

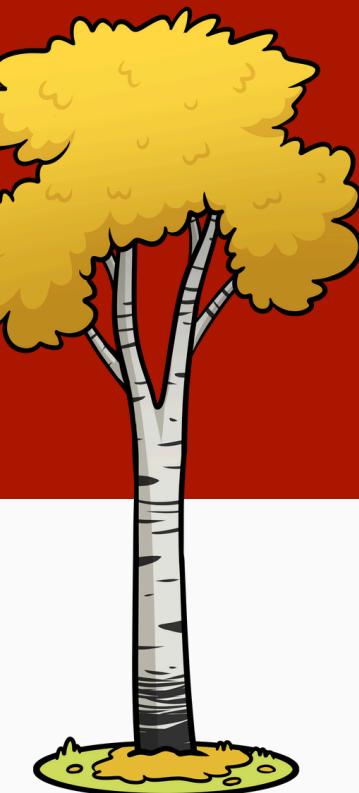


## Dagwaagin 2025

**Boozhoo gakina awiya!**

### Dagwaagani-mawindoosijigewin

The annual Dagwaagani-mawindoosijigewin (Fall Harvest) event took part on September 24 & 25, 2025, at the Rainy Lake Campus. Each fall, SGEI welcomed local students to take part in land-based learning focused on Treaty 3, food sovereignty, and traditional Anishinaabe harvesting practices. Throughout the event, Anishinaabemowin was shared and used in teachings and activities, reinforcing the connection between language and culture. Through hands-on experiences and cultural teachings, students deepened their understanding of Anishinaabe knowledge systems while strengthening their connection to the land, language, community, and seasonal teachings.



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# World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education

In November, a delegation of ten participants, including learners, Elders, and Anishinaabemodaa team members, attended the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education (WIPCE) in Aotearoa (Auckland), New Zealand. Participants attended workshops, interactive learning sessions, poster presentations, keynotes, panel discussions, cultural demonstrations, and educational excursions. connecting with Indigenous peoples from around the world and networking with other communities doing important language revitalization work similar to our own work. During the conference, Bebaamoyaash (Robert Horton) and Ozhaawashkwaanakwad (Jeremy Andy) presented on the Anishinaabemowini-Ogichitaag program to an international audience of Indigenous educators.



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## Other Updates

**Niigaanendadaa** will be changing formats as it switches to an in-person format following a cycle of seasonal language learning opportunities guided by language speakers. Learners will also utilize the Anishinaabemodaa learning platform. The 2026 Biboon Session begins January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Waking Up Ojibwe has been working alongside the SGEI Post Secondary Team to provide **ECE students** at both campuses with online learning opportunities with fluent speakers and more Indigenous and language content in their classes. More opportunities will be available in the Winter months.

**Daga Anishinaabemodaa** took place the month of October. Multiple participants spent 1 month in this online Immersion class, led by Pebaamibines.

## SGEI Anishinaabemowin Apps



Our apps are officially back online and waiting for you to play and learn in Anishinaabemowin! These apps encourage language learning, listening and reading and writing skills for all levels.

You can play them on our website, or download them to your Apple & Android devices. Just search "SGEI". Great for phones, iPads and Smartboards.

## Outdoor Education

Ellie Petsnick, Gaa-gikinoo'amaawaad Oshkiaya'aa Aki-dazhiikewinan, has been collaborating with Grade 7 teachers at FFHS to support outdoor education. Students have been learning knot tying, compass and orienteering skills, and basic fire-building. They also participated in day trips to practice safe hiking, plant and tree identification, and navigation skills through a short bushwhacking challenge. Ellie would like to expand these land-based learning opportunities to more classes across the district, including guided walks on the land and opportunities to learn from Elders about traditional seasonal living and land-based knowledge.



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# Gigidiziiminaaning

Gigidiziiminaaning Committee members recommended that some of the meetings be hosted directly in Treaty #3 communities, ideally at community roundhouses, as a way to strengthen relationships and ground the work in place. It was suggested that this be included in the Terms of Reference, noting that select meetings will be hosted in communities. There was also strong support for visiting all 10 First Nations over time, recognizing that travelling to communities not only brings support to them, but also allows communities to support and guide the work of the committee. Consideration was given to whether Saagajiwe and Gookomisinaan could travel alongside the group for these visits.

Committee members supported the idea of holding travelling meetings at least in the spring and fall, though not for every meeting. It was noted that when meetings are hosted in communities, cultural items such as the drum and staff should be brought along as part of the work.

The Fall ceremony took place in November in the community of Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation.

## The Song of the Stars

We are proud to congratulate Robert Horton, teacher and Anishinaabemowin educator, on the publication of his new book, The Song of the Stars: Starry Skies, Anishinaabe Stories, Scientific Insights, and More.

This powerful work invites readers on a journey through the night sky, weaving together Anishinaabe cultural teachings, Anishinaabemowin language, and scientific perspectives.

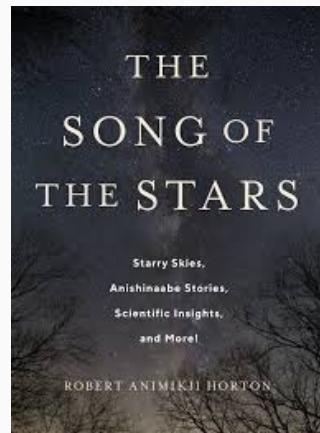
Robert's book is an inspiring celebration of language, story, science, and wonder. Congratulations on this incredible achievement!

## UPCOMING

WUO is planning a series of in-person **Aadizookaanag** - Legends with speakers from Treaty #3. Check our Facebook and SGEI website for upcoming language opportunities.

Our Land Based Coordinator is planning a **Dog Sledding** and Indigenous Land-based Education event in March for families and communities.

The Anishinaabemowin performance division category in **Rainy River District Festival of the Performing Arts** will be taking place Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Time and Location TBD.



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