



Boozhoo gakina awiya!

RRDSB Community Partner of the Year

Anishinaabemodaa Waking Up Ojibwe was honoured by our partners at the Rainy River District School Board when we received the award for Community Partner of the Year. Our work with RRDSB continues to thrive and grow with new programming and resources. We look forward to the 2023-2024 school year!



Anishinaabemowin Ando-gikendamowin

Every year we host the one day Anishinaabemowin Ando-gikendamowin. The purpose and intent of this gathering has been to share the passion we all have for learning and teaching our languages by speaking about our experiences and ways of understanding. This year we are hosting a speaker series with speakers and knowledge keepers sharing via zoom once per month. we invite you to join and listen to movers and shakers in language revitalization as they share through our platform. We have had six sessions to date with a variety of topics and lessons shared. All of our sessions are recorded and can be found on our YouTube page and our website.

Mazina'iganan! Books!

All of our partners, families, and program colleagues have now received the most recent seven titles we have published in the last year. We will continue to write, illustrate, and share more stories with you all through the PDFs and Read With Me videos on our website.



The winners of the Become an Author contest were also chosen this spring and their books will be published within the year! Congratulations to:

Kennedy January
Leeda Trudeau
Mason Nelis-Stone
Bevin Labonte
Max Wynne

Community Engagement: Splash into Summer!

Our team was invited to join in on the Splash into Summer! event put on by the Northwestern Health Unit and the Coming Together for Kids Coalition. During this family friendly event we were able to share all about Ode'iminan with hands on planting activities, and shared popped wild rice and other language learning resources with anyone who stopped by.



What's New?

Episode 10 - Everyone Has Gifts of the Koko Jones show is now available on our Vimeo, YouTube, and Website. Be sure to watch and learn about acknowledging your gifts and the gifts of others.

Check out our revamped Language Kits! We have recently updated the kits for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Animals, and Spring. We also have a brand new kit focused on potty training for the littles in your lives.

Congratulations to 2023 Fort Frances High School graduate Marrah McPherson! Marrah completed 4 years of Anishinaabemowin classes and over 120 hours of the Mentor Learner program during her high school career and has a high level of understanding in Anishinaabemowin as she moves forward in her education and career.

Interested in keeping up with our activities and new resources? Be sure to follow us on Facebook and check out the News & Events page on our website!

Introducing Our Summer Team!

We have hired four new members for our summer team this year! These hard working individuals are dedicated to bringing Anishinaabemowin programming to our local communities for the summer of 2023



Ellie Petsnick, Maang
Fort Frances

Anishinaabemodaa Intern
4th year Outdoor Recreation
and Education student going
into their professional year.



Sydney Radigan
Makwa, Couchiching
Summer Student
I'm looking forward to my
role as one of the
Anishinaabemodaa
Summer Students at SGEI.
It is my goal to develop and
facilitate land-based
learning opportunities that
engage Indigenous youth in
Anishinaabemowin while
also building my own
personal knowledge of the
language.



Fawn Bruyere
Binesiikwe, Makwa
Couchiching
Summer Student
Fawn is a third-year student in
the Anishinaabemowin
Revitalization Program and is
working on publishing a book in
Anishinaabemowin.
Gaawiin wiidigesii!



Carmen Jones
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Anishinaabemodaa Intern



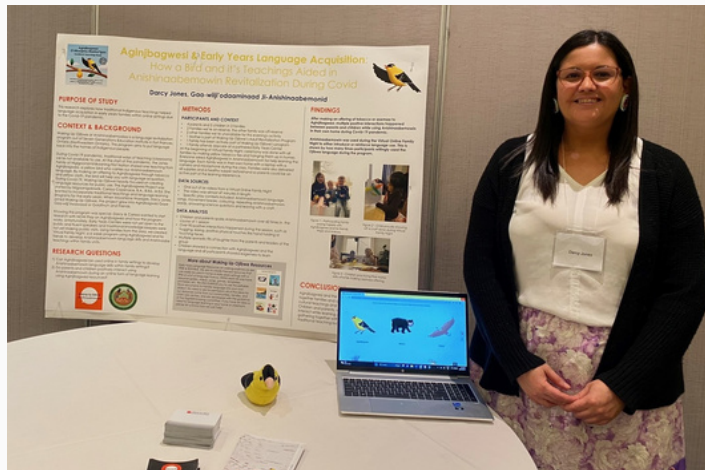
Jared Hunter
Ogimaa Binesi, Name
Manidoo Bawitigong
Summer Student
Jared is a third-year student in the
Anishinaabemowin Revitalization Program
and is also an Ojibwe teacher for children.



NOW Play! Gathering

At the end of April our colleagues from the NOW Play! program visited us to solidify our research and work with us to create a poster presentation based on our work with the Aginijibagwesi gaye Gaa-wiiji'itwaawaad learning program that we had used for virtual family nights during the pandemic. On May 25th,

Mooshkine Waasigek Darcy Jones presented the research at the NOW Play Gathering in Toronto. The programming and research was well received by other attendees from all over the world who are doing similar research in their home communities.



Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network



On April 25th, the Executive Director of MIIN Gimiwan Dustin Burnette visited us to facilitate our ongoing professional relationships and to continue to build our resource sharing and programming implementation goals.



A few weeks later, three team members were able to attend the professional development day offered by MIIN in Fond du Lac, MN where they learned about evaluating language learning levels from Dr. Migizi Michael Sullivan.

Visit their website to learn more
www.miinojibwe.org

Gagwe-gikendamaawizin 2023

On April 26, 2023 local students from grades 5-8 put their Anishinaabemowin skills to the test in an effort to win this language competition. This annual event showcases local students language skills and how they are able to use the language to communicate and share with others. Teams consist of six to eight students and they rotate through five challenges including a drawing game similar to Pictionary, creating Anishinaabemowin words, and using technology to transmit language back to the community. Each challenge is judged by a panel of language speakers and learners. Congratulations to the Winners!

Senior Division

1st - St Mary School

2nd - Donald Young School

3rd - Fort Frances Intermediate School

Junior Division

1st - St Mary School

2nd - Donald Young School

3rd - JW Walker School

