



# ARCHIVES

**2022-2023**

**News & Announcements**

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July 31, 2023

## Frontier School Division Responds to Call to Action #69

In the spirit of reconciliation Frontier School Division has repatriated and donated community archives that were collected over the years. This included maps, film strips, charts, posters, documents, slides, and photographs repatriated to communities and/or donated to museums. This is the Division's response to Call to Action #69 ii., where we are called to ensure that record holdings related to residential schools are accessible to the public.

In a recent article published by the *Winnipeg Free Press*, Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen was interviewed regarding our processes for repatriation and shared:

*"We're trying really hard to put it into the right hands, whether it be families or communities or museums that have a clear sensitivity of what it means, culturally and historically, to telling the truth."*

Source: <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2023/07/25/school-division-repatriating-documents>

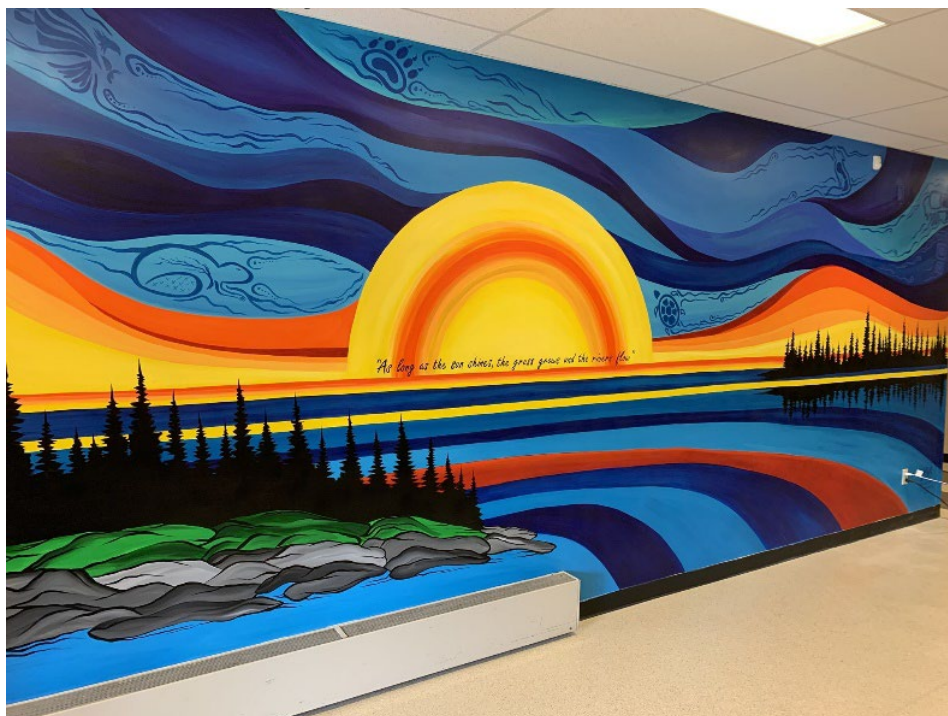
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June 30, 2023

## Gypsumville School Mural

The Gypsumville School is pleased to showcase the stunning new mural that welcomes students, staff, and visitors to their school. The mural, which is approximately 16 feet wide and 9 feet high, was created and painted by Frontier School Division student alumnus Shawna Grapentine. Shawna was challenged to create a piece of artwork that represented Treaty 5, the beautiful Land upon which the school is located, and to embody the Seven Sacred Teachings. After collaborating with school staff, Shawna transformed the dull, beige entrance of the school into an outstanding painting and meaningful space.

The Gypsumville School community would like to thank Shawna for the beautiful, finished artwork.



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June 26, 2023

## Project of Heart



Project of Heart is an inquiry-based, hands-on journey of truth-seeking about the history of Indigenous people in Canada that both educates and empowers students to be changemakers in our world.

On June 14, 2023, Grade 1 students from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Centre in Norway House, Manitoba, participated in a field trip at Sea Falls with their families. In all, 73 people enjoyed the day with a variety of fun learning activities.

Elders were present to share their experiences with residential schools, and the students planted a heart garden at Sea Falls. We hope visitors enjoy the work of the awasisak (children) for years to come!



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June 22, 2023

## Teacher Incentive Signed

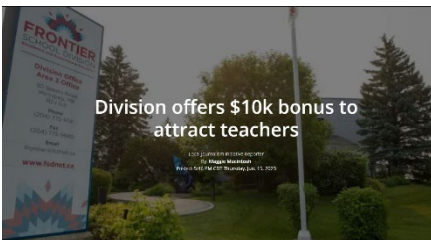


Photo: credit to Local Journalism Incentive Reporter, Maggie Macintosh  
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/biographies/maggie-macintosh>

Frontier School Division and the Frontier Teachers' Association signed two agreements to support the Division's efforts with teacher recruitment:

- New Graduate Recruitment Incentive
- Out of Province Education and Experience Recognition

For more information on these incentives go to: [Employment - Frontier School Division \(fsdnet.ca\)](https://www.fsdnet.ca)

See attached link to the Winnipeg Free Press article:

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2023/06/15/division-offers-10k-bonus-to-attract-teachers>

See attached link to CTV News Winnipeg interview on June 21, 2023 (interview begins at 15:30 mark):

[Winnipeg News | Watch Local Breaking News \(ctvnews.ca\)](https://www.ctvnews.ca)

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June 22, 2023

## True North Foundation - Project 11 Visits Stevenson Island School



On Friday, June 16th, we had a special presentation. Suzi Friesen (Director of Educational Programs) with the True North Foundation came to speak with our students about ways to promote positive Mental Health practices. Stevenson Island School frequently uses the True North Foundation – Project 11's curriculum resources to teach about mental health, so it was an honor to have representatives from the program visit.

Suzi brought some friends. Blake Wheeler (Winnipeg Jets), Andrew Ladd (Winnipeg Jets Alumni) and Ace Burpee (103.1 Virgin Radio Winnipeg Morning Show) joined her in conversation with our students and staff. It was an exciting experience to have celebrities at our school, to promote positive mental health.

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June 20, 2023

## June 21st, Summer Solstice and National Indigenous Peoples Day



June 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of the summer solstice, is National Indigenous Peoples Day. The summer solstice holds significance for many Indigenous communities who have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day for generations.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a time to embrace the diverse traditions, art, and languages that have shaped the fabric of this land for thousands of years. We encourage you to learn, appreciate, and promote understanding of Indigenous cultures, while acknowledging the ongoing journey towards reconciliation.

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June 15, 2023

## Students in the Land Based Program at Rorketon School Construct Hunting Blinds

Students in the land-based program at Rorketon School have been busy this season constructing two hunting blinds as a donation to Skownan First Nation, congratulations students! A special mention to Eric and Kevin who helped to guide this work and idea and to the lucky recipients of this kind donation, Coordinators Darcy and Denise, happy hunting.



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June 14, 2023

## Province Announces Expanded Access to Assessment Tools to Support Student Achievement and Well Being



*(Left to right: Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen, Minister of Health Audrey Gordon, Bonnie Slimmon Kiliwnik, President, Student Services Administrators Association of Manitoba, and Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning Wayne Ewasko)*

On June 12, 2023 Frontier School Division was pleased to participate in the Minister's announcement on supports for early childhood learning.

To view the announcement please click the YouTube link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFzPPDOED8s>

To read the News Release - Manitoba, click the link below:

[Province of Manitoba | News Releases | Manitoba Government Expands Access to Assessment Tools to Support Student Achievement and Well-Being](#)

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June 14, 2023

## Pow Wow at Chan Kagha Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School

Chan Kagha Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School (CKODWTS) hosted a school Pow Wow on Friday, May 26, 2023. In total over 450 students and staff attended from CKODWTS and invited neighboring schools Birtle Elementary, Birtle Collegiate Institute, Sioux Valley and Miniota Schools.

The Pow Wow was led by Arena Director Doug Hanska Sr. and the following drum groups; Dakota Hostiles, Battle Horse, Dakota Hotain, and Birdtail Sioux students including knowledge keeper Joe Bunn. A huge thank you to the Grade 3 to



Grade 8 students who opened the day with fiddling and to the students who participated in the Pow Wow from Sioux Valley, Miniota and Birdtail Sioux Schools and the flag carriers.

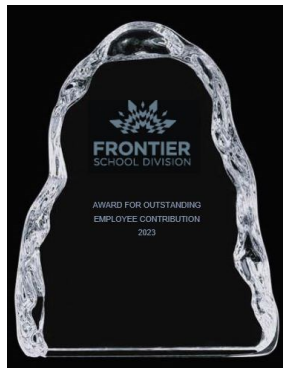
In order for this event to take place, the community came together in partnership with Jordan's Principle, Birdtail Sioux Education, Manitoba First Nation Police and through a grant from Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council. Congratulations on hosting such a beautiful and important event CKODWTS Team!



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June 8, 2023

## Outstanding Members of the Frontier Family



Congratulations to three wonderful members of our Frontier Family who are each being honoured with a 2023 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award:

Angela Thiessen (Resource Teacher - Waterhen School/Skowman School)

[pdf A. Thiessen \(2023\).pdf](#)

Lalaine Tugade (Teaching Principal - Dauphin River School)

[pdf L. Tugade \(2023\).pdf](#)

Karen Batenchuk (Principal - Berens River School)

[pdf K. Batenchuk \(2023\).pdf](#)

Click on the winners' names to read more about the achievements and contributions that made them deserving of this Award as well as excerpts from glowing testimonials included with their nominations.

The Award is presented to persons who demonstrate leadership and proficiency in their work and contribute to the division and as a community member. Other criteria include evidence of personal and/or professional growth and development and implementation of effective work practices in their field.

Thank you to all the winners for your excellent service to Frontier School Division!

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June 1, 2023

## First Manito Ahbee for Thunderstorm Drummers!



From May 17-22, 2023 nine students from Duke of Marlborough School (Churchill) boarded their Calm Air flight to head to the Manito Ahbee Festival for the first time! These students are all a part of the Thunderstorm drumming group and were so excited to head to the celebrations in Winnipeg to observe and learn from others.

Students were able to participate in the NextGen Day, a full-day event focused on Indigenous youth leadership and empowering youth through the teachings of the Medicine Wheel. They even got to meet DJ Boogey the Beat! The festival continued over the weekend with the Grand Entry, a tipi raising competition, music, dancing, and lots of learning from all the presenters and performers.

This trip was made possible in part because of the support from Calm Air, who helped get these students to and from Winnipeg safely.





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May 16, 2023

## Wanipigow Adult Learning Centre Students Learn about the Drum



Students attending the Wanipigow Adult Learning Centre have been learning about the drum, protocol, and teachings this year. Initially making the drums with Melissa Paypompee and Nova Courchene, then making the drumsticks with Jaime Grasby and now painting the drums with artist Shawna Grapentine.

The care, learning, stories, and representation are now reflected in these symbols of mino bimaadiziwin (living in balance/the good life) that they will carry in their lifelong journey.

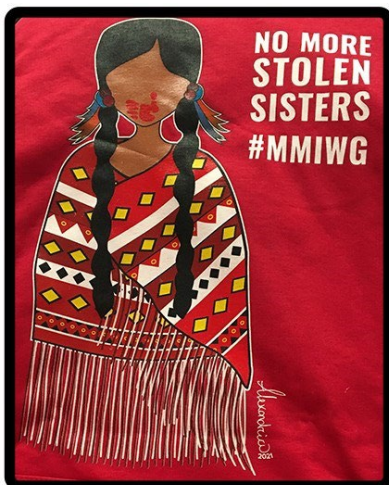
Thank you Joy and all the students for putting your time, care, and heart into this important and beautiful work.



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May 5, 2023

## Red Dress Day - National Day of Awareness



By wearing red on Friday May 5th, we honour and remember murdered and missing Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people on this National Day of Awareness, also known as Red Dress Day.

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May 3, 2023

## Women's World Hockey Championship and Frontier Connections...

Shawna Grapentine, a former Frontier School Division student, hit the world stage at The Women's World Hockey Championship. Shawna as many of you know has worked with our students with in-person and virtual painting & drawing workshops. Recently, she was commissioned to design Player of the Game sticks awarded during The Women's World Hockey Championship in Brampton, Ontario. Her design called "Free Spirit" is of a woman's face with multicoloured hair flowing across the blade. The colours represent different races, challenges, strengths, and weaknesses of the female experience.



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April 26, 2023

## Frontier Fiddlers Perform LIVE at the 44th ASCC



Join us tomorrow, Thursday April 27th at 1PM to watch the Frontier Fiddlers as they perform LIVE at the 44th Annual School Committee Conference at Canad Inns Polo Park.

Click on the picture or the link to watch the livestream via YouTube.

[Link to the Live Stream](https://youtube.com/live/A7Bj-Jdk6Zs?feature=share)

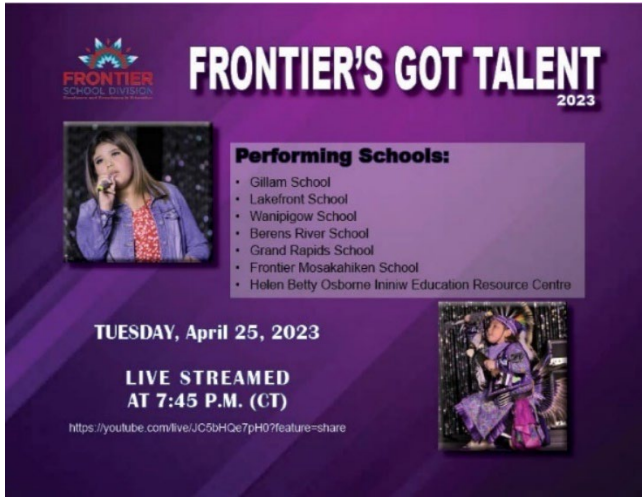
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April 24, 2023

## Frontier's Got Talent 2023

### Watch the Live Performance Tuesday, April 25th at 7:45pm



**FRONTIER'S GOT TALENT** 2023

**Performing Schools:**

- Gillam School
- Lakefront School
- Wanipigow School
- Berens River School
- Grand Rapids School
- Frontier Mosakahiken School
- Helen Betty Osborne Iniw Education Resource Centre

**TUESDAY, April 25, 2023**

**LIVE STREAMED AT 7:45 P.M. (CT)**

<https://youtube.com/live/UC5bH0e7pH07feature=share>

Each year in conjunction with the Annual School Committee conference, students from across the Division take the stage for a judged performance called 'Frontier's Got Talent'. Click on the link or picture below to watch these performances LIVE on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:45 pm.

[Link to the Live Stream](#)

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April 19, 2023

## Area 5 Immersive Indigenous Land-Based Education PD

On Monday April 10, 2023, the Indigenous Way of Life department joined Area 5 teaching staff and administrators, who gathered with local Elders and Knowledge Keepers for a day of immersive Indigenous Land-Based learning. Staff had the opportunity to choose from seven different experiences that explored local and seasonal practices. This included teachings related to the goose hunt, deadfall traps and snares, tipis, drum-making, ribbon skirts, camp life, and star blankets. Staff were immersed in their learning sessions for most of the day, guided by their leaders, which allowed them to explore each topic in a good way. The day was a great step forward for staff on their paths to learning more about Indigenous Land-Based Education, and how they could bring these experiences to their students.



Ekosani to everyone that made this such a great day of collaboration, learning, wellness, and community!

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March 22, 2023

## In Celebration a New Season; Honouring the Transition of Nature Around Us



On March 20 we celebrated the *Spring Equinox* and on March 21 we observe *the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*. Working together, we can create inclusive and welcoming environments in our schools and classrooms.

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March 1, 2023

## Northern Manitoba Food, Culture & Community Collaborative (NMFCCC) Approves Support for Frontier School Division Projects



Frontier School Division is excited and grateful to announce that four schools were approved for grant funding from the Northern Manitoba Food, Culture & Community Collaborative (NMFCCC) and Makeway Foundation.

The grant funding will help in the following ways:

### Reconciliation Exchange: Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre and Elm Creek School

- Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (Norway House) was approved \$30,000 to support a Reconciliation Exchange between the students and Elm Creek School in southern Manitoba. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange to learn from one another and create long-lasting relationships built on mutual respect and understanding.

### Minegoziibe Anishinabe School Curriculum Development Pilot

- Minegoziibe Anishinabe School (Pine Creek) was approved for \$10,000 to support the development of an Indigenous Land-based Education curriculum through immersive camps. This project will ultimately lead to the introduction of a more fully developed Indigenous Land-based Education curriculum that can be shared with other schools.

### Duke of Marlborough School Indigenous Land-Based Education Steering Committee

- Duke of Marlborough School (Churchill) was approved for \$6000 to gather and grow a circle of community members and Knowledge Keepers to further advance the Indigenous Land-based Learning for their students. The community committee will benefit students, while strengthening ties between the school and the community.

### West Lynn Heights School Outdoor Classroom

- West Lynn Heights School (Lynn Lake) was approved for \$6,200 to support the planning of their Outdoor Classroom project. The creation of an outdoor space will allow students to connect with the land, invite community collaboration and advance Indigenous education.

Congratulations to all the grant recipients!

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February 15, 2023

## Louis Riel Day



On February 20<sup>th</sup>, Frontier School Division staff and students will take time to reflect on the legacy of Louis Riel (1844-1885), who we recognize as the founder of our province and one of the fathers of confederation. We also say *eekoshi pitamaa* (thank you very much) to the Métis people for their many contributions and innovations since the early 1700s.



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February 15, 2023

## OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION award

Nominations are invited for the Frontier School Division Outstanding Employee Contribution Award 2023. This award recognizes employees who demonstrate one or more of the following:



- Proficiency in their area of responsibility;
- Contribution to the Division as an employee;
- Contribution as a community member;
- Provision of leadership in the nominee's area of employment;
- Evidence of personal and/or professional growth; and
- Evidence of development and implementation of effective practices in their field of work.

 [Outstanding Employee Contribution Award Nomination Form 2023.pdf](#)

**nomination packages must be received by  
Reg Klassen, chief superintendent, at the division office  
no later than Friday, April 14, 2023**

The selection of the recipient will be made by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting in May and announced in June via special announcement.

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February 2, 2023

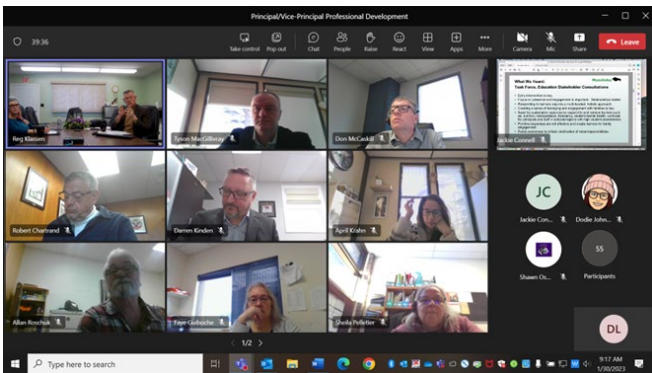
## Professional Development for Principals and Vice-Principals

On January 30, 2023 all Principals, Vice-Principals and senior Divisional administration took part in a virtual professional development focusing on Manitoba Education's recently-announced strategies for student attendance. An overview of the Province's Attendance Strategy was reviewed and time was set aside for breakout room discussion via Microsoft Teams to discuss what this means for Frontier.

*Chief Superintendent Klassen and Acting Area 5 Superintendent Marg Janssen hosting the Divisional PD session from the Norway House office.*



A review of the Province's presentation shared with the group on the screen with online participants listening in on the presentation.



Staff preparing to share insights gleaned from breakout group discussions.



February 2, 2023

## Professional Development for Teachers

On January 20, 2023 a session was held for all teachers across the Division on Wellness. Teachers from Areas 2 and 3 were present in-person at a venue in Winnipeg with teachers from Areas 1, 4 and 5 participating online.

An opening was provided by Board Chairperson Linda Ballantyne, with Chief Superintendent Klassen following introductions of the topic and guest presenter Dr. Jody Carrington.

Dr. Jody Carrington shared personal insight supported by research that focused on relationships and looking after each other and our students.



Opening remarks provided by Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen.

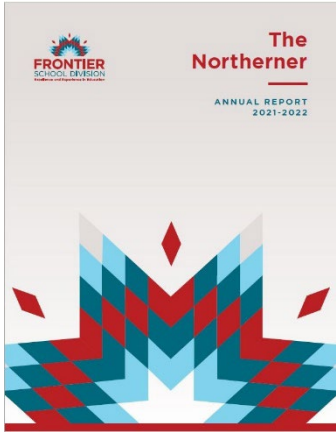


Dr. Jody Carrington opening the session.

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December 21, 2022

## 2021-22 Annual Report



We are pleased to present our 2021-22 Annual Report to the Frontier Family.

The Annual Report provides a snapshot of the 2021-22 school year and the work of our Division as we advance educational opportunities for our students.

Read the report [here](#) or click on the image.

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December 12, 2022

## High Honours for Graduating Students from Volleyball Manitoba

Volleyball Manitoba celebrated graduating all-star athletes with a banquet and game showcase on Saturday December 10, 2022, for students across the province from various A, AA, AAA and AAAA levels.

Michael McCracken and Tyler Doak of Joseph H Kerr school in Snow Lake were two of the 26 male all-stars athletes in the A-AAA category selected for this recognition. The graduating All-Star banquet honours those individuals whose contributions have been exceptional over the past high school season.

Accompanied by their coach Courtney Feldschun, Michael and Tyler attended a morning banquet with their peers and were presented with award certificates and All-Star jerseys.

Afternoon games were held at St. Paul High school in Winnipeg where the athletes were able to showcase their skills.



*Coach Courtney Feldschun  
and Michael McCracken*



*Coach Courtney Feldschun  
and Tyler Doak*

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December 6, 2022

## Education Agreement with Marcel Colomb First Nation

Frontier School Division and Marcel Colomb First Nation held an Education Agreement signing ceremony on November 16, 2022. The Education Agreement makes the long-standing education partnership between FSD and the First Nation official. FSD looks forward to continued collaboration with the First Nation on behalf of their students attending West Lynn Heights School.



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November 10, 2022

## Remembrance Day 2022

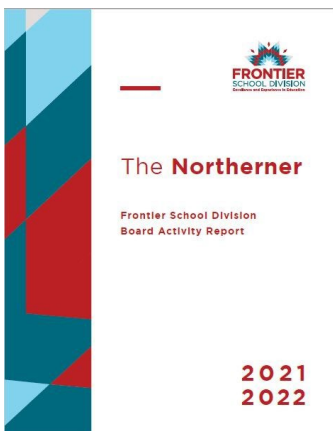


On Remembrance Day, Frontier School Division reflects on the contributions of all veterans. We are eternally grateful for their courage and sacrifices. Frontier staff and students are encouraged to learn about the service of local veterans. A good resource are community monuments and plaques.

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November 7, 2022

## 2021-22 Frontier School Division Board of Trustees Activity Report



We are pleased to present you with the Board Activity Report. Click on the image to directed to the report and learn about the many different programs, initiatives, and policies the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees worked on during the school year.

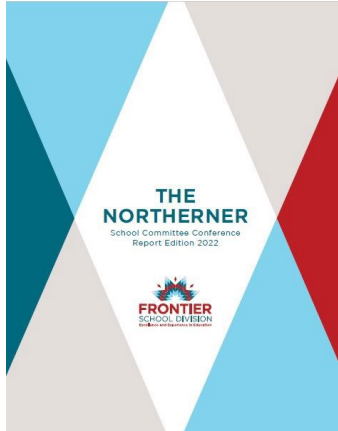
With the 2021-22 school year finished, we have much to be thankful for. The Board of Trustees worked with administration, staff, parents, and communities to ensure important supports and opportunities were provided. We are proud of how everyone in our communities rose to meet the new challenges, connected with one another, and strengthened our Frontier Family.

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November 4, 2022

## 2022 Annual School Committee Conference Report



We are pleased to share the proceedings of the May 2022 Annual School Committee Conference. **Click on the image** to learn about presentations, discussions, student performances and awards that were presented in May.

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October 27, 2022

## Land-Based Learning at Minegoziibe Anishinabe School (MAS)



From October 17-21, Grade 5 to 12 students at MAS were immersed in a four-day moose camp. Over the course of these days, students connected with and learned from local Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Gift Givers as they advance Indigenous Land-based education in their community.

Rich learning took place including stories of the moose hunt and how to prepare the meat and hide. Students also learned about the medicines, the sacred teachings of the sweat lodge, and had opportunity to participate in a sweat.

Additionally, students learned all about the hard work their ancestors experienced and continue to do in order to build and maintain a camp, such as keeping the fire going, helping community members and Elders, and respecting the land.

Miigwetch to those who made this camp come to life. This includes local hunters, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Gift Givers, Chief and Council, community leaders, students and their families, the staff at Minegoziibe Anishinabe School, the Indigenous Way of Life Department, and most of all, okemasis Cynthia Nepinak for her tireless efforts to support her students as they advance their identity, language, history, culture, and sense of belonging.



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September 26, 2022

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Also known as [Orange Shirt Day](#), this day is about awareness of the intergenerational impacts of the residential school system and the efforts towards [reconciliation](#).

On the Indigenous Way of Life (IWOL) department's new blog, teachers, administrators and other staff members will find lots of ideas, including age-appropriate resources and activities for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and much more. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the IWOL Department for additional supports.

Additionally, the website of the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) is featuring a free educational program for grades 1 to 12 throughout the week.

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July 22, 2022

## P.E.N.T. Graduation 2021



On Friday, July 15, a celebration was held to honour graduates of the 2021 and 2022 P.E.N.T. program at Brandon University. Please join us in congratulating the graduating students from Frontier School Division!

### 2021:

- Gwen Halkett – Brochet School
- Hailley Ross – Berens River School
- April Sinclair - Wanipigow School
- Hailie Wasnie - San Antonio School
- Dwayne Anderson - Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre

### 2022:

- Nicole Friesen – Gillam School
- Miranda Dysart – Thunderbird School
- Jarrett Campbell – Berens River School
- Ingrid Flett – Berens River School



Each student has demonstrated resiliency and commitment in adapting to all the changes created in the education system during the pandemic. The graduates are to be commended for maintaining their positivity, flexibility, and optimism in reaching their goal of becoming a teacher. We wish the graduates continued success in their teaching careers.



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July 13, 2022

## Engaged Learners - Programming for the Future

Frontier School Division is pleased to announce the purchase of Caribou Lodge as the new and future home of the Engaged Learners Program. We are excited that our programming will continue in the former Caribou Lodge, located in Cranberry Portage, Manitoba on the shores of First Cranberry Lake. This ideal location will allow new and additional opportunities for our Engaged Learners students. The Engaged Learners Team is eager to start their preparations and renovations which will begin this summer and continue throughout the 2022-2023 school year. We would like to thank the Engaged Learners students and staff for their flexibility and patience over the course of the last school year as the Division worked to secure a new home.



*(Photograph by Richard Murnick)*

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