



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'amaadiwigamig (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 Abinoojiya' 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.



Waking Up Ojibwe
Anishinaabemodaa

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.