



Quarterly Newsletter

Ziigwan 2022

Boozhoo gakina awiiya!

Anishinaabemowin Facilitator Program

On April 29, 2022, the Anishinaabemowin Facilitator Program participants received their Certificates of Completion. These participants spent the last six months learning about various instruction methodologies to pass on their ancestral language – Anishinaabemowin.

Each of these fluent speakers sat with well-known Anishinaabemowin instructors to learn the ins



and outs of teaching Anishinaabemowin in a variety of settings, and then they created and instructed their own language programs. The Gigidiziiminaanig Committee invited elders and instructors, and members of the Waking Up Ojibwe – Anishinaabemodaa team were on hand to celebrate these 17 graduates over the two-day-long gathering. Congratulations – we are very proud of you all! Gidapiitenimigoom!

Gagwe-gikendamaawiziwin 2022

Gagwe-gikendamaawiziwin is Seven Generations Education Institute's annual Anishinaabemowin showcase and competition. Each year, SGEI invites students from the Rainy River District School Board, the Northwest Catholic District School Board, and learners from area First Nation schools to demonstrate their Anishinaabemowin skills through games, challenges, and presentations. This year, the event was held at Niizhwaaching Aanikoobijigeng Gikinoo'amaadiiwigamig (Fort Frances campus). Activities such as "Win, Lose, or Draw", "Jeopardy", Anishinaabemowin word creation, presentations, and songs, as well as diorama production kept language and laughter

alive throughout the school.

The results of this year's event:

Senior Division:

1st Place: St. Mary

2nd Place: Donald Young

3rd Place: Crossroads

Junior Division

1st Place: Donald Young

2nd Place: St. Mary 3rd Place: JW Walker



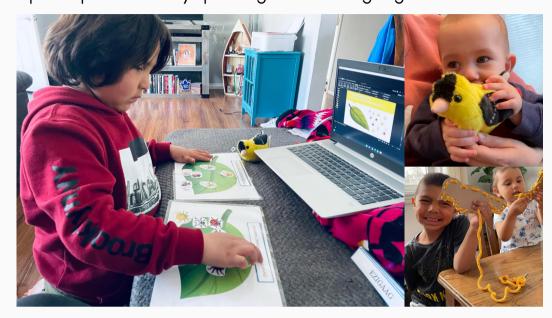






Aginjibagwesi Gaye Gaa-wiiji'itwaawaad

With the help of Goldfinch and the Helpers, we held Virtual Family Night on Wednesday evenings for 1 hour from April 6th to May 11th. Each week, families were provided with a healthy meal and learning materials such as books, resource guides, song lyrics, puzzles, and games, as well as all materials needed such as scissors, glue, craft materials, etc. At the end of the 6 weeks, we had 5 families and over 15 participants actively speaking and learning together.



Azhemiinigoziwin

The Azhemiinigoziwin (AZH) Program is a nine-month women's empowerment program focused on helping young women regain their strength by learning important life skills, Anishinaabe teachings, education, and job preparation. We spent time learning Anishinaabemowin with these ladies over the last four months and look forward to working with the new cohort in the Fall. Congratulations on your graduation!

Classroom Visits

Mooshkine Waasigek Darcy Jones - Gaa-wiiji-odaami'aad Abinoojiiya' Ji-Anishinaabemonid, has been visiting early years classrooms across the district in both school boards to share our

resources, activities, and love of learning Anishinaabemowin with children and their teachers.







What's New?

Koko Jones Shows
3 new shows have been
released with one more to
come! View them on our
YouTube Koko Jones
Playlist. Filming has
recently concluded for an
additional 4 shows as well.

Pezhig Gimiinin
Niwabikwaan
I Give You One of My
White Hair
Ogimaawigwanebiik Nancy
Jones shares a teaching
from her grandmothers in
this storybook.

Aaniin Ezhinikaazowin?
What is Your Name?
Learn how to introduce
yourself and talk about
things you like to do with
this early learning book.

We have hired a team of four fluent speakers and learners for the summer! Watch for announcements about summer language programming in your communities and at SGEI.

The third cohort for the Mentor Learner program is currently being selected.
The first cohort is now being paired with fluent speakers to further their Anishinaabemowin learning.





