on environment.*

### **Policing and Justice Studies 3 Credits**

In partnership with the RCMP, students will learn about policing and justice the justice system:

- roles and responsibilities in the police service
- Current policing trends
- Crime reporting and tracking
- Careers in the Criminal Justice System

### **Next Great Entrepreneur 3 Credits**

Students will learn what it takes to start, develop and operate their own business.

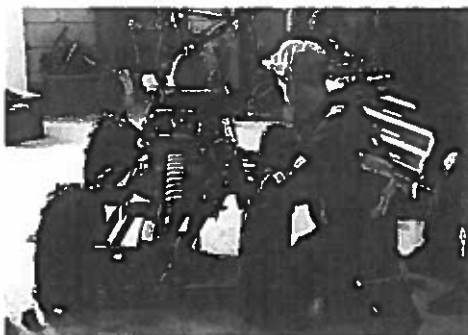
### **X-Treme Robots 3 Credits**

Students will integrate robot control language to design, develop, implement and debug robotic programs. They will employ standards for structural programming constructs and simple data structures. Students will also gain a general understanding of robot and robots environment, employ procedural programming techniques and fundamental data structures. They will learn how to analyze, modify and debug robots.

# No Charge for Camps

### **Medical Minds 2 Credits**

Take a journey through the health care system and explore the multitude of careers available. Students will receive standard 3-year First Aid and CPR Certification offered by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Course includes hospital and fire hall tours.



### **Motorcycle Mechanic 3 Credits**

Students will learn about small engine technology and develop skills and knowledge required to service ATVs and motorcycles.

### **Aesthetics with Evelyn Charles 3 Credits**

Students will explore the world of aesthetics including manicures, professional make-up application and colour theory.

### **Sweets and More Sweets Baking 3 Credits**

An introduction into the sweet world of baking. Designed for beginning bakers. Learn baking fundamentals including the science and chemistry behind your favorite treats.

### **Movie Making Magic 3 Credits**

Learn to shoot video on a smart phone or tablet - and later use fundamental concepts of visual story telling combined with the technical skills involved in shooting, acting and directing.



# Summer Boot Camps - 2 weeks - July 3 - 13, 2018 Hilltop Jr/Sr High

## Exploring Trades - Construction

### 5 Credits

Explore a career in construction trades. Students will gain knowledge of tools, materials, product management, framing systems, floor, wall and roof structures, doors, windows and siding installation.

## Yoga for the Mind and Body

### 3 Credits

Students will experience the health benefits of yoga while developing their well-being and personal management skills which will assist them in balancing their school, work, relationships and other life priorities. Required materials: a yoga mat and appropriate clothing for physical activity.

## Expand your Camp Experience

Combine 2 camps to enhance your learning experience.

Cooking with Class / Sweets and More Sweets Baking

So you want to be a Millionaire! / Next Great Entrepreneur

Let's Redline your Automotive Knowledge / Motorcycle Mechanic

## "Art in Nature"

### 5 Credits

Students will gain increased knowledge of the fine arts and an understanding of different types of art. Students will create a wide variety of art.

## Gaming, IT Tech School and Cisco Networking

### 5 Credits

Students will develop a working knowledge of how computers and mobile devices operate, learn to identify common security threats and apply skills and procedures to install, configure and trouble shoot computers, mobile devices and software.

Register for RAP and Summer Work Experience with your Off-Campus Teacher

## RAP-Registered Apprenticeship Program

1 credit for every 25 hours worked

Start your future now. Are you interested in the trades? RAP students are both full-time students and registered apprentices dividing their time between an approved work-site and their high school studies.

## Work Experience

1 credit for every 25 hours worked

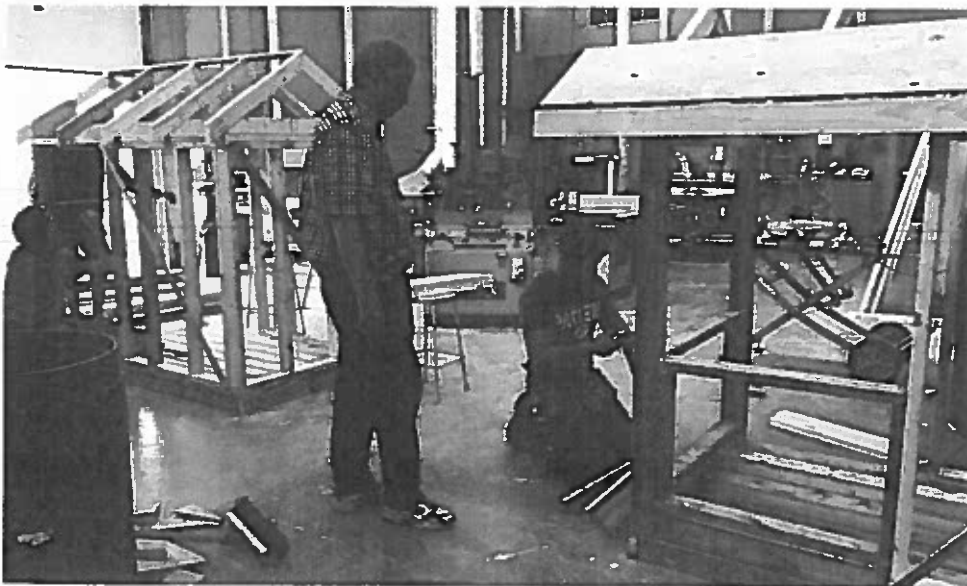
Are you planning on getting a summer job? You can receive high school credits while you are working.

HCS3000 must be completed prior to starting placements.

Register online at [ngps.ca](http://ngps.ca)

Camps are free of Charge

Earn High School Credits!



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