



Mkwa Giizis

February 2024

Nbisiing Open House

A heartfelt miigwech to everyone who made our Open House & Information Night a massive success!

Special thanks to the dedicated teachers and students who stayed late to host prospective families, providing valuable insights into the vibrant life at Nbisiing Secondary School.

A sincere miigwech to Glenna Beaucage for adding a touch of warmth to our evening, brewing Cedar strawberry tea, white pine blueberry tea, and serving bannock with blueberry and strawberry jam, sweetened with maple syrup. It was the perfect ending to our school tours, beautifully showcasing the importance of our Nishnaabe culture. Your contributions made the night truly memorable!

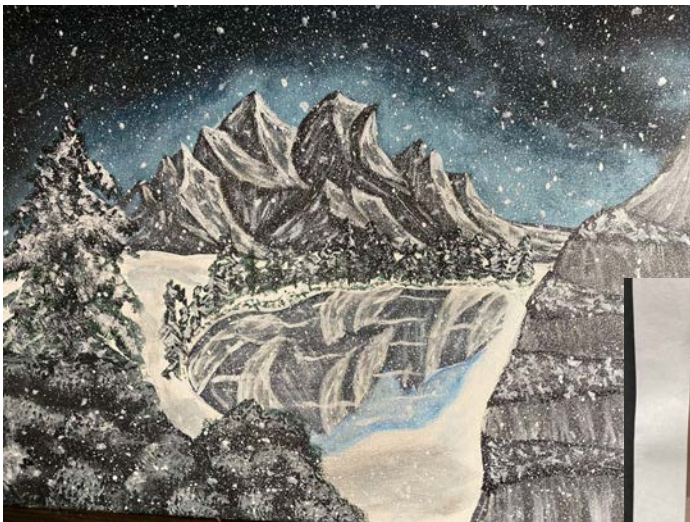


Nbisiing is hosting another Open House on Tuesday, May 28th.



Arts at Nbsiing (AWU30)

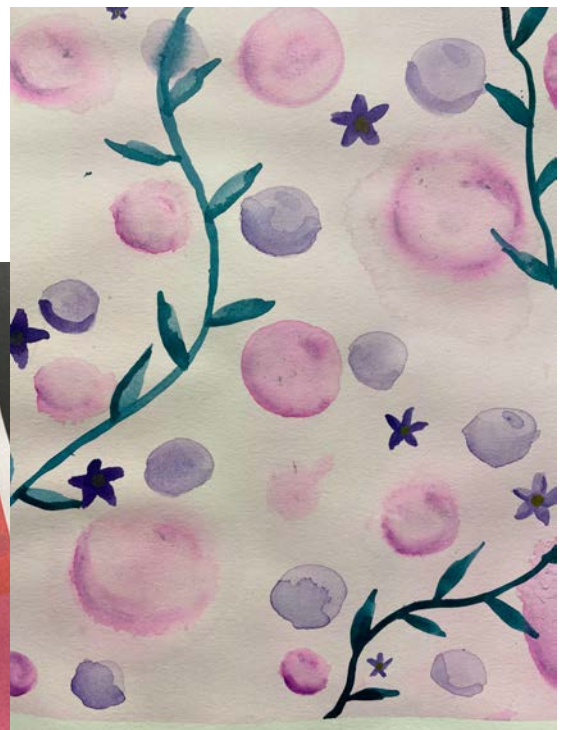
We're starting up this semester by having discussion about what challenges us in art class! The answer- finding inspiration! We call this blank canvas syndrome (it's kind of like writer's block). We figured out ways we can draw inspiration from all aspects of our lives, including nature, emotion, and things we want to have commentary on. As a challenge, we had fun picking the most 'mundane' objects and letting ourselves pull inspiration from them. It's a good way of letting loose and preparing ourselves not to take the artistic practice so seriously! We're excited to get started into the historical/cultural portion of the class, and can't wait to share with you what we create.



1. (top) Grace was inspired to create this masterpiece after choosing chalk as her inspiration object.

2. (right) We've been learning how to create colour palettes and mixing paint to make perfect colour matches for our paintings.

3. (far right) Syrus was able to draw inspiration simply based off of colour



Programming for Programmers

Nbisiing's Grade 10 ICD2O students will be growing their I.T. skills this semester through an innovative, hands-on educational approach to computing.

Each student is provided with a kit which contains all the components needed to construct a working PC and Network! Students will learn computing and communication fundamentals through the creation of these two components and, once constructed, will begin developing practical experience with computer programming by writing code on these systems.

At the end of the semester, students will build games to showcase their new-found technological skills on their hand-crafted hardware and infrastructure.





Skoden Award Winners

The recipient of **November's** Skoden Award is Brok Beaucage. Brok is a great role model, he is always happy, smiling and often asks if he can help out and does it joyfully! He is also a friend to everyone! Brok helps other students with school work and thinks of how he can make an activity more fun! Congratulations Brok!



The recipient of **December's** Skoden Award is Zaida Boudreau. Zaida consistently offers academic assistance to her peers, demonstrating her commitment to supporting their learning. She is friendly and welcoming to her peers and actively engages in classroom activities. She put forth a positive attitude and explored academic success in a subject she was not previously fond of. Congratulations Zaida!

Canadore College Tour



Students toured Commerce Court and College Drive locations to learn about the programs available at Canadore. Gerard Peltier allowed us into behind the scenes areas, and students got to talk to current professors and students- even a recent Nbsiing Alumni! Jeremy McDaniel's got to show off his classroom and current project.



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Guest Speakers



The Entrepreneurship class had Ashley Leblanc in to speak about her business “Select Paintball”. She explained how her sole-proprietorship works and why she chose to open her business. Students enjoyed learning about Ashley’s passion for a hobby which many of our students have taken part in. Students are able to get volunteer hours by cleaning the field prior to the season opening for games.

Endaayaan Awejaa visited the IDC40 classroom to promote their programming. They discussed the upcoming events for students, different areas available for volunteers, and awesome programs available. Students learned about how Endaayaan Awejaa grew from an idea to a program that helps many in the community “Maamwi Bmosedaa” Walk in Unity.



Student Volunteers



Our students love promoting our school! Jackie, Brok, and Gabe gave up most of their Saturday to rave about Nbisiing and give away some swag to Valentine's Day Market goers. They also handed out Registration packages to several potential new students!





Nbisiing Alumni



Blair Beaucage started teaching Anishnabemwin Immersion camps while he was still in highschool. After he graduated from Nbisiing in 2009, Blair attended both Nipissing and Canadore College. He took the Teacher of Anishnaabemwin as a Second Language Program (TASL) in the summer, and then completed the Indigenous Wellness and Prevention Program (IWAP) at Canadore College. He began his career by teaching Anishnaabemwin at Nbisiing Secondary School. Soon after, he started teaching community language classes in Nipissing First Nation, at the NBIFC, as well as the Indigenous Hub. Blair has dedicated himself to Fire Keeping for twenty years, 15 years of drumming, and singing and traveling across Ontario and Quebec.





2024 Graduate Spotlight



Destiny Beaucage is currently completing her last three courses of Grade 12 and is planning to attend University of Ottawa for Criminology.

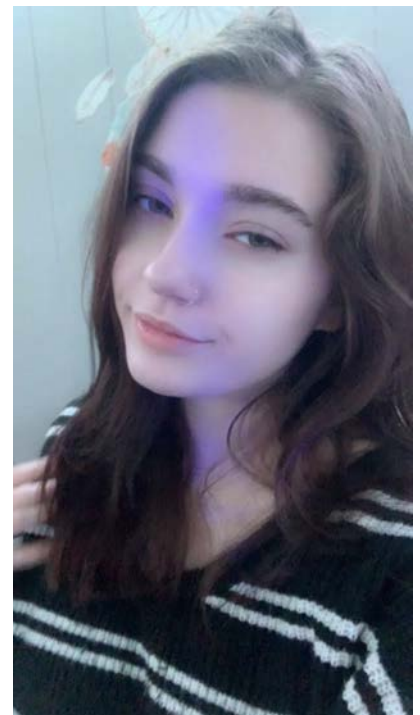
Destiny has always been curious to understand why people do the things that they do. She says, “I think this course will lead to a great profession where I can put my nosiness to use.”

She is so excited to move to a larger city where there is great shopping, so she can buy all the Summer Fridays lip balms. She is also looking forward to meeting new people and learning about criminology.

Destiny’s favourite memory from high school would be when she and Tyler made a pumpkin giving birth and they won the contest! When thinking about her high school years,

she says, “It has been one heck of a roller coaster ride. I have attended three different high schools and am so excited to graduate and move on.”

Hannah has received her acceptance letter and will be attending Canadore College for the 2 year Mental Health and Addictions program in the Fall of 2024. Her goal is to become a social worker and a mental health and addictions worker. She is looking forward to working with people of all ages who are open to receiving support. Hannah says, “Ever since I was a child, I have always had a desire to help people mentally and physically. I have just always had an interest in helping people and would love to do that for my job.” Hannah’s favorite memory was going on the YMCA Youth Exchange to British Columbia. She says, “Ten out of ten, I would do it again.” Nbisiiing is a really good school that has helped me a lot and encouraged me to keep going and get my work done. Hannah says, “I am really nervous, but excited to continue my journey as I head to Canadore next year and I feel prepared to continue my educational journey.”





Breakfast and Lunch Program

At Nbisiing Secondary School, the students are provided with a wonderful, healthy breakfast and lunch every day. This helps promote a healthy lifestyle and assists in improved learning in the classroom. Through the Breakfast and Lunch Programs, students also have the opportunity to try new foods they have never tried before and time for socialization outside the classroom. The Lunch Program provides volunteer opportunities for students to assist in helping serve lunch. The ability to offer the Breakfast and Lunch Programs are very important at Nbisiing Secondary School.

Lush Cosmetics February Donation

This month, we were able send all students and staff home with self-care/wellness bags, consisting of toothbrushes, and Lush toothpaste, shower gel, and cream.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Lush Cosmetics for their generous donations to Nbisiing Secondary School.



Since Lush's first contribution two years ago, we've been able to provide students with extra self-care and wellness bags throughout the school year.

Redhawks Badminton Team

Coach Thomas Farrell and the Badminton team have spent their lunches hard at work, learning the rules of the sport, and honing their techniques to prepare for the upcoming season! The team has our largest turnout so far for competitive athletics at Nbisiing, and we're so excited for the season to start in March! Good luck squad, and thanks to Coach Thomas for his generosity in volunteering his time and energy to coaching the team! Go Redhawks!



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Co-op Placements for February

