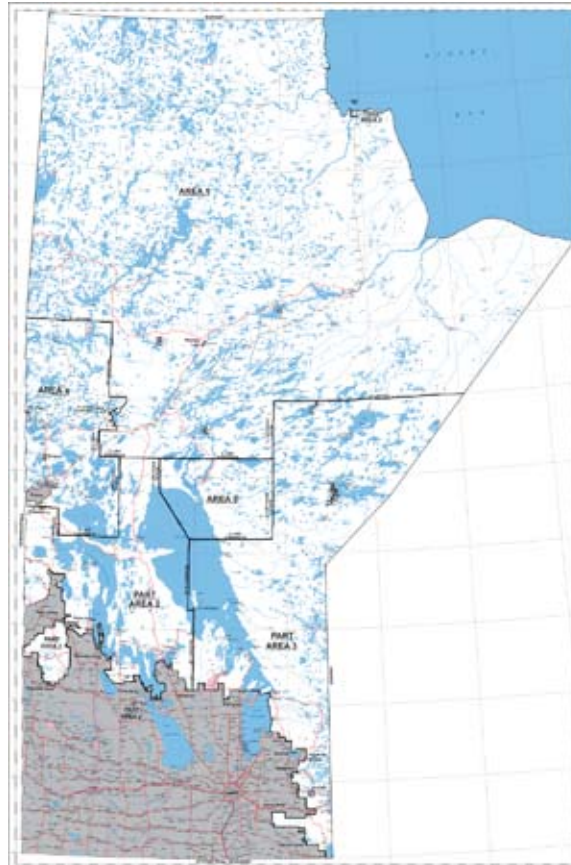


The new SS/NS website is available at:
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Social Studies/Native Studies (SS/NS) Department 2007

“Students thrive in an atmosphere that affirms identity and encourages a critical and inclusive approach to the study of history and culture.”

* The SS/NS Department logo is based upon an artwork by former FSD student Roberta Ballantyne, Grand Rapids school, 1995.

What are the future plans of the Social Studies/Native Studies Department?

The SS/NS Department is presently creating a website that will become the main means of communication with the schools and communities of Frontier School Division.

The website will include:

- Current news on Northern and remote Manitoba and Aboriginal issues.
- Profiles of aboriginal newsmakers.
- Photograph Archives of Northern Manitoba
- Professional Development information for teachers.
- Historical and family history research information for parents and community members.
- All of our curricular materials, including much unpublished work.
- Links to resources elsewhere.

What is the Social Studies/Native Studies Department?

The Social Studies/Native Studies (SS/NS) Department of Frontier School Division is a small team of researchers and writers, consisting of:

Adele Ledoux
SS/NS Curriculum Development Consultant
(Early and Middle Years)

Raymond Shirritt-Beaumont
SS/NS Consultant and Researcher/Writer
(Senior Years)

Louise Marleau
Researcher/Webmaster



"Indians" - possibly assisting survey party #4 on HBR, 1908
FSD Photo Archive, #000064
(Source: Library & Archives Canada, PA147454)

What has the Social Studies/Native Studies Department accomplished?

The Social Studies/Native Studies Department has promoted historical and cultural knowledge of Northern and remote Manitoba for over twenty years. Below are examples of some of the things we have done.

- Researched and written several community histories and anthologies.
- Assisted with the creation of video histories of several of our communities.
- Written illustrated big books (early years) that are culturally sensitive.
- Created supplemental guides for Early Years that include Northern Manitoba and Aboriginal content.
- Created two edu-kits on fur trade themes, one early years; the other senior years.
- Created a high school course in Native Studies.
- Contributed research to several research projects completed outside the division.
- In-serviced teachers, parents, community on the teaching of history and culture.

What does the Social Studies/Native Studies Department do?

The SS/NS Department is responsible for the collection and development of SS/NS materials to be integrated into existing SS curricula, so that all students learn about and appreciate the contribution of aboriginal people to the history and development of Manitoba first and foremost, but also of the Americas in general.

Increasingly, that historical focus has expanded to include greater emphasis on the economic history of Northern and remote Manitoba, as a prerequisite to educating our students on the economic possibilities there today.

In addition, the mandate of the SS/NS Department also includes support for and promotion of aboriginal languages.



Participation in Heritage Fairs, such as this one at Cranberry Portage Elementary in 2004, is strongly encouraged throughout the Division.

Illustrated Early Years Big Books that are culturally sensitive.



Community histories and anthologies.



Video histories of FSD communities.

