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Mitchell Retires As Principal Of St. Regis Mohawk School



Pictured: Mr. William Mitchell, Principal of the St. Regis Mohawk School in Hogansburg.

AKWESASNE -- Mr. William (Buster) Mitchell has tendered his notice to retire as Principal of the St. Regis Mohawk School, with the Salmon River School Board effective August 30, 1996.

Mitchell has been involved in education with the Salmon River School District for 31 years.

Thirty-one years ago Mitchell began his career as a physical education teacher for both Salmon River and St. Regis Mohawk School. He has served as principal of St. Regis Mohawk School for the past 18 years.

As Mitchell sits in his school office he reflects back on the years he has served our children. When asked what was one of the highlights of the past thirty-one years, Mitchell says, "Everyday was special. Everyday something would happen that would bring everything all together."

One of the major highlights of Mitchell's career and that of the Education Committee and the Students was the realization of the re-construction of the St. Regis Mohawk School. "I would definitely have to say that (re-construction) has been a great achievement for this school and those that worked diligently for the past fourteen years lobbying and negotiating for funds for this project," said

Mitchell. Mitchell is quick to add that the school re-construction project was not a result of his sole efforts. "There was a committee that worked hard on this project," he adds.

The only down period for Mitchell, he says, was the 1990 clash between two factions of community members over the gaming issue that resulted in the students being moved to Twin Rivers School near Massena. "It was a very difficult time for the students and staff," said Mitchell. "It was a difficult time for everyone," he says.

Now that he will have free time on his hands, we asked Mitchell what his future plans involved. "I like to think I'm pretty handy so I want to work on re-building my camp and my wife and I want to do some travelling," Mitchell says with a smile. Mitchell's wife, Marie, is a graphic designer and works out of the home. They have one daughter, Allyson, who currently works as Aquatics Director for Harts Fitness Club.

Niawen Mr. Mitchell we truly appreciate the service and dedication you gave to our children. Congratulations and good luck to your future. You will be greatly missed.

Cecelia Mitchell 1996 Native American Women's Recognition Honoree



Pictured: Cecelia (Kaiennes) Mitchell, 1996 Native American Women's Recognition Event Special Honoree.

AKWESASNE -- The Friends of Ganondagan, have selected Cecelia Mitchell of Kanatakon as a 1996 Native American Women's Recognition Event Special Honoree for her contributions in the area of Cultural Continuity to

the preservation of Onkwehonwe traditions.

On Saturday, May 4, 1996, there will be a luncheon honoring Mitchell and other Native women who have been selected. This event will take place in
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Phil Tarbell, Tribal Council Member Resigns To Pursue Tribal Chief Position



Pictured: Phil Tarbell Tribal Council member.

AKWESASNE -- The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council Chairman Philip H. Tarbell announced Tuesday, April 30, 1996 that he is

stepping down effective June 30, 1996 to run for the office of Tribal Chief, the Chairman announced.

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