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WELCOME TO
BUNIBONIBEE
CREE NATION

Bunibonibee Cree Nation is a welcoming community with beautiful scenery and friendly residents. With the opening of a brand-new school and other recent developments, Bunibonibee is excited for all of the opportunity and growth ahead.

TREATY 5 TERRITORY

Located in Treaty 5 Territory, Bunibonibee Cree Nation is approximately 600 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg, Manitoba.



MFNERC

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. is guided by the following vision and mission statements:

VISION

Support First Nations to develop and implement a comprehensive holistic educational system inclusive of First Nations languages, world views, values, beliefs, and traditions with exemplary academic standards, under First Nation jurisdiction.

MISSION

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve the **good life** (mino-pimatisiwin).

Cree, Ojibwe, Ojibwe-Cree

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve the **good life** (honso aynai).

Dene

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve the **good life** (tokadakiya wichoni washte).

Dakota



WELCOME



Chief Clarence Easter
Chairperson | Board of Directors

On behalf of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) Board of Directors, I am pleased to present you with this Oxford House Elementary School and 1972 Memorial High School information package. I extend my appreciation to everyone involved in gathering and providing information to make this project possible.

Teaching at either of these great schools will provide you with a unique and valuable career, as well as many new life opportunities. The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre is excited to work with you as you begin a new journey in your teaching career.

Ekosani

On behalf of the MFNERC and MFNSS, we are excited to share this information package with teachers who are interested in joining us to work with First Nations students in Manitoba.

This information package aims to connect motivated and knowledgeable teachers to our First Nations schools. This particular package highlights the many benefits of working with the community of Bunibonibee Cree Nation and the opportunities available at both Oxford House Elementary School and 1972 Memorial High School.

We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to answering any questions you have about the exciting career opportunities available.

Ekosani



Charles Cochrane
Executive Director | MFNERC



TESTIMONIALS

"Clean living, clean air, clean water, and away from the hustle and bustle of the bright lights, but at the same time, the comfort of the communities that Bunibonibee has to offer."

- *Teacher at 1972 Memorial High School*

"We have a brand-new high school. State-of-the-art, it's very beautiful. They're building cabins for outdoor activities and outdoor education, new teacherages, and in the new school, everything is brand new."

- *Administration at Oxford House Elementary School*

"If you like peace, quiet, and tranquility, then this is the place for you. It's very beautiful up here. The lakes, the people. Once they get to know you, they're pretty friendly."

- *Teacher at 1972 Memorial High School*

"To see how you've made an impact in the lives of your students is an awesome thing [...] at the end of the day, they look to you, they will call you for advice because you have made an impact, you've created a change."

- *Teacher at 1972 Memorial High School*

"We're pretty accommodating. We want to make sure our teachers are looked after and ensure they're comfortable in our community."

- *Administration at Oxford House Elementary School*

SURROUNDING LAND

WHERE IS BUNIBONIBEE?

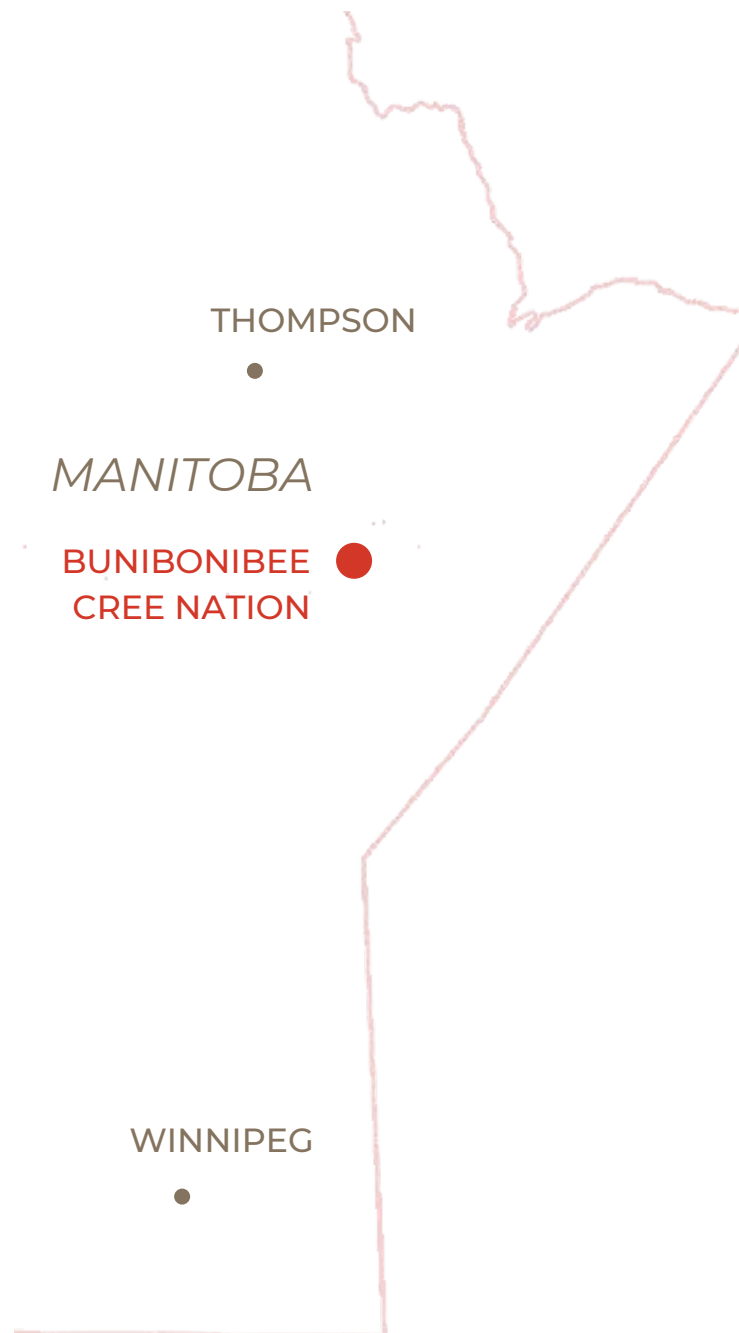
Formerly known as Oxford House First Nation, Bunibonibee is located near Oxford Lake and one of Canada's Heritage Rivers, Hayes River.

Geographically, the community is approximately 190km from the city of Thompson, 400km from The Pas, and 600km northeast of Winnipeg.

SERVICE CENTRES & AMMENITIES

Bunibonibee possesses many services and amenities to provide incoming teachers with a comfortable stay, including a Tim Hortons, grocery and essential goods stores, fresh produce, a sporting arena, outdoor hockey rinks, North Star Resort on Knee Lake, and much more.

Bunibonibee is also known for its great outdoor adventures, including hiking, trekking, sightseeing, animal watching, hunting, and capturing photogenic views.





OXFORD HOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

Oxford House Elementary School provides students a place where they are able to expand their individual learning and work to their fullest potential. We will strive to provide quality education to all students through accommodating individual student needs and differences in a safe and secure learning environment. We're dedicated to promoting a life of learning and joy.

COUNCIL

Keewatin Tribal Council
Chief: Richard Brian Hart Jr.

"Come to our community, our school. Come and experience the friendliness of the people in the community."

GRADES

K4 (Nursery) - Grade 6

DEMOGRAPHICS

Students: 500
Staff: 30-40

SCHOOL TIME

8:15AM - 4:00PM (Teachers)
8:30AM - 3:40PM (Students)

LANGUAGE

Cree and English

TREATY

Treaty 5



1972 MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES

Grades 7 - 12

DEMOGRAPHICS

Students: 300

Staff: 30-40

SCHOOL TIME

8:15AM - 4:00PM (Teachers)

8:30AM - 3:40PM (Students)

LANGUAGE

Cree and English

TREATY

Treaty 5

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to help our community's youth achieve a life of healing, growth, and learning to succeed in today's society.

VISION STATEMENT

1972 Memorial High School strives to provide cultural experiences in a safe, holistic environment to ensure that every child is a successful learner.

COUNCIL

Keewatin Tribal Council

Chief: Richard Brian Hart Jr.

"The new school is built. It's a beautiful school. Big and wide open. Just a beautiful school."



SCHOOL SPECIALTY AREAS

SPECIAL CLASSES OFFERED

Bunibonibee's schools offer a variety of specialty classes, including land-based and cultural learning, survival skills, woodworking, hunting, fishing, medicines, outdoor cooking, and industrial arts. By combining traditional-based education with contemporary reading and writing, each student will be well equipped to succeed in today's economy while retaining their cultural identities.

EVENTS

Bunibonibee's schools host many communal and cultural events to keep kids on the right path while bringing the community together. During the winter months, members of the community enjoy getting together at the winter carnival, for ice fishing, or to compete in hockey tournaments. During the warmer months, residents can enjoy festivals, carnivals, canoeing, boating trips, and summer fishing derbies.

COMPETITIONS

The community gets its students to compete in various sporting events, such as beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, basketball, and more. Bunibonibee also has an ice rink for outdoor hockey games and tournaments.

"It's a progressive community where teachers can make a lot of difference, starting with our students."



FACILITIES

STUDENT FACILITIES

Bunibonibee's schools have several classrooms, a library, computer lab, science lab, cooking room, and industrial arts room. The new and upgraded schools, respectively, now host larger and modern teaching spaces with upgraded specialty classrooms and equipment for both students and teachers.

TEACHER FACILITIES

Teachers have a staff lounge, where they can relax and socialize with other teachers. They also have access to all the student facilities.

RENOVATIONS & SERVICES

In September 2021, Bunibonibee unveiled the grand opening of their brand-new state-of-the-art high school while also undergoing renovations for their elementary school. Both schools now host additional classrooms, upgraded playgrounds, and new equipment and facilities for students and staff to enjoy.

WI-FI/CELLULAR SERVICE

The students and staff have free access to Wi-Fi at the school and the community also has 3G cellular service available for use.

"In the new school, everything is brand new. They have new computers, everything. Everything is brand new that teachers and students need."



TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

AVERAGE DAY

8:30 AM

Meet the students and start the day.

8:55 AM

Morning announcements and prayers. Teaching begins.

10:30 AM

Short recess in the morning.

12:00 PM

Lunch break.

2:00 PM

Afternoon recess.

3:40 PM

End of school day.

All teachers are responsible for teaching multiple subjects

WHAT IS BUNIBONIBEE LOOKING FOR IN A TEACHER?

Interested teachers must be eligible to teach in Manitoba and have obtained Manitoban certification so the students can be accredited. Beyond that, we hope our teachers are passionate, friendly, outgoing, respectful of Indigenous culture, and willing to participate in community events with students, residents, and Elders.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers are expected to take part in extracurricular activities and help tutor students if needed. Volunteering is always welcomed to help develop stronger relationships with the residents.

"We look for people who are willing to make good relationships with the community and with the students, are creative, and who can teach different methods and different styles."



TEACHER ACCOMMODATIONS

TEACHERAGE RENTALS

Bunibonibee has built over one dozen new teacherages and has made them available for rent. They are regularly maintained and their monthly cost is subsidized for teachers.

AMENITIES

Teachers have access to a washer, dryer, bathroom, kitchen, heating, hot water, stove, oven, refrigerator, television, microwave, bed, and couches. Teachers are responsible for bringing their own kitchen utensils, toiletries, and bedsheets.

WI-FI/CELLULAR SERVICE

The community has 3G cellular service and the teacherages have access to Wi-Fi.

“I’ve been here for the past seven years and, for me, teaching here has been rewarding.”

RENT

Rent is subsidized and is approximately \$260/month for a two-bedroom teacherage.

PET-FRIENDLY

Yes

DISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL

The teacherages are right beside the school and just a few minutes away by foot.

TEMPERATURE RANGE

Average Summer: 18°C

Average Winter: - 22°C

(windchill can make it feel -30°C)

Having appropriate outdoor winter clothing is necessary.



COMMUNITY LIFE

HIGHLIGHTS

Dating back to 1798 as Hudson's Bay Trading Post, Bunibonibee Cree Nation is now a peaceful and friendly community with over 2,500 community members. Bunibonibee's lakes and rivers, boating trips, and picturesque waterfalls make the community the perfect home for nature lovers.

During the summer, residents enjoy local festivals, hunting days, sporting events, and much more. In addition, residents enjoy welcoming new teachers to their community by inviting them to partake in traditional events. This may include Treaty Day celebrations, fishing derbies, traditional cooking classes, and being part of sweat lodges and sage burning ceremonies. In the winter, community members can enjoy ice fishing, outdoor hockey tournaments, snowshoeing, hikes, and winter carnivals.

With plenty of nature to explore and sights to see, Bunibonibee is a beautiful place that many people are proud to call home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Bunibonibee is a peaceful and calm community with beautiful sights and plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy year-round. Community residents are very friendly, welcoming, and always encourage incoming teachers to get involved within their culture and traditions. Between cultural days, festivals, and fishing derbies, this is an excellent community to live and teach in.

When venturing outside of Bunibonibee, residents may visit the community of God's Lake, Haze River, Laidlaw River, and even the beautiful Choke Falls.

"You have a lot of hiking, sightseeing areas, and historic paintings. We have the Haze Rive, the Laidlaw River, and the Choke Falls as well. If you get to know our people, they'll show you what makes the community beautiful."

COMMUNITY LIFE

SERVICES

Bunibonibee has a Tim Hortons, a resort, grocery and retail stores, a church, high-speed internet, a post office, an airport, Triple B Motel, RCMP, and medical responders. The new school also has a full workout facility and a modern gymnasium with new equipment.



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