

# NBISIING NEWSLETTER



**March 2022**

## **Outdoor Education - Mkwamii wewebnaabii Ice Fishing**

Nbsiing's Outdoor Education class took advantage of the beautiful weather and went out on the hard water for ice fishing. Students learned how to prepare and set up their ice fishing lines and drill holes. They learned about fishing/ice conditions and the best methods to catch fish. Conservation, fish sustainability, as well as Indigenous teachings were infused into the lessons. Community partnerships were also developed with local fishermen.

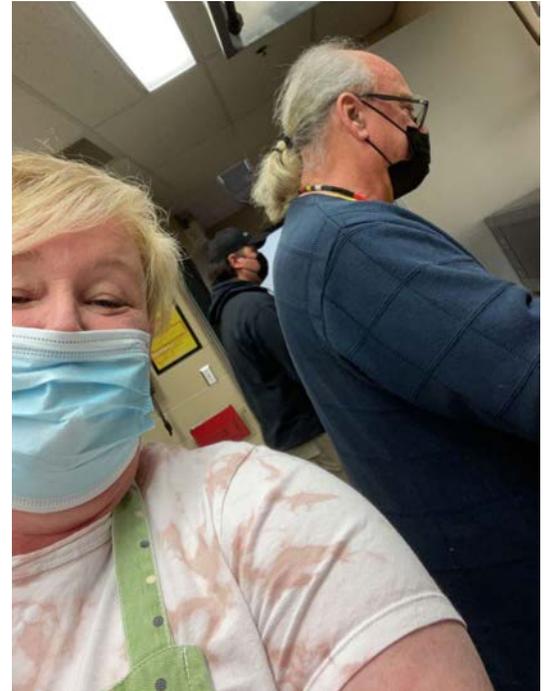


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## Pancake Breakfast

Redhawks began Carnival Day with a delicious pancake breakfast cooked by Nbisiiing Staff! This started our day in a good way, and gave us the energy we needed to build our cardboard sleds!



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## Nbisiing Winter Carnival

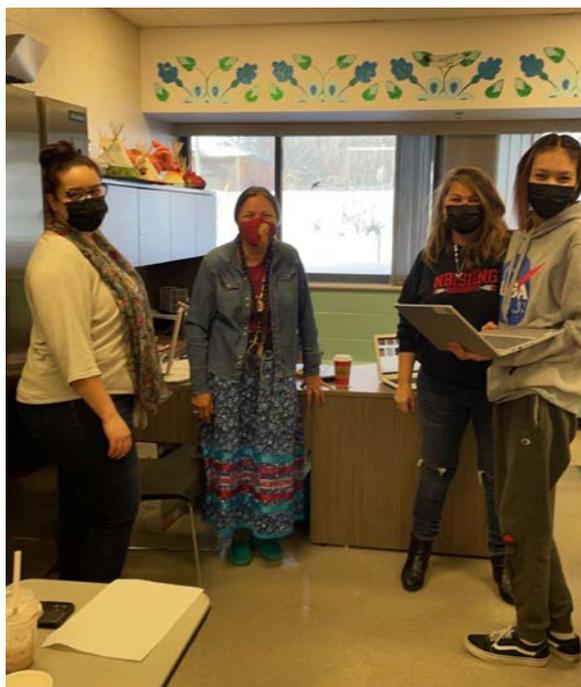
Pancake breakfast, cardboard sled making and races, fire making and tea boiling contest, and a student vs. APS volleyball game rounded out this year's Winter Carnival at Nbisiing. APS also surprised Redhawks with a dunk the bucket game and cotton candy. Students and staff alike took turns being 'dunked' with a bucket of snow!





## Cultural Immersion Day

Students were lucky to learn from some amazing knowledge keepers during Nbisiing's Cultural Immersion Day. They painted rawhide earrings, beaded lanyards, cooked on an open fire, and played Anishnaabemowin Bingo!



Anishnaabemowin Bingo with Cultural Lead Mel acting as bingo caller - check out all the awesome prizes!

Gchi-Miigwech Elders and Knowledge Keepers Peter Beaucage, Brenda Lee, Audrey Commanda, Glenna Beaucage and Blair Beaucage for joining Nbisiing's Cultural Immersion Day!



## Skoden Award

Isaiah Mathias-Paul was the recipient of December's Skoden Award. Isaiah has shown growth toward his education this year. Isaiah is always there to lend a helping hand for his fellow classmates.



Niibin Nakogee is the recipient of January's Skoden award. One of the things that you notice first about Niibin is his smile. He is always smiling and he is extremely kind. Niibin clearly demonstrates the grandfather's teaching of respect to everyone, as he makes all those around him feel a little happier. Niibin is committed to his education. He is motivated and active in his learning - by completing all assignments and sometimes even re-submitting his assignments. Congratulations, Niibin!

Zander McKenzie is the recipient of February's Skoden Award. Besides his insatiable curiosity, Zander has decided to make his education a higher priority. Since September 2021, Zander's attitude towards school and his respect for all teaching staff has seen a marked positive improvement. Zander now demonstrates the grandfather teaching of respect to everyone. He wants to come to school, complete his assignments, and graduate. Zander is so determined to be successful that in Credit Recovery, he recovered 3 credits in 3 short weeks. Congratulations, Zander!



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## Mural Update

The interactive mural is making great progress with the help of EA Kayla and all of our students. We are learning that we have many amazing artists within our school and we are excited that each one is assisting in creating this piece.



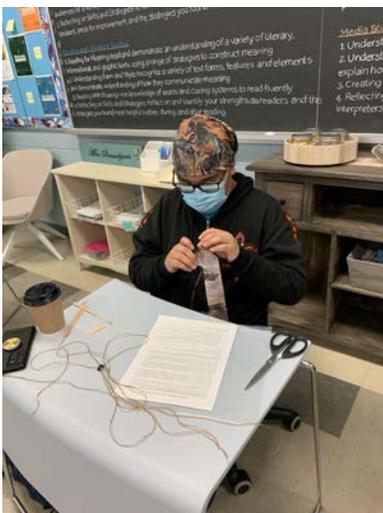
## Q&A Session with Sarain Fox

As part of their Leadership & Peer Support class, students took part in a virtual question and answer session with Anishinaabe activist Sarain Fox. Students researched Sarain's activism, wrote questions for the event, and took part in the discussion that was organized by Nipissing University as a part of Indigenous Week 2022.



## Aasgaabwitaadwin Indigenous Youth Leadership Conference

Miigwech to Nipissing University for providing resources for our Grade 9 English class to participate in Aasgaabwitaadwin this year. Students made mini birch bark canoes and sampled maple tea.



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## Outerbridge: Clockwork Mysteries Field Trip

Nbsiing students went on their first field trip in two years! Albina, the Dramatic Arts class and other Nbsiing students went to dinner at Moose's Cookhouse and then took in the Outerbridge: Clockworks Mysteries magic show at the Capitol Centre.

