

2017 - 2018

WELCOME TO

Marten Falls / Ogoki Post First Nation



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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. The land also offers ideal grounds for hunting and camping. 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!

Nancy Coaster

Band Councillor, Education Portfolio

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

The Marten Falls First Nation reserve 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 the Marten Falls reserve 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

57

Principal

Fay Zoccole

Band Councillor, Education Portfolio

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Grades

Kindergarten
to Grade 8

School Facilities

The school features a cultural learning teepee, a gym, and a baseball diamond.

Classes

Native Language classes are offered.
Daily 5 will be implemented during the
2016-2017 school year.

What is your school proud of?

We are proud of our teachers and our school.
We are also proud of the outdoor activities that
we organise, including traditional activities.





School Events

Every spring, the school hosts a Culture Week which teaches skills such as trapping, skinning a beaver, setting-up rabbit snares, creating dream-catchers, beading, etc. The school also hosts Career Fair. There is a pow wow in the third week of August.

Extracurricular activities

Physical education, cultural activities, music, volleyball (3-4 times a week), badminton. Frontier College and Right-to-Play organise some after school programming.

A Day in the Life of a Teacher

Teachers usually arrive between 8 and 8:30. Classes start at 9 am. There is a 15 minute recess around 10 am. Lunch is from 11:45 am to 1 pm and everyone goes home for lunch. Classes resume at 1 pm and run until 3:30 pm. Teachers are expected to stay at school until 4pm.





Life in the Community

Regular Activities in the Community

Hockey is a big part of the community. There is an 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 game and card night. 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 pow wow and community feasts are held annually. There are culture weeks in October (hunting and winter preparations) and April (geese and

duck hunting). Everyone is welcome to participate. During these weeks, 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. In summertime, there is regalia making.

Traditions and Customs

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



Teacherages



Teachers live in an 8 apartment complex with some community members. Approximately 5 units are reserved for teachers. These units are shared, with 2 teachers living in each apartment. There are two bedrooms, a living room kitchen (open concept), and bathroom.

There is no pet policy.

There currently isn't any cell phone service though there may be in the fall of 2017. It is possible to text while in the community by using an app.

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 takes 5 hours to Aroland.

Around the Community



Getting to and from Marten Falls

- Nakina Air: Monday to Friday there is a flight to and from Thunder Bay. Monday to Saturday there is a flight to and from Nakina.
- Goods can be flown in and out of the community with Nakina Air.
- Marten Falls is connected by winter road to Nakina.



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At the airport

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Out on a walk

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Post office

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Variety store





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