

WELCOME TO

Marten Falls First Nation / Ogoki Post



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Marten Falls First Nation

Boozhoo!

Welcome to Marten Falls! We are so happy that you have decided to come live and teach in our community. Your students and community members are really looking forward to meeting you!

Marten Falls is a small fly-in community located on the mighty Albany River, which provides access to numerous rivers and lakes. In summer, these waterways are wonderful for fishing and in winter, you can have fun snowmobiling and snowshoeing. The land also offers ideal grounds for hunting and camping. The Marten Falls school board will organize boating and fishing excursions when the river is open. While in Marten Falls, we encourage you to learn about our history and our culture. Many people here speak Ojibwe.

Of course, you will also be very busy at school and after class with preparation and extracurricular activities. If you love a sport or activity, please share your passion with the students by setting up a club. You can also invest yourself in one of our existing extracurricular activities. Spending time with students outside of class is essential to getting to know them and giving them the chance to get to know you.

Another great way to get to know your students and their families, as well as your neighbours and colleagues, is to participate in events and activities. You will always be welcome to attend, please actively participate.

Have a great time at the Summer Enrichment Program, then bring your learnings, energy, and enthusiasm to Marten Falls at the beginning of the school year.

See you soon!

Maria Baxter

Band Councillor, Education Portfolio



A message from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum

Boozhoo,

Welcome to Marten Falls First Nation, also known as Ogoki Post. We are so happy that you have decided to come live and teach in our community.

Your students and community members are really looking forward to meeting you, which will happen during our school grand opening in September.

COVID-19 has effected our childrens' educations, and together we are faced with a challenging assignment to overcome. We will have to work hard to catch up on the missed education that our children have experienced.

This challenge is on you, the principal, the Special Education Team, and the Director of Education.

We are fully confident that you will succeed and offer our children a meaningful education. We look forward to getting to know you as you settle into life here in Marten Falls.

See you soon!

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum

A message from Susanna Baxter, Director of Education Marten Falls



Boozhoo/Wacheya/Hello,

Susanna Baxter nidizhinikaaz. My name is Susanna Baxter. Agwaakiin nidoonji. I am from Ogoki. I am the Director of Education for Marten Falls First Nation. We are Oji-Cree Anishinaabemowen.

If you are reading this and considering teaching in the North, I encourage you to consider joining our team here in Marten Falls. In our community, every teacher is an important part of our team, and your presence here can make a real difference in the lives of our children.

We are looking for dedicated teachers who are willing to travel the distance it takes to fly here. I believe that the opportunity to teach in Marten Falls is absolutely worth the hour and 15-minute flight from Thunder Bay.

I am here to welcome and support you, and our students, to make this transition as smooth as possible. We want our teachers to become a part of the community and make lifelong connections. The leaders of our community have recently built brand new housing for our teachers, which you will see reflected in this overview.

We are a remote community, and like everything in life, moving here will be a change. Making the decision to teach here takes bravery, as you will be entering into an unknown place. I hope you will make Marten Falls First Nation, and our students, a part of your life story. I am sure we will all make some great memories together.

We cannot wait to show you our land, home, our culture, language, and our history.

Miigwech/Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susanna Baxter
Director of Education, Marten Falls First Nation

Community



Marten Falls is also known as Ogoki Post.

A Brief History

- 1600s** Marten Falls has a long and colourful history dating back to the inland movement of the fur trade.
- 1794** Marten Falls is a valuable supply depot for people travelling inland to Lake Nipigon, Osnaburgh House, and other more southerly destinations. Boats and canoes are built at Marten Falls, which is the main post for the Marten Falls District.
- 1905** Marten Falls became a signatory of James Bay Treaty 9.
- 1924** The Marten Falls Trading Post is closed and moved to the present site of the Ogoki Post, 64 kilometers down river from Marten Falls, due to the danger of the rapids at Marten Falls.
- 1926** The community migrated to its current location.



The Land

Marten Falls First Nation is located at the intersection of the Ogoki and Albany Rivers.

It is approximately 400km to the northeast of Thunder Bay. The closest city with year-long road access is Nakina, which is located approximately 160 km to the south.

The location of the land makes it a combination of swampy areas and drier, treeless areas. The close proximity to the rivers coupled with forests full of White Spruce, Cedar, Balsam, Pine and Tamarack trees allow both ecosystems to thrive. Numerous fish species including pickerel, trout, pike, whitefish and sturgeon and animals such as caribou, bears, moose, beavers, martens, etc. are native to Marten Falls land.

The community is in the northern temperate zone, which means it experiences short warm summers and long cold winters.

Marten Falls Community Map



Henry Coaster Memorial School



Welcome!

School Population

46

Principal

Tom Recke

Education Director

Susanna Baxter

Band Councillor, Education Portfolio

Maria Baxter

Grades

Kindergarten
to Grade 8

School Facilities

The school features an Indigenous Cultural and Language Rotunda, a gym, and a Youth Centre.

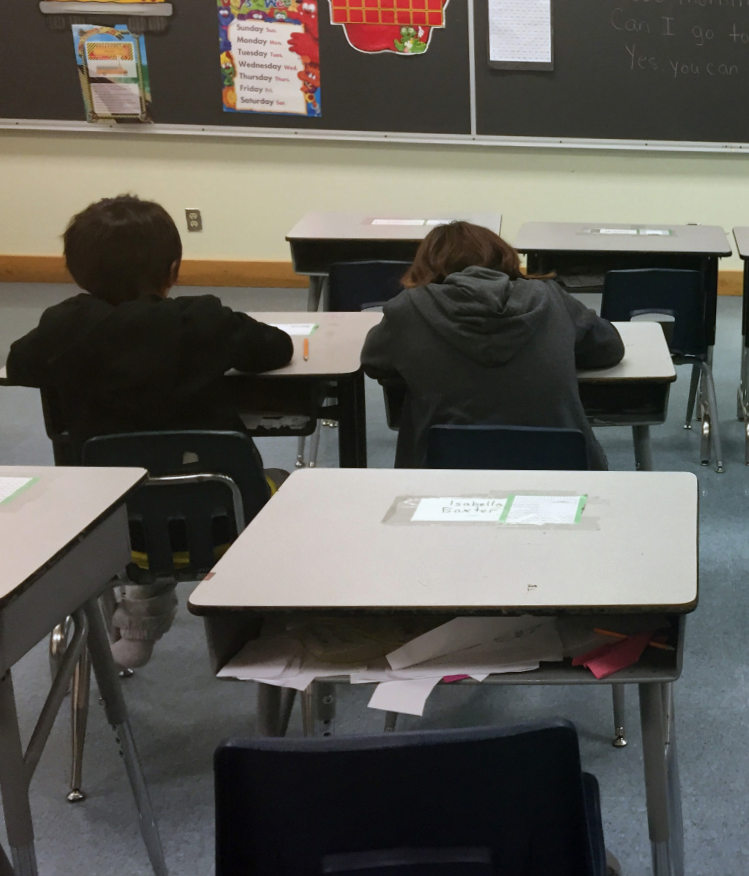
Classes

Indigenous Language and Culture classes are offered. Daily 5 is used.

What is your school proud of?

We are proud of our culture, school spirit, school program, and facilities for both our children and community.





School Events

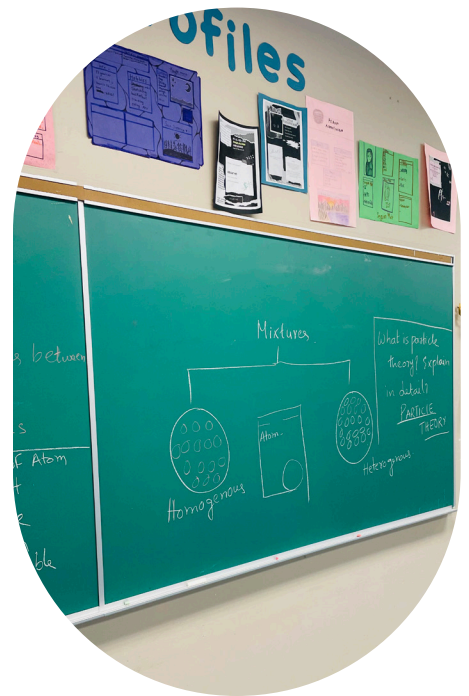
Throughout the year, our school offers cultural activities based on the seasonal cycle. For example, fall brings the beginning of moose hunting and beaver trapping, along with many other fur-bearing animals. In winter, we continue harvesting and trapping mink, marten and rabbit to produce gauntlets/mitts out of the hides. Winter is an important time for storytelling, learning rights of passage, values, and legends. The school Powwow is something to look forward to in addition to the annual community Powwow, which takes place in the third week of August.

Extracurricular activities

Outdoor education, cultural activities, music, volleyball (3-4 times a week), badminton. In addition to these cultural immersion opportunities, the school holds a Career Fair.

A Day in the Life of a Teacher

Teachers usually arrive between 8 and 8:30 AM. Then the School bus brings students for classes which start at 9 AM. There is a 15 minute recess around 10 AM. Lunch is from 11:45 AM to 1 PM. Classes resume at 1 PM until the afternoon recess from 2:15 PM to 2:30 PM. The day ends at 3:30 PM. Teachers are expected to stay at school until 4 PM.





Life in the Community

Regular Activities in the Community

Hockey is a big part of the community. There is an indoor arena that is used for sporting and other community events. Hockey is played evenings and weekends during the winter. In the summer, the arena is used for Powwows, volleyball, and floor

hockey. There is a regular bingo game, and card night. We also have a new training centre and a health clinic. People also engage in outdoor recreation such as snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and camping. Albany River's waters make for exciting canoeing and white-water rafting. There is a boat launch and dock to facilitate access to boats and float planes.

Annual Events

A Powwow and community feasts are held annually. Community and

guests take part in cultural events throughout the year, for example April is geese and duck hunting. Everyone is welcome to participate. Elders teach youth skills such as how to clean game and keep it fresh, how to dry and preserve meat, and how to live off the land.

Traditions and Customs

Most residents are Christian: either Anglican or Roman Catholic, but there are currently no churches. Some community members also continue to practice Indigenous spirituality.





Teacherages



Teachers currently live in 3 modular homes. Two of the homes are 4-bedroom units, and one is a 3-bedroom unit. Each unit has a living room, open concept kitchen, and bathroom.

The Education Authority is committed to expanding teacher accommodations, which includes a newly built 4-plex apartment unit. Each unit has separate entrances, individual laundry, a kitchen, living area, 2 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms.

Along with rent free accommodations, free StarLink wifi and utilities are included for teachers. Teachers are welcome to bring their pets.

Getting to and from Marten Falls

- Marten Falls is connected by winter road to Nakina.
- ZAM Air: operates flights in and out of the community every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, leaving from Nakina at noon.
- North Star Air offers a direct flight to Thunder Bay. Flight time: 1 hour and 15 minutes. Schedule: Sunday AM, Monday PM, Wednesday PM, Friday PM
- Goods can be flown in and out of the community with Nakina and ZAM Air.





Around the Community



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Training Centre

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Band Office



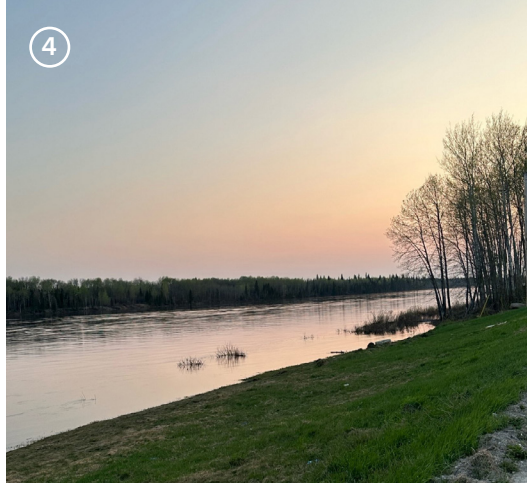


③
At the airport

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Out on a walk

⑤
Big Foot Post Office

⑥
Adawewegamik Community Store, located conveniently across from the school



Quick Facts

Community Name
Marten Falls First Nation

Tribal Council
Matawa First Nations

Provincial Territorial Organization (PTO)
Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

Population On-Reserve



374

Language Spoken



Ojibwe and English

Treaty



Treaty 9

Average Yearly Temperature



-20°C
January

16°C
July

Average precipitation: 200-250 mm in the winter, 450 mm in the summer.

Winter Road Open Dates



Jan - Mar

The winter road starts at Nakina and takes 5 hours.





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Directory

Lynx Convenience Store
807-349-2619

**Education Director -
Susanna Baxter**
807-632- 8386 or
807-3492509

Principal - Tom Recke
807-359-2532

School Reception
807-349-2532

Band Office
807-349-2509

Nursing Clinic
807-249-2510

**Nishnawbe-Aski
Police Services**
807-349-1025

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