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Chief Superintendent, Reg Klassen Congratulates Graduates of 2021



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June 11, 2021

Frontier Students and Staff Honour The 215 Children Found In Kamloops, BC

Frontier School Division is collectively mourning the loss of the 215 children who were found in the mass grave site in Kamloops, BC.

Here's how many of our students and staff have been taking time to honour the children.

Barrows Junction School

Barrows Junction School held a moment of silence each day. Staff and students created orange hearts to hang on the fence with words of prayer and hope. They also hung 215 orange ribbons on a tree in school yard.



Berens River School

The Berens River School community did a drive-by vigil to drop off 215 shoes acknowledgement of the 215 children. The next day, they held a burial of the 215 shoes.



Chan Kagher Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School

Although the school is in remote learning, Chan Kagher Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School staff were at the school to honor the 215 children. The Chief and Council along with staff from the various First Nations departments attended an outdoor service, including an honor song and message from the Chief. Staff and students will continue their heart garden project.



Dauphin River

Although the school is in remote learning, the Dauphin River School staff created a garden of hearts in the school yard. Parents were encouraged to create hearts and plant them as well. Families in the community were also encouraged to place similar hearts in their front yards and doorsteps to show their solidarity in remembering these children and their families.



Duke of Marlborough School

The Duke of Marlborough School had a moment of silence during morning announcements. The staff and students also wore orange t-shirts, but were unable to go for a community walk and take a group photo due to public health measures.



Falcon Beach School

At Falcon Beach School, teachers and students engaged in discussions, read newspaper articles and watched news reports. Students also created their own art piece, which are now on display, to represent their thoughts and feelings about what happened, and to honor the victims and their families. The school also gathered outside for a group discussion and moment of silence.

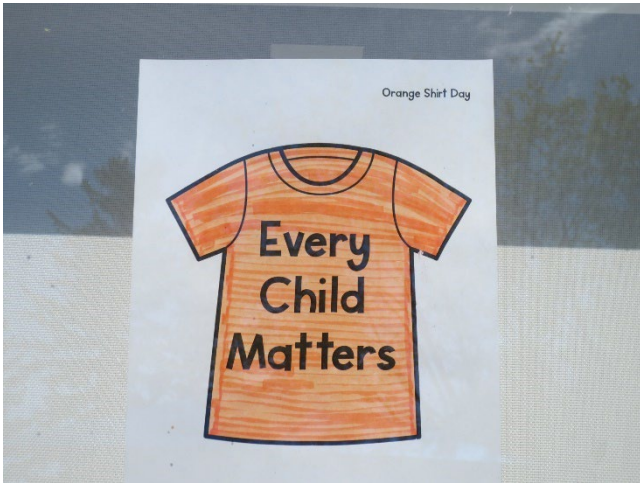


Gypsumville School

All staff and students at Gypsumville School wore "Every Child Matters" orange t-shirts and held moments of silence throughout the week.

Matheson Island School

Matheson Island School students made posters to put in their windows at home and to share with neighbours. They also tied 215 orange ribbons to the fence.



Peonan Point

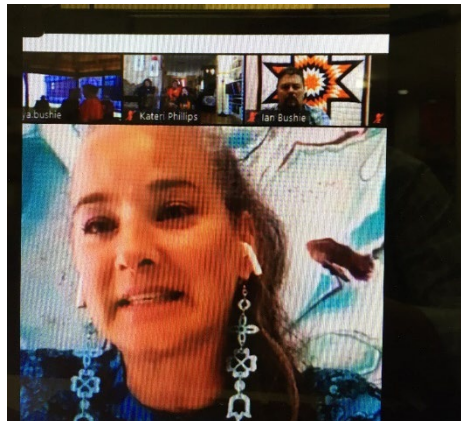
Students at Peonan Point have been learning by reading articles, watching videos, and listening to podcasts this month. Following each text, video or podcast, students have the opportunity to write about it or discuss it. Students were also invited to wear orange shirts.

Rorketon School

Rorketon School held a moment of silence every morning. Staff and students also tied 215 orange ribbons to the outside fence.

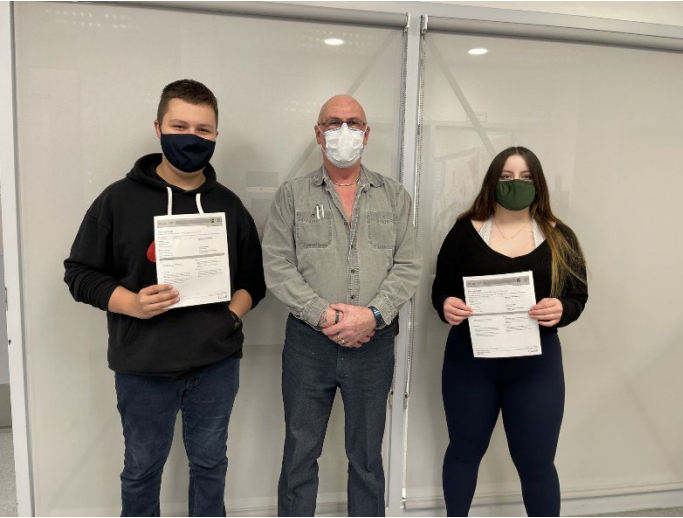
Wanipigow School

Wanipigow School distributed information about the tragic discovery to teachers and lowered their flag. Kateri Phillips conducted a virtual event with students, staff and community. The virtual event included opening remarks and lighting of the smudge by Kateri, an opening prayer by Elder Burma Bushie, prayer songs by Marcel Hardisty and a drum group, words from Ian Bushie, MLA of Keewatinook and Miss Fontaine, and closing remarks by Lisa Raven on behalf of Returning to Spirit.



June 11, 2021

Northern Manitoba Drone Program Setting a New Standard



Two FSD students are among few to obtain drone pilot certification.

Two high school students from Frontier School Division's Leaf Rapids Education Centre (LREC) have accomplished the tremendous task of acquiring their RPAS pilot certificates from Transport Canada.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), more commonly referred to as "drones," have become incredibly valuable resources with nearly limitless industrial applications, and can provide northern and remote communities with potentially life-saving resources that were unheard of a decade ago.

It is a complex and onerous process to obtain one's certification to operate an RPAS from Transport Canada, the governing authority overseeing drone certification in Canada. "Pilots are required to demonstrate a deep understanding of aviation knowledge that is tested thoroughly on the government exam," says Matthew Johnson, a former high school mathematics teacher and Vice President of Training at Volatus Aerospace in Winnipeg.

Lucas Lussier and Samantha Glenday completed their Basic RPAS pilot certification exams in March of this year, after having completed an optional credit program at LREC in partnership with Volatus Aerospace. Each student was recognized by their school by receiving their "Frontier Wings" award on June 9th.

"The hardest part was studying for the Transport Canada test," said Lucas Lussier, 17.

"It was hard. The test was hard," Glenday, 16, said. But when asked if she would recommend the program for other students, she said, *"Do it! It's fun."*

The teacher who led them through the program was Malcolm Hayter, who also completed the training in 2019. Hayter agreed that the course was not easy. "The book work side can be a bit challenging at times, but I think the flying makes up for that," Hayter said. He does believe the licenses will have a positive impact on the students' future: "Knowing how to fly, even at a basic level, gives these young people a leg up. Having basic skills and a passion for flying will open up many opportunities for them in the not-too-distant future."

Lussier agreed, stating that, "Doing this it will provide me with better options for my future." He is considering a career in aeronautics.

The Drones In The Classroom program has been offered by Volatus Aerospace across the Prairies since 2018, helping teachers learn the ropes about drone industry operations. "Frontier School Division has become a Canadian leader in drone education" says Johnson, who has trained over 20 teachers across the division to date. Johnson added that "it is extremely impressive to see high school students receiving their pilot certifications. Frontier is paving a future with opportunities for these students!"

Elizabeth V. Peltz, who works as an administrative assistant at Transport Canada's Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) Task Force says that "they should be very proud of their accomplishment!" According to Transport Canada, only 1.6% of licensed drone pilots in Canada are 18 and under.

"There are currently 32 students between the ages of 14-18 that have their basic RPAS certificate in Manitoba..." Peltz said, adding that "Lucas and Samantha are included in these numbers."

Arif Kassum, Science Instructional Coach with Frontier School Division, launched the division-wide drone program to have teachers certified and outfitted with state-of-the-art hardware. *"This is a milestone. This is precisely what the program was meant to achieve,"* said Kassum. *"The new licenses expand their options for potential careers as RPAS pilots in aviation, aerospace, and science and engineering. We are thrilled to see them come so far."*

June 10, 2021

Kally And Samantha Make Us Proud at The Canada-Wide Science Fair

Kally Baldwin from San Antonio School and Samantha Glenday from Leaf Rapids Education Centre participated in the 2021 Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) in May, going against 400 students from across Canada in the virtual competition. Both Kally and Samantha competed against FSD students to earn their spots at the CWSF.

You can have a look at Kally's project, titled Watch Out It's a Global Pandemic, [online here](#), and Samantha's project, titled Is Bioplastic Our Future?, [online here](#).



Kally, left, and Samantha did FSD proud at the 2021 CWSF

Congratulations to both participants for representing Frontier School Division, and to Samantha for receiving a bronze medal at CWSF—the first student from FSD to medal at the event. Join us in celebrating the amazing achievements of both Kally and Samantha!

"I had a great time participating in the Canada Wide Science Fair. It was very educational and I learned a lot. I learned how to improve and make changes to my project. I am looking forward to next year. Thank you to Jaqueline and Arif for all their support. I also want to thank Ms. TJ for encouraging me to take part in the event." – Kally

"My overall experience was great. I participated in several activities that was offered during the week. I found doing the presentation virtually quite interesting as this is a new approach for me. I was watching the award ceremony and was surprised when I heard my name called for a medal. I encourage everyone to go for it, whatever you want to achieve. I am already looking forward for next year." – Samantha

June 10, 2021

June Fine Arts News and Photos



Have a look at the [Fine Arts Newsletter here](#) for some beautiful photos of art happening in FSD, as well as fantastic activities like a draw/create/design challenge, fiddle instruction videos, math-inspired journal writing prompts, scavenger hunt (30 items!) and fabulous Father's Day ideas.

Thank you to Shannon McIsaac, Fine Arts Coordinator at FSD, for putting this amazing newsletter together!

June 2, 2021

Cold Lake Happenings

Cold Lake School students have been busy in April and May receiving math awards, trying out new bikes and sports equipment made possible by an RCMP grant, making beautiful fiddle music with 12 new fiddles and connecting virtually for a painting session.

We have all the photos and details below!



Students Alyssa and Kambree and art teacher Jayln Messner show off flowers they painted during a virtual painting session with Shawna Grapentine, who gave them step-by-step instruction on technique and colour blending and mixing.



Twelve new fiddles, including the ones in the hands of Madisson (left) and Steven, were added for students from Grade 1 to 8 to take fiddle classes with instructor Cameron Baggins. When Cameron couldn't come to the school he did lessons using Microsoft Teams video. Older fiddles are being loaned to students to practice at home.



A generous grant from the RCMP of almost \$11,000 was used to purchase sports and activities equipment for students, including mountain bikes/helmets, lacrosse, fitness, resistance training, fishing, camping, canoeing, archery, golf, tennis, and exercise equipment. It is such a generous and amazing gift that will enhance students' physical and outdoor education programs so much!



Darryl used one of the new bikes and helmets to gather birch bark for a Memory Box project.



Grade 8 student Steven shows off his 'Mathletics' certificate. May 5 was Math World Day, and Steven placed 326 in Canada's Hall of Fame competition. Over 9,000 schools from 127 countries took part in the Mathletics event. Cold Lake School placed 558 in the World in Grade 8 classes.

June 2, 2021

Frontier Comes Through in The Fight Against Cancer

Results from the 40th Anniversary Terry Fox School Run are in and 12 Frontier School Division schools raised over \$3,900 for the [Terry Fox Foundation](#)—an incredible accomplishment!

THANK YOU
FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION

The answer is to try and help others.
Terry Fox

12 Schools participated in the 2020 Terry Fox School Run, raising \$3902.10 for cancer research!

THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

We are very proud to report that FSD schools have raised almost \$250,000 as part of the Terry Fox School Run over the years, helping Canadian researchers make great strides against cancer.

A thank you note from Breanne Nemez, School and Event Coordinator at the Terry Fox Foundation, congratulated Mel Johnson School for raising the most dollars in FSD (and ranking in the Top 50 Fundraising Schools in Manitoba for 2020) with a total of \$1071.30 through 14 runs. Matheson Island School got an honourable mention for raising an impressive \$1,054.40 with only 11 runs, earning it a "Manitoba spotlight at our National Review meeting earlier in the year," wrote Breanne.

"In 1980, Terry Fox set out on a mission to transform his dream of finding a cure for cancer into reality," wrote Breanne.

"Terry never faltered in his determination and perseverance, and we are honoured to see the **Frontier School Division** family of schools bring the same strength and spirit to this fight 40 years later."

June 1, 2021

Wear Orange, Take A Moment of Silence, To Honour the Children

We acknowledge the families and community of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and join in mourning the loss of their children. In honour of the 215 children's remains discovered at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, Frontier schools have lowered their flags to half-mast for 215 hours beginning May 31.

Frontier staff and students are encouraged to wear orange on Wednesday, June 2, in honour of the 215 children and all the children who never returned home. We also encourage everyone to set aside physical or virtual spaces to practice a moment of silence at 2:15 p.m. on June 2.



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WEDNESDAY JUNE 2, 2021



Frontier School Division staff and students are encouraged to wear orange and observe a moment of silence at 2:15pm on Wednesday June 2 to honour the children from the former Residential school in Kamloops, B.C., and all the children who never made it home.

Frontier School Division is committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

24 hour Residential Schools Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419

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May 31, 2021

MCIC Global Citizenship Award for Educators



Frontier School Division is proud to announce that Darren Cable, Work Education Coordinator, is the recipient of Manitoba Council for International Cooperation [Global Citizenship Award for Educators](#).

This award recognizes Manitoban teachers and administrators who have been leaders in promoting global citizenship—taking action, and supporting others efforts, to promote a more just and sustainable world

Awards are open to middle years and high school teachers, as well as administrators (including principals, vice principals, superintendents, trustees and other divisional or Manitoba Education staff). This year the awards will be presented virtually on June 17. Congratulations, Darren, for this well-deserved recognition.

May 26, 2021

Outstanding Members of The Frontier Family



Congratulations to four wonderful members of our Frontier family who are each being honoured with a 2021 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award:

- [Blair McCulloch](#) (*Teacher – Gillam School*)
- [Heather Lowe](#) (*Health, Wellness & Physical Education Coordinator – Division Office*)
- [Jacqueline Monteith](#) (*Science Instructional Coach – Division Office*)
- [Lorne Wallmann](#) (*Custodian – Frontier Collegiate*)

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 the development and implementation of effective work practices in their field.

Thank you to all the winners for your excellent service to FSD!



Blair McCulloch - Teacher at Gillam School, with students



Heather Lowe - Health, Wellness & Physical Education Coordinator – Division Office



Jacqueline Monteith - Science Instructional Coach – Division Office



Lorne Wallmann - Custodian – Frontier Collegiate



May 26, 2021

JHK Students Build Cedar Smokers



Students at JHK Build Fully-functioning CEDAR SMOKER



JHK students are building fully functional cedar smokers in IA this spring. This project covered outcomes from the IA curriculum but also met many Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) goals as well.

Students began by studying smoker plans from an article in Outdoor Canada magazine. They created a cut list and then fabricated a frame from 1" x 1" pieces. Next, students made their own tongue and groove cedar boards on the shaper. These were connected together and attached as the side of the smoker. A plywood base with pressure treated feet was added to resist moisture and rot. Then a cedar roof was added. Students also had to make a door and door jam. We added some details like a rustic log door handle for style. They also made an intarsia trout for additional decoration out of hardwood scraps laying around the shop. Students were able to design their own smoke vent covers. One student used a set of antlers from her fall hunt! Students also had to do some basic metal work for the project. They cut 4 shelves from expanded metal to make the racks for inside. Students were challenged with making their own heating elements! To do this we reclaimed an old stove and 2 bedframes from going to the local landfill. They collected the elements, angle iron, and wire from the salvaged items. Students cut, welded, and wired the element to support 115V power. When all painted up the elements look new and better yet...work! To finish the smokers students applied a natural boiled linseed oil to the outside.

*Article by Steve Deighton, Principal
Joseph H. Kerr School
Snow Lake, MB*



**The completed smokers look great and are fully functional!
Amazing what students can create with 5 boards, wood scraps, and some "Junk".**

May 25, 2021

Leaf Rapids Student Wins at Canada-Wide Science Fair



Samantha Glenday, a high school student at Leaf Rapids Education Centre, was just awarded a Bronze medal by Youth Science Canada at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, making her the first Frontier student to win an award at the national level. Her research project, *Is Bioplastic Our Future?*, was also a local and division-wide winner during the FSD Science Fair 2020—our largest science fair ever.

Samantha was one of the 400 students across Canada to participate in the virtual Canada-Wide Science Fair, held on May 17-20, 2021. The fair is Canada's largest annual youth science, technology, engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) event that unites young scientists and their projects.

Congratulations Samantha!

May 12, 2021

Public Town Hall Discussions on Bill 64—What Could It Mean For FSD?



The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees and senior administration are holding public online town hall meetings to discuss the Province of Manitoba's proposed changes to the education system—Bill 64 – The Education Modernization Act.

We have been led to believe that this proposed legislation, should it be given Royal Assent, will take effect July 1, 2022. If that happens Frontier School Division will no longer exist. Every school in Frontier will become part of the Manitoba Education Authority.

We invite all parents/staff/students and residents in the Division to join us for this discussion about the future of our school division.

To allow for maximum participation, **all sessions run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Dates below are specific to school areas, but if you are not able to join in the session targeted for your school area please feel free to join in any other date.

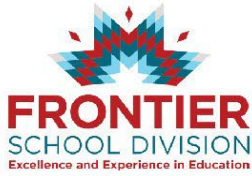
- Area 3 schools: Monday, May 17
- Area 1 schools: Wednesday, May 19
- Area 5 schools: Tuesday, May 25
- Area 4 schools: Wednesday, May 26
- Area 2 schools: Monday, May 31

To participate online, [email us for Zoom info.](#)

Please contact your local School Principal or Area Superintendent if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation in this important event.

May 12, 2021

Students in the JHK Woodworking Class Create Miniature Model of Cabin



Joseph H. Kerr School **WOODWORKING CLASS** Creates Miniature Model of Cabin



Students in the JHK Woodworking class were provided a hands-on learning package during the suspension of classes. The goal was to keep students practicing measurement, layout, cutting, and assembly skills while working from home during Covid-19 restrictions.

Each student was provided with a kit that included: *tape measure, glue gun, ruler, hacksaw and wood strips.*

The project was to construct a 1:16 scale model of a 20x30 cabin

Students were also provided paper learning resources, linked powerpoint presentations, and YouTube instructional videos to help with their build. The students followed instructions for completing a foundation, floor, walls, and a roof... **Just like framing a real house!**

All of the project parts, including 3500 1/8" wood strips were made in the school shop and delivered to the students home.

The following pictures show the foundation, main beams, floor joists, sub-flooring, wall frames, and roof construction.



Watch the YouTube Instructional Videos Here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL>

This project was adapted to be reflective of 'An Intro to Building Construction' and based off the project created by Marc Beaulieu, teacher at Scott Bateman School in The Pas, MB. (former Area 4 Math Coach). With special Thanks to Jason Yoder for the video editing.

May 10, 2021

Earth Day 2021 Video: 110+ Entries!

Thank you all for participating in Earth Day! We received 110+ entries from across the division, including activities such as hunting, community clean-ups, exploration and even a school play of the "The Great Kapok Tree"! Winners were randomly selected and will be receiving their prizes shortly.

Please enjoy the video of our entry submissions, and remember to Respect Mother Earth, its lands and waters, and work towards a sustainable future!"

<https://vimeo.com/546507454/5e95dbb40e>

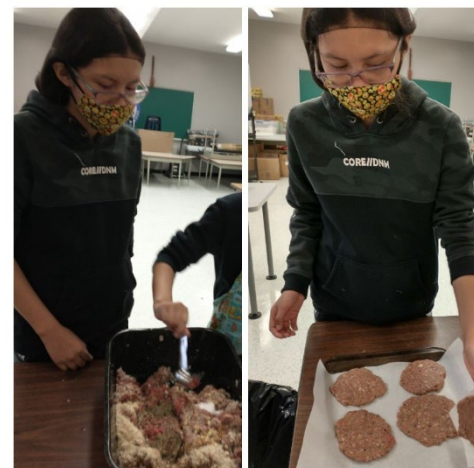
May 4, 2021

From Seed to Table at Lakefront School

Students at Lakefront School are taking the holistic approach growing fresh healthy garden plants and seeing seeds turn into lettuce on their burgers!



Aubree and Tayden attend to the Tower Garden



Students helped seed and grow the lettuce on Tower Garden kits provided by the Northern Association of Community Councils. After about a month, students harvested the yummy greenery, and the Home Economics Class prepared burgers. The fresh lettuce was added to make hot and healthy hamburgers as perfect and delicious as they could be!

Making patties!



Sunnae and Selene (bottom right) help build the perfect burger.



May 4, 2021

Fishing Derby from A Distance



The 15th Annual Frontier Fishing Derby was a "Distance Derby" in March this year, with students and staff from sixteen schools participating on the lakes of their choice.

Laura Kelly, West Lynn Heights staff, was the grand prize winner this year with a massive 38-inch fish!



Ms. Kelly, showing off her muscles, holding up the winner.

A video showing photos sent in by dozens of participants can be seen [here](#).

Arif Kassum, Science Instructional Coach at FSD, says students are encouraged to identify fish as a science exercise. "It's something that's done in Grade 12 biology using a dichotomous key."

April 26, 2021

Recipient of the Physical and Health Educators (PHE) of Manitoba Middle Years Award



We are thrilled to announce that Frontier School Division's Health and Wellness Coordinator Heather Lowe, is this year's recipient of the Physical and Health Educators (PHE) of Manitoba Middle Years Award. This most prestigious award honours physical educators who have shown outstanding leadership and dedication to the promotion of physical education in the province of Manitoba.

Heather is a tremendously passionate, skilled and hardworking educator. She is a tireless advocate in support of Physical Education and wellness across Frontier School Division and Northern Manitoba. She is always innovative in her approach.

COVID-19 has presented all teachers in our Country with unique challenges. Heather has risen to these challenges time and time again. She continues to come up with unique ideas to ensure student safety, engagement and physical activity, whether it be organizing a divisional Virtual Fishing Derby, Offering Virtual HIIT & YOGA workshops over ZOOM, Hosting Division wide virtual Frontier & High School Games or sending kits North so that schools can build their own outdoor curling rinks. Heather is constantly strategizing on how best to support students, teachers, administrators and community.

She is a strong advocate for the inclusion of Indigenous Education within the Physical Education Portfolio and is a strong Ally in this work. Ensuring that the physical education curriculum our students are presented with is representative of who they are as young Indigenous People, is a clear priority for Heather. This fall she was an attendee at the Indspire National Gathering on Indigenous Education. Heather is constantly looking for opportunities to engage students in Outdoor Education and has made it a priority to connect with the Indigenous Way of Life Department in Frontier School Division to ensure we are including cultural knowledge and ways of learning into outdoor experiences for youth.

Heather is passionate, creative and always ready to take on a new challenge. She leads by example, and we are extremely proud to have her as a member of our Frontier Family. Congratulations Heather.

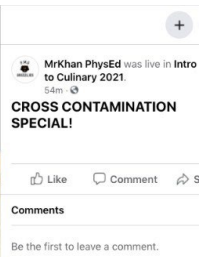
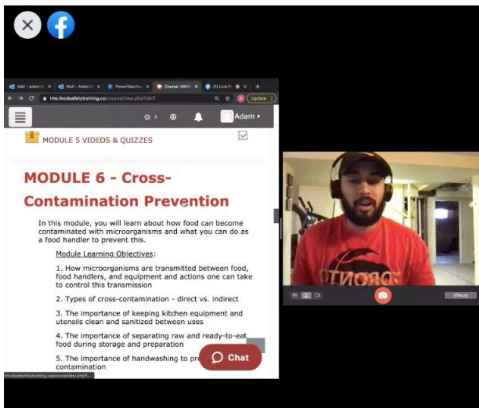
April 7, 2021

Learning Goes on At Frontier Mosakahiken School

Frontier Mosakahiken School in Moose Lake has been breaking new ground and finding new ways for students to learn as they face these challenging times together.

Staff have received "blended learning" education training to help them continue delivering effective learning opportunities to their students—no matter where they are!

Check out these great photos of vibrant, ongoing learning happening at Frontier Mosakahiken School:



Mr. Khan uses Facebook Live to deliver lessons in food safety in his Intro to Culinary class.



In "Virtual Culinary Arts," Robert shows off his meatloaf before it goes in the oven, and Sylvia plates some delicious stuffed mushrooms.



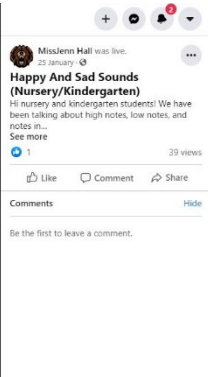
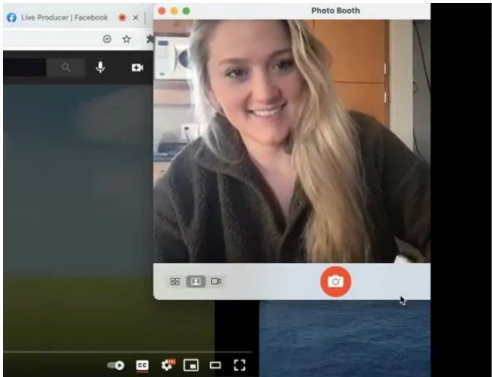
Jason and Jenna, both from Moose Lake, show off their posters thanking frontline workers they created as part of a contest during blended learning times.



Ms. Gamblin's Grade 1 students learning with OneTab learning devices gifted by Timothy and Susan Millican. OneTabs come with programs already installed into the device that reinforce concepts taught in the classroom.



Kingsley keeps up with classroom activities with help from a friend in her home "classroom."



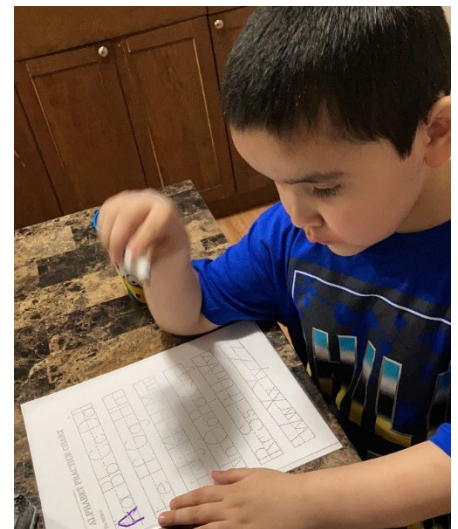
Ms. Hall has been making good use of Facebook Live to deliver music lessons to students.



Ms. Gamblin leads students through a blindfolded exploration of the sense of taste. Celery was the least popular item (though Leslee loved it) while salt & vinegar chips won the day.



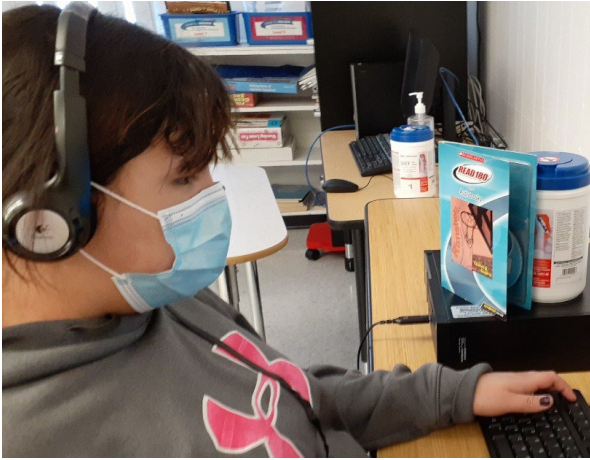
Much-beloved homework packages ready for delivery!



Ty enjoys some of the homework he had delivered!

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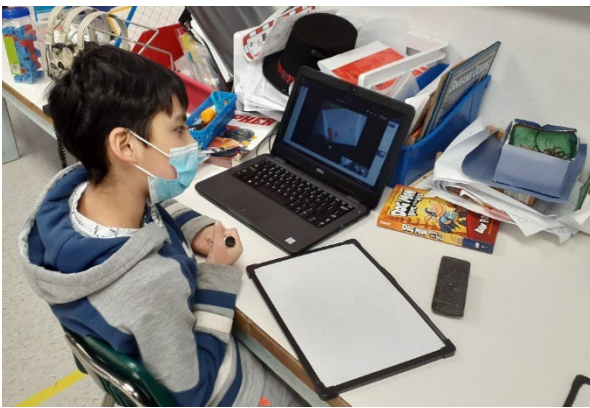
Cold Lake Spirit



The pandemic has limited visitors to Cold Lake School in Sherridon, Manitoba. This means fewer chances to hear presenters and special guests speak and share knowledge, but also opportunities to use technology like audiobooks and virtual connections to keep students engaged and learning.

Grade 7 student Emma listens to an audiobook to enhance her fluency and vocabulary skills.

Audiobooks allow students to hear other reader's model fluency, volume, tone, cadence and punctuation while virtual meetings include group or individual, teacher-coach instruction.



Grade 4 student Darryl receives one-on-one instruction through a Microsoft Teams meeting with Area 4 Math Coach Julie Seely.

The pandemic has also meant more outdoor time to connect with the best special guest of all—nature!

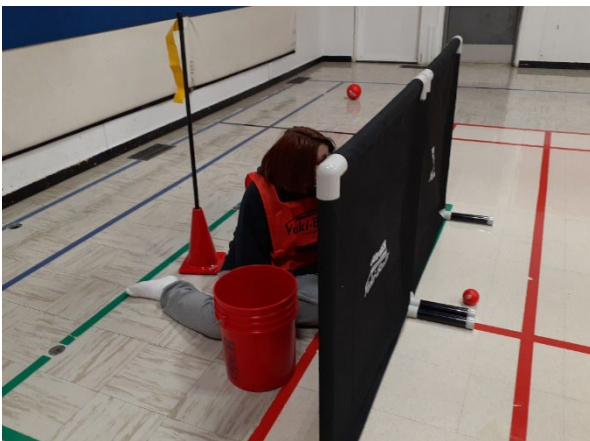


Kambree during a Physical Education class at Cold Lake School. The school's students got outdoors this winter for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Pandemic safety for students and staff includes safe, sanitized workplaces. Individual learning areas are divided two metres apart, and Yuki-Ball barriers—usually used for gym games and dividers—are also being utilized in classrooms as a unique way of creating social distancing for students.



Emma learning peacefully in a space created with Yuki-Ball barriers.



Grade 6 student Kora-Lee plans her next move behind a Yuki-Ball barrier in the gym.

With safe, distanced practices in-person learning has still been possible for students who have still been attending school daily, including one-on-one classroom learning. Great job, Cold Lake School students, staff and teachers!



Kambree is feeling spirited in her pajamas during Spirit Day as her teacher, Jaclyn Messner, takes her through a guided reading lesson.

April 1, 2021

Forest to Furniture at Helen Betty Osborne

Students at Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre in Norway House are getting out on the land to learn and harvest as part of teacher John Kalmbach's Construction Technology class.

"It ties in with sustainability and resources and where your material comes from," said Kalmbach.

"We're kind of experimenting. It's a new adventure."



Elder Charles Ettawacappo (left) sharing knowledge on the land with John Kalmbach's students.

Kalmbach is running a new Forest to Furniture program that includes field trips to harvest resources for construction projects and artwork. Last September, Kalmbach ran four trips with students and Elder Charles Ettawacappo. They brought back birch each time—about 10 2-inch round trunks—and students made things like tables and artwork like Christmas ornaments.



Student Michael works to prepare birch for a beautiful table he created (next photo).



The process of being on the land with an Elder is a way of learning that transcends books, Kalmbach says. Elder Ettawacappo shared information with students about the birch tree, it's value to the community and how to harvest in environmentally friendly ways.



Making wood come alive.

"Charlie was also explaining about Chaga mushroom, which grows mainly on birch trees and it's boiled to make tea for your stomach. I didn't know that, so I'm learning as well," says Kalmbach.



Social distancing on the land.

"The students respond to being outside. It gives a new dimension to the classroom. It's a learning without the classroom borders."



Tree art for the tree.

Birch shavings from the construction process make perfect roses for a wall hanging.



April 1, 2021

Persistence And Student Support at Duke of Marlborough School



Duke of Marlborough School would like to thank resource teacher Claire Gould (pictured left) and guidance counsellor Verna Flett for their hard work and dedication at our school.

Claire and Verna worked together to complete 10 Indigenous Support for Student Learning Program (SSLP) applications for students of Indigenous ancestry at the Duke of Marlborough School. All their hard work paid off and now 10 students will be receiving a laptop that will assist with the educational effort and success at home.

Thank you, Claire and Verna, for your time, persistence and for always putting students at the forefront of every task. Your daily dedication to your profession, your students and the community is so important and appreciated.

April 1, 2021

2021 Frontier Achievement Award recipient



We are pleased to announce Melanie MacKinnon is the 2021 Frontier Achievement Award recipient—an award that recognizes former Frontier students for demonstrating commitment and excellence in their career and community.

Melanie, a member of the Misipawistik Cree Nation, attended Mel Johnson School in Wabowden and graduated through the Home Placement Program from Grant Park High School.

She graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1996 with a Bachelor of Nursing degree and began her career in northern Manitoba as an advanced practice nurse in nursing stations in a variety of First Nations communities. She took on administrative duties as Nurse in Charge of nursing stations and then as Zone Nursing Officer. She is currently the Executive Director for Ongomiizwin Clinical services at the University of Manitoba. In this role, she is responsible for the recruitment and retention of physicians for northern Manitoba nursing stations and hospitals. She is also responsible for the nurse-run programs in diabetes retinal screening and foot care in First Nations communities.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Melanie has taken an additional role in establishing the Manitoba First Nations Pandemic Response team with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. She and her colleagues mobilize rapid response teams to communities with outbreaks.

She is past president of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Manitoba, past director on the Board for Palliative Manitoba and past director on the Board for Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre.

Melanie is a proud Indigenous woman who follows traditional teachings of the elders and her ancestors. Her work and life experience make her very deserving of the Frontier Achievement Award. Congratulations, Melanie!

March 23, 2021

2021 Frontier Games Regionals

The Results Are In!



FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 12, 2021 FRONTIER GAMES REGIONAL Results Are In!



2021 marked the 47th Annual Frontier Games Regionals. Due to Covid-19 restrictions in our Province this year's games took on a bit of a twist with each participating school hosting their own competitions. Results from the sports were then submitted to their local PE Coordinator where they were compared with other participating schools and the top 3 students were chosen based on time/score.



Participation in this year's games involved 22 schools from across 6 areas in our Division. The students competed in 4 sports;

- Archery
- Cross-country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Trapsetting

For more information regarding the results of these games click on the link below to be taken to the 2021 Frontier Games Regional results page.

[2021 Frontier Games Regionals: Results by Area](#)

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March 16, 2021

Bill 64 "The Education Modernization Act." Information



On March 15, 2021, the Provincial Government released the following:

- Bill 64: <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/42-3/b064e.php>
- K-12 Education
- Review: <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=51001&posted=2021-03-15>

Chief Superintendent Reg Klassen has provided a statement that can be [read here](#).

Click the following link to be taken to the new section:

<https://www.fsdnet.ca/bill64updates/Pages/default.aspx#/=-Bill 64 Updates>

March 9, 2021

2021 Frontier School Division Virtual Juried Art Show Winners



Here are the winners list for the 2021 Frontier Juried Art Show!

Please click [here](#) to see the Virtual Juried Art Show Gallery. There are two exhibitions.

Congratulations to all that participated and hope you enjoy the show.

Winners of the 2021 Frontier School Division Juried Art Show - Virtual Edition

		Artist	School	EntryNo	Title	Placed
A100	Drawing	Lauren Forster	Joseph H Kerr School	A106	Acoustics	1st
		Kiyanaw Delaronde	Barrows Junction School	A103	End Of Time	2nd
		Belle Boulette	San Antonio School	A110	Into The Blue	3rd
A200	Drawing	Trinity Qeskakapow	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	A212	My Nan	1st
		Trista Towers	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	A210	Narwako Playing Cards	2nd
		Amy Cordell	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	A207	The Chef	3rd

A300	Drawing	Katrina Duncan	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	A307	Red	1st
		Raven Albert	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	A301	The Dapper Frog	2nd
		Katrina Duncan	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	A308	Flower	3rd
B100	Mixed Media	Keisha Shlachetka	Cormorant Lake School	B108	Untitled	1st
		Thomas Lapierre	San Antonio School	B103	The Rising Trees	2nd
		Belle Boulette	San Antonio School	B106	Up Above	3rd
B200	Mixed Media	Kaylin Shortt	West Lynn Heights School	B201	Strong	1st
		Kaylin Shortt	West Lynn Heights School	B202	Yuya Fungami	2nd
		No Submission				3rd
B300	Mixed Media	Morgan Olson	Peonan Point School	B301	Writer's Block	1st
		Lily Johnson	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	B302	Koi Pool	2nd
		No Submission				3rd
C100	Painting	Yelena Brightnose	Cranberry Portage Elementary	C103	My Community Geese	1st
		Sage Dumas	West Lynn Heights School	C116	Sharing Wisdom	2nd
		Caraline McKay	Lakefront School	C102	Starry Night	3rd
C200	Painting	Kaydence Skomorowski	West Lynn Heights School	C203	Lady Bird	1st
		Nevaeh Colomb	West Lynn Heights School	C205	Turnip Head	2nd
		Alice Grey	Frontier Mosakahiken School	C201	Northern Lights	3rd
C300	Painting	Serenity Hunter	Frontier Mosakahiken School	C305	Purple Day	1st
		Rayna Neepin- Tait	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	C303	Seven	2nd
		Serenity Hunter	Frontier Mosakahiken School	C306	My Quiet Place	3rd

D100	Pottery/Sculpt	Matt Doak	Joseph H Kerr School	D102	Tusker	1st
		Waylon Lafreniere	Philomene Chartrand School	D101	Fix It	2nd
		No Submission				3rd
D200	Pottery/Sculpt	No Submissions				1st
D300	Pottery/Sculpt	Maxwel Burke	Duke of Marlborough School	D301	The Wreck Of The SS Ithaka	1st
		Morgan Olson	Peonan Point School	D302	Rings Of Fire	2nd
		No Submission				3rd
E100	Crafts	Jennica Colomb	West Lynn Heights School	E102	Midnight Dust	1st
		Jennica Colomb	West Lynn Heights School	E103	Sundust	2nd
		Jennica Colomb	West Lynn Heights School	E101	Fire & Ice	3rd
E200	Crafts	No Submissions				1st
E300	Crafts	Samantha Glenday	Leaf Rapids School	E301	Healing Turtle	1st
		No Submission				2nd
		No Submission				3rd
F100	Digital Photography	Chase Michelle	Cranberry Portage Elementary	F107	Sky Is The Limit	1st
		Chase D'Ottarvo	Falcon Beach School	F106	Tree	2nd
		Daniel Bonneteau	Falcon Beach School	F102	Driving in Darkness	3rd
F200	Digital Photography	Kaitlyn Podolchuk	Falcon Beach School	F202	Two Seasons Collide	1st
		Chavez Menow	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	F215	Eagle	2nd
		Kia Iwankow	Falcon Beach School	F201	Valiant Viking	3rd
F300	Digital Photography	Paris Allen	Duke of Marlborough School	F323	Twilight Sunset	1st
		Spirit River Joshua Osborne	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	F318	Flower	2nd

		Morris Rokovetsky	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	F316	Mushroom	3rd
G100	Enhanced Photography	Aislynn Gustavson	Falcon Beach School	G104	Lily Pad	1st
		Easten Levesque	Falcon Beach School	G103	Sunrise Over Marsh	2nd
		Robert Spence	Cranberry Portage Elementary	G106	Blue Moon	3rd
G200	Enhanced Photography	Tristan Mowatt	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	G204	Speckled Eagle	1st
		Kaitlyn Podolchuk	Falcon Beach School	G202	Cold Winter's Morning	2nd
		Kia Iwankow	Falcon Beach School	G201	Funky Flora	3rd
G300	Enhanced Photography	Conner Cordell	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	G302	River Painting	1st
		Alexander Muswagon	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	G304	Eagle 1	2nd
		Jade Dixon	Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre	G306	Canoe Painting	3rd
H100	Filmmaking	No Submissions				
H200	Filmmaking	No Submissions				
H300	Filmmaking	No Submissions				
I100	Animation	No Submissions				
I200	Animation	No Submissions				
I300	Animation	No Submissions				
People's Choice Winner						Winner

March 8, 2021

Frontier School Divisions 2021 Virtual Juried Art Show



Click on these two links to visit the virtual art exhibition:

[Juried Art Show Exhibition 1 of 2 - Visual Art \(Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Pottery & Sculpture, Crafts\)](#)

[Juried Art Show Exhibition 2 of 2 - Digital Photography & Enhanced Digital Photography](#)

Welcome to the 2021 Frontier School Division Virtual Juried Art Show!

This virtual gallery will be on display from **March 8th to June 30, 2021, for viewing for the general public!** Please follow the two links in this section and it will take you to the exhibition. There are two exhibitions one is **The Visual Art Exhibition** (drawing, painting, mixed media, pottery & sculpture, crafts) and the other is **The Photography Exhibition**. Please check out both exhibitions as they are both part of the Juried Art Show.

We are so excited for our first Virtual Juried Art Show. We received 170 submissions from 87 artists from 15 different schools throughout the Frontier School Division.

Frontier School Division is proud to provide rich opportunities to our students in all areas including the Fine Arts, through in-house instruction, online instruction, internal and external visiting artists, equipment/supplies, contests, and exhibitions.

Voting for People's Choice will begin **March 8th and run to March 26th**. **People's Choice is voted by the Frontier School Committee Members only.** Winner of "People's Choice Award" will receive a ribbon and a cash prize of \$150.00. **A winner will be announced on April 6th following Spring Break.**

The art will be adjudicated by 4 judges: Visual Artists Shawna Grapentine & Doug Melnyk , Pat Lazo from Graffiti Art Gallery and Photographer Hans Arnold. Every submission will receive comments by the adjudicators, along with ribbons and cash prizes for the winners, (1st \$100, 2nd \$75 and 3rd \$50) per category and per age group, (Grade 7-8, Grade 9-10, Grade 11-12),

Click on one of 2 links on the Frontier School Division website on or after Mar 8 you will be sent to The Kunstmatrix website and the beginning of our exhibition.

When you arrive at the website click Enter the Exhibition (if an instruction menu pops up close it by hitting the X on the instruction menu) **and then click on the words on the wall on the right.** Continue by clicking the next button located on the bottom right side of the screen.

If picture is blurry give it a minute to load. You can zoom in on the picture by using the wheel on your mouse. On the upper right side you will see the artists name and art #.When you stop on the pictures **click the "i" to provide detailed information** (located on the right side by the name of the artist) to see details about the art, the artist (grade/school/community), and the price if for sale, click the X on that screen to continue (if you wish **to purchase the art click the little envelop on the bottom right** saying you would like to purchase this item with your name, phone number) **then continue by using the next button to move forward or the previous button to move back located on the bottom right side.**

When your done the exhibition, it will send you back to the front of the exhibit where you started. Hit the X in the very top right order to exit out of the site. Then go back to the Frontier Website and click on the other exhibition and follow the same steps. Remember there are two exhibitions for the 2021 Frontier Juried Art Show, Visual Arts and Photography. Please visit both as both exhibits have fabulous art from our students.

The curators for this art show have been Hans Arnold and Shannon Mclsaac.

Please enjoy our student's fabulous work!

Click on these two links to visit the virtual art exhibition:

[Juried Art Show Exhibition 1 of 2 - Visual Art \(Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Pottery & Sculpture, Crafts\)](#)
[Juried Art Show Exhibition 2 of 2 - Digital Photography & Enhanced Digital Photography](#)

February 25, 2021

2021 School Committee Outstanding Contribution Award



The recipient for the Outstanding Contribution Award 2021 is Pearl Dumas from the Lakefront School Committee in Crane River, MB.

Pearl has been a member of the Lakefront School Committee for 13 consecutive years with a few short periods in 1991 and 1993. During that time, she has served as Chairperson, Treasurer and Area Advisory rep.

She is very active in school events and activities. She always looks for ways to fundraise for the school committee so that they are able to provide the

students with gifts and treat bags at Christmas and gifts at graduation.

Pearl attends the Welcome Back barbecue in September where she helps prepare and hand out the food, and visits with students, staff and community members. She attends the Christmas concert and along with her fellow School Committee members, purchases, wraps, and deliver gifts and treats to the students. In June, Pearl always attends the graduation ceremony and helps with the lunch.

School trips and the breakfast program have benefitted from her service. She has done presentations to the students on bullying and on her grandson's disappearance, teaching the children compassion and respect. She lives close to the school and always keeps a watchful eye on the students to ensure their safety.

Pearl is very community-minded and has served on the local MMF as chairperson for almost 15 years. In this capacity, she was able to start Winterfest in conjunction with O-Chi-Chak Ko Sipi First Nation and fundraise at this event for the School Committee. She has also worked as store manager for the First Nations store.

She enjoys attending the School Committee and Area Advisory meetings to keep up to date on the education of the students in her community and beyond. She also attends the Annual School Committee Conference yearly to network with others. She never misses a session or a meeting!

Pearl is definitely an Outstanding School Committee member and very deserving of this award! Congratulations Pearl!

February 24, 2021

Frontier Collegiate Student Awarded MSBA Youth Citizenship Award



Frontier Collegiate student Kateri Manoakesick has been chosen to receive a Manitoba School Boards Association Youth Citizenship award in recognition of her demonstrating and advancing good citizenship within her school and community.

This award also means that Kateri is one of five finalists for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities George Harbottle Memorial Award to be announced on March 19.

Kateri is a committed volunteer at her school, giving time to the Green Team, Campus Council, Grad Committee and yearbook production. She has also fundraised for the

Canadian Cancer Society and Winnipeg Harvest.

As part of her award submission Kateri wrote an essay on citizenship which said *“being honest, trustworthy, and showing responsibility for your actions are things that make a good citizen”*. She also said helping people and showing kindness are important throughout our world. *“It can be anywhere on earth. You just have to show a bit of kindness anywhere and everywhere you go.”*

In a letter to the selection committee, Frontier Collegiate Principal Donnie Grenier called Kateri a leader and a role model who is committed to making the world a better place. *“She continuously tries to help her fellow students when they face obstacles...her great character and empathy for others will indeed change the world as one of our future leaders.”*

In 2019 Kateri was also recognized with the Healthy Youth Role Model Award from the National Addictions Awareness Week Committee.

Congratulations Kateri, we are very proud of you!

February 22, 2021

15th Annual Frontier Ice Fishing Derby

This year we are taking our 15th Annual Frontier Fishing Derby to a virtual platform! We are encouraging students and staff to participate with their families on a lake of their choice and to submit their pictures and results. Check out the poster for all the information, including Covid-19 regulations!



Student and Staff ICE FISHING Distance Derby March 17-25, 2021



Link to Poster:  [Student and Staff Ice Fishing Distance Derby 2021.pdf](#)

TO ENTER:

Must be a current FSD student or staff member. Classroom teachers will collect photo submissions for their class, and submit to:

Arif Kassum arif.kassum@fsdnet.ca

Photo submissions must include:

- Full Name
- Grade/Position
- School
- Signed [G.2.B Informed Consent](#) form (if student is identifiable)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS:

Friday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Late entries will not be accepted

ONE photo entry per person!

Guidelines:

Fishing Huts / Shacks

Ice fishing shacks may open if ALL persons using the shack reside in the same residence.

PRIZES!

5 Student Winners, 2 Staff per Area

(Randomly selected by Area)

\$100 Amazon Gift Card

GRAND PRIZE

FSD's Longest Fish!

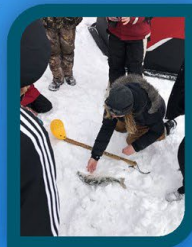
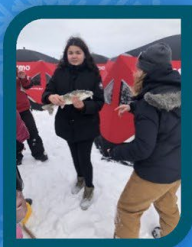
\$250 Amazon Gift Card & a Fish Finder!

In order for your submission to also be eligible for the Grand Prize, it must include the following:

*Photo of fish alongside a measuring tape which clearly indicates the accurate length of the fish.

*The date the fish was caught (between March 17-25, 2021) written on a piece of paper and included in the photo.

All photos that meet these requirements will be entered into both the Area prize draws and the Grand Prize.



Photos: Gypsumville School Ice Fishing Derby on Lake Manitoba 2020

- ❖ Due to this event taking place outside of the school day, students will participate under the supervision of their parent and or guardians.
- ❖ All participants must abide by local and or provincial health orders.
- ❖ Fishing Permits will be emailed to every school to give their students

February 8, 2021

Outstanding Achievement from FSD Staff



Frontier School Division would like to express our sincere admiration for the amazing efforts of Ramona Burton, one of our Resource Teachers from Berens River School.

Ramona worked tirelessly to complete 25 Indigenous Support for Student Learning Program (SSLP) applications for students of Indigenous ancestry in her community. Because of Ramona's perseverance, all of her submissions were approved and now 25 students will be receiving a laptop and accessories to assist with their continued education and success.

Ramona, the extraordinary determination you have shown throughout this process has motivated us all to push harder and do better.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of your students and their families! You are a true inspiration.

February 5, 2021

Nominations for the Outstanding Employee Contribution Award are Open



Nominations are invited for the Frontier School Division Outstanding Employee Contribution Award 2021. 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 2021.pdf](#)

**NOMINATION PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY REG KLASSEN, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT, AT THE DIVISION OFFICE
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021**

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.

January 29, 2021

Leaf Rapids Education Centre Awarded Share2Care Grant

Leaf Rapids Education Centre has been selected for a \$2000 grant by the Share2Care initiative, awarded by Physical and Health Education Canada (PHE Canada). Established in 1933, PHE Canada is a national charitable association and a recognized leader in physical and health education. The organization champions healthy, active kids by promoting and advancing quality physical and health education opportunities and healthy learning environments.

Leaf Rapids is a community approximately 200 kilometres north of Thompson.

The grant will go towards the school's plan to build a workout room for the school.

"We're really working towards a facility that the kids and the town can be proud of," said Gerard Dillman, chairman of the Leaf Rapids Education Centre Wellness Centre Project. "Keeping kids fit and energized makes them better learners and just generally happier."

PHE Canada's Share2Care campaign is a mental health activation initiative gathering promising practices from across the country to share and inspire others to take action in their class and/or school community. As part of the PHE Canada Teach Resiliency program, Share2Care aims to recognize and share unique, innovative, and promising school mental health programs and initiatives that are making positive impacts on students, school staff, and the entire school community.

2020 marked the third consecutive year of the Share2Care campaign and saw school champions from across Canada share 199 mental health initiatives supporting teacher and/or student mental health.

Seven Canadian schools were selected as the 2020 Share2Care recipients. Leaf Rapids Education Centre is one of only two Manitoba schools selected for the honour, the other school being Gordon Bell High School in Winnipeg.



January 27, 2021

“Little One” Written by FSD Student Leadership students & Illustrated by Seine River School Division Students



The Frontier School Division Student Leadership students are proud to announce the release of the children's book titled "Little One".

Little One is a children's book that focuses on how young children navigate living with family members that struggle with addiction. It was written through Student Leadership programming in collaboration with Karen Wiebe from TJ's Gift Foundation as well as the students from Seine River School Division.

TJ's Gift foundation has been an integral part of FSD Student Leadership programming for many years. The idea of creating a children's book to explore the effects that addictions may pose to young children living with family members experiencing addictions came about at the 2019 Soaring Eagle Conference for FSD Student Leadership students which was hosted by TJ's Gift Foundation.

We are very proud and excited to see the finished product and we look forward to continue collaborating with TJ's Gift Foundation on future endeavours.

Copies of "Little One" can be ordered from Karen@tjsgift.com and more information can be found at <https://www.tjsgift.com/>

January 22, 2021

Frontier Schools Receive onetab Devices



Schools continue to move back and forth from in class learning to remote learning due to COVID-19.

The impact on students learning is being closely monitored and an increasingly amount of research indicates that early learners experience the greatest learning loss during COVID-19 disruptions.

The emerging research is very concerning when you consider that Frontier School Divisions' six-year-old students have already experienced disruptions in their schooling in kindergarten and again this year in Grade 1 and we anticipate that many of our students will have gaps in their learning which we do not take lightly.

Kindergarten provides a structured learning environment and establishes the foundation of learning. The curriculum promotes language and cognitive skills and serves as a preparation for successful transition into Grade 1.

The Grade 1 curriculum focuses on mastering fundamental literacy skills to ^{SEP}developing strategic independent readers, writers and mathematicians.

Many skills must be mastered in Grade 1 in order for student to keep pace with the increasing demands of the curriculum in the following grades.

Frontier School Division is well aware that COVID-19 disruptions throughout the Division are having a negative impact on students' ability to learn at the earliest stages of reading, writing and numeracy, and is particularly hard on Grade 1 students.

The Division was looking for promising, actionable, and proven strategies to address the learning needs of our Grade 1 learners and saw promise in onetab tablets.



Also important for Frontier is the onetab (mini tablets) do not require internet or wifi and come preloaded with math and literacy activities that adapt for each child and are designed to be fun and engaging.

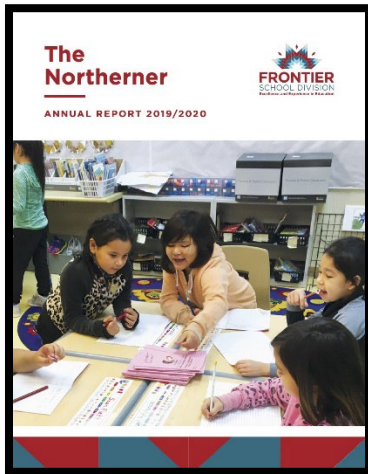
Many children in remote communities don't have access to technology or reliable internet, so the device solves this problem. Timothy Millican and his mother, Susan Millican, purchased 450 onetabs and gifted them to the Frontier School Division.

The gift was gladly accepted by Chief Superintendent Klassen knowing that the devices had already been proven to be effective for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3. This research has been published in several education journals, and in an independent study in Manitoba conducted by University of Winnipeg Prof. Linda DeRiviere at David Livingstone School in Winnipeg in 2018.

In terms of the roll out Chief Superintendent Klassen stated that the devices will be delivered to the Division's five area offices and then distributed to Grade 1 teachers who will put them in the hands of their Grade 1 students so that their numeracy and literacy skills can continue to grow.

January 6, 2021

Read the 2019-20 Annual Report



We are pleased to present our 2019-20 Annual Report to the Frontier Family.

While the previous school year presented a number of unique new challenges, from the onset of a pandemic to remote learning, we have so much to be proud of. The Annual Report highlights how our community met these challenges and created opportunities for our students to succeed.

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

January 4, 2021

Engaged Learners Program to Receive 2020 Desjardins Tech Donation



Frontier School Division's Career Studies Department is excited to announce that the Engaged Learners Program was one of 20 schools selected across Canada to receive the 2020 Desjardins Tech Donation. Desjardins has teamed up with the EdCan Network in response to the immediate technology needs created by the ongoing pandemic.

The program will receive \$5,000 that will be used towards computers and other tech-based tools.

The full press release is available to [read here](#).

Congratulations to the Engaged Learners Program!

December 14, 2020

Leaf Rapids Education Centre Recognized by Share2Care

Frontier School Division is thrilled to announce that [Leaf Rapids Education Centre](#) in Leaf Rapids, MB was selected as one of 7 schools from across Canada to be recognized for their work in supporting mental health and physical activity for students, staff and community members by [Share2Care](#).

Leaf Rapids Education Center is [developing a school-based fitness and wellness centre](#) to meet the needs of the students, staff, and community members. Having access to a proper strength and conditioning training facility is important, and would overcome the geographical barriers to wellbeing.

Student learning is positively affected by physical activity, and especially during this pandemic, there have been growing concerns in the school community regarding mental health.

The primary goal of creating a fitness and wellness centre is to support youth in developing or maintaining a healthy lifestyle, as well as understanding that practicing good health is a lifelong process that continues long after one's public education journey is complete.

As a result of the Share2Care campaign, the school will receive \$2,000 to continue advancing this promising practice to further support their initiative.

Share2Care is a mental health activation initiative gathering promising practices from across Canada to share and inspire others to take action in their class and or school community. As a part of the PHE Canada Teach Resiliency program, Share2Care aims to recognize and share unique, innovative and promising school mental health programs and initiatives that are making positive impacts on students, school staff, and the entire school community.



November 25, 2020

Misipawistik Pimatisimenskanaw Culture Camp



Frontier School Division was one of the many partners for the 2019 Misipawistik Pimatisimenskanaw Culture Camp. We were honoured to be included in the camp and celebrate the valuable learning and significant contributions.

To learn more, read the message from MCN below:

<https://youtu.be/NyAYWgPx0ec>

Misipawistik Cree Nation's (MCN) youth program Misipawistik Pimatisimenskanaw builds on 30 years of culture camps and on-the-land programming in our territory on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. Our program connects youth to traditional practices, teaches the Cree language

and builds intergenerational connections. MCN would like to thank and acknowledge the many supporters and funders of this program.

November 16, 2020

Safe and Spooky Halloween Celebrations in Frontier

For Halloween this year, schools in Frontier were full of tricks – tricks to find safe ways for kids to celebrate! Whether it was integrating Halloween themes into lessons or providing a safe space for students to Trick or Treat, our teachers and staff were excited to keep the holiday alive and ensure that our youth still had an opportunity to have some spooky fun.

At Cranberry Portage Elementary School, grade 1 and 2 students practiced hands on math using pumpkins – counting seeds, sorting and measuring!

Wanipigow School set up an outdoor socially distanced Trick or Treat for students, full of costumes and props, see the video below!

While Halloween looked a little bit different this year, we were so happy to see schools keep this fun celebration alive!

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November 13, 2020

Stop Motion Creativity with The Engaged Learners Program



During the month of October, students (and several staff) in The Engaged Learners Program at Egg Lake had the opportunity to work with the Manitoba Theatre for Young People. Working together, the students created a stop motion music video using one of the groups' favourite songs.

Students from Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Thicket Portage & Wanipigow all took part in this video and created this unique take on the original music video from the song 'Smile' by Juice WRLD.

Well done Egg Lake staff & students!

Watch the video: https://www.fsdnet.ca/_layouts/15/clientbin/mediaplaceholder.mp4

November 12, 2020

FSD Presents: HIIT Workout with Coach RJ from FitClub

Attention all PE Teachers and Students!

Grab your water bottle, runners some comfy clothes. Frontier School Division is bringing you HIIT Workouts with Coach RJ from Fit Club!

Join us weekly for virtual High-Intensity Interval Training sessions on Zoom where Coach RJ will lead a class that gets everyone engaged in physical wellness, without needing any special equipment.

Classes will run weekly, every Thursday, from November 12 to December 17.

For more information, contact FSD Physical Education Coordinators Heather Lowe at Heather.Lowe@fsdnet.ca, and Brian McMillan at Brian.McMillan@fsdnet.ca.

Frontier School Division Presents:

**HIIT WORKOUT WITH COACH
RJ FROM FITCLUB**

No Equipment Needed

ALL PE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN
Thursdays 1:00-1:30pm
November 12th - December 17th
Classes will be virtual using zoom
Zoom link will be sent out the day before

You will need:
A Water Bottle
Runners
Comfortable Clothing

FRONTIER
SCHOOL DIVISION

[Download the event poster here!](#)

November 10, 2020

Fun and positivity at Cranberry Portage Elementary School

Even though COVID-19 is forcing us to live very differently than before, we're also using this time to be creative and shine on a new level.

Let's take a look at Cranberry Portage Elementary School for some great examples!

To start, grade 5 & 6 students are learning to use Sphero balls. They started by driving them and racing them in their gym and learning to code them to run in specific patterns!

Grade 3 & 4 students also knocked it out of the park by preparing a beautiful thank-you card to Canadian Tire Flin Flon, who donated sanitizer pails to the school.

Whether it's fun new educational experiences or connecting with your community, even in unprecedented times like these we can be resilient, strong, and positive!



November 10, 2020

Diverse Projects and Talents At JHK

There's nothing more gratifying than seeing our students shape their futures as we nurture their natural talents. We have a massive responsibility when it comes to encouraging our youth to celebrate their skills and passions.



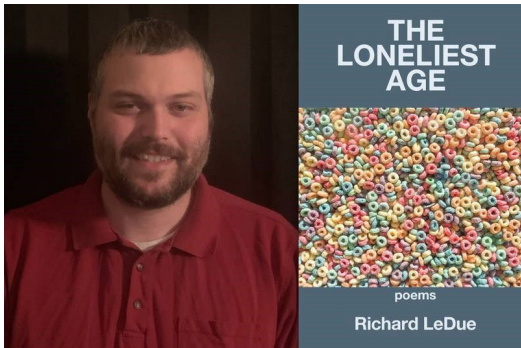
This is what's happening at Joseph H. Kerr School, where students are excelling in so many different disciplines. They explore their curiosity through science, exercise their imagination as they create sculptures, and recognize the importance of their well-being through social distance yoga. They have even been physically active by canoeing on Snow Lake a la Beaver floatplane.

We get excited every time we see how our students are enjoying their learning journeys, as they become citizens with personal values and knowledge to share.

November 4, 2020

From Teacher to Author

We love seeing everyone in the Frontier Family succeed thanks to their incredible skills and talents. This time we're recognizing Mr. Richard LeDue, one of our high school teachers at Helen Betty Osborne IERC, whose first book of poetry "The Loneliest Age" was recently published!



Mr. Richard has been part of our family for more than a decade teaching grade 12 students, and now we all have the chance to enjoy his beautiful poetry.

When we asked how his process started he said, "I had written poetry since high school, and throughout university. However, I abandoned writing for years before returning to it in 2018. I had my first poem accepted for publication in 2019, and as more of my poems were accepted, this led to me putting together a book."

This is a great milestone for Mr. Richard and we celebrate his discipline, passion and dedication. Stay tuned for when Mr. Richard's first book hits the shelves!

November 4, 2020

Winners Announced for the 2019-20 N.O.F.I. Raffle

Frontier School Division's Career Studies Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019-2020 Nikanihk Ohci Foundation Inc. Raffle In Support of the Megan McIvor & Career Studies Scholarship.



- Winner of the Pine & Cedar Playhouse, valued at \$4,500 is Angie (Angeleen) Cable
- Winner of the Two Seat Go-Kart, valued at \$2,895 is Harvey Katchmar
- Winner of the Eskimo 10' Ice Auger, valued at \$660 is Reagan O'Nabigon

Congratulations to all 3 winners! The Career Studies Department would like to thank everyone for your support.

Nikanihk Ochi is a Cree phrase, which means "for the future". The Nikanihk Ochi Foundation, Inc. (N.O.F.I.) was established in December 1987 as a charitable organization to support the students of Frontier School Division. N.O.F.I. is a separate entity from Frontier School Division and has a separate and distinct Board of Directors.



Second Place Winner: Harvey

[Click here to learn more about N.O.F.I.](#)



Third Place Winner: Reagan

October 21, 2020

FSD PENT Graduate Recognized with the Dean's Award for Excellence

We have a great group of PENT graduates in our division! We would like to send a BIG congratulations to another PENT student within Frontier School Division; Mr. Craig Hardisty, who received his Bachelor of Education Degree from Brandon University through the PENT program. Craig was a PENT student at Wanipigow School and he would attend classes every year from April to July at Brandon University.



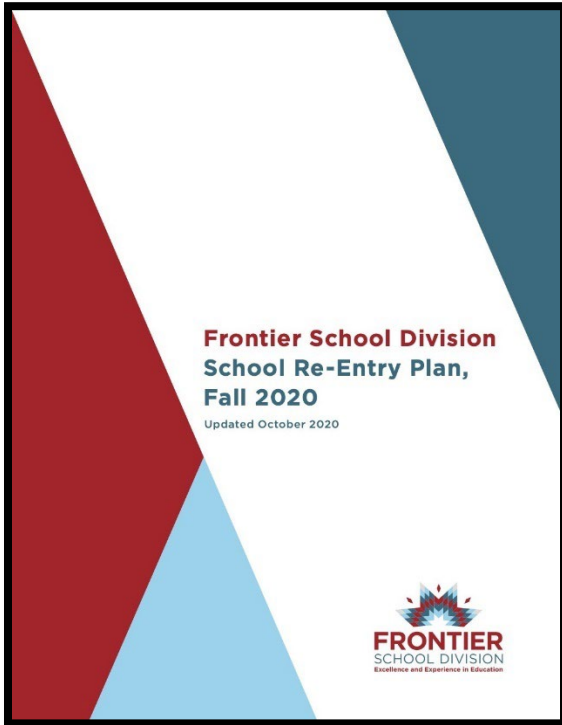
Upon graduation, Craig was awarded the Dean's Award of Excellence in Education for exceptional academic performance, excellence in the practice of teaching, outstanding leadership qualities, collegial behaviour, self-directed learning and appropriate application, commitment to ongoing professional improvement, demonstrated integrity and diligence, and demonstrated professional responsibility. As well, he was awarded the Brandon Teachers Association Centennial Award as chosen by faculty. He also graduated with greatest distinction for completing a degree above 3.90 GPA (for both his Bachelor of Arts degree and his Education degree). Craig is from Hollow Water First Nation and teaches at Wanipigow School in Hollow Water.

Again, congratulations Craig!



October 20, 2020

School Re-Entry Plan, Fall 2020



Read the full re-entry plan for the fall 2020 school year by [clicking here](#) or on the image:

October 19, 2020

Honouring Elder (Kihteyak) Albert Tait

It is with heavy hearts that we regretfully announce the passing of Elder (Kihteyak) Albert Tait.



Since 2009, Elder Tait played a significant role as an employee at Jack River School. His involvement with Indigenous language and cultural teachings was shared with hundreds of students over his time at the school. He also helped create the Jack River School drum group that over the years had countless students perform at local events and at the Division's Annual School Committee Conference.

Albert was very fluent in the Ininimowin language and enjoyed sharing what he knew in the traditional way of life. He loved storytelling, offering traditional teachings, participating in traditional ceremonies and holding sweats in his sweat lodge.

In 2014 the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Misipawistik Cree Culture Camp that involved senior administration and Elders. Albert was a part of the Elders involved to meet with the Board and his insights supporting Indigenous language and culture were profound.



We honour and respect the memory of Albert throughout all of our schools and communities in the Frontier Family.

At this time our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with Albert's wife, Elizabeth, his five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

October 15, 2020

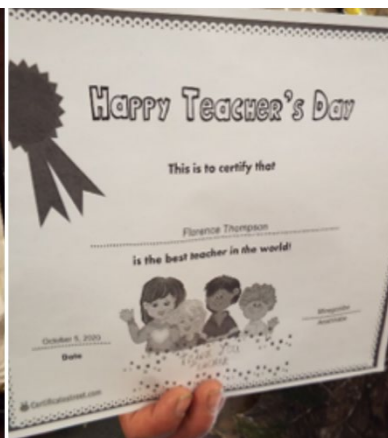
World Teacher Day 2020

Since 1994, every October 5th we recognize World Teacher's Day. And while we appreciate our teachers every day, it's so important we take a moment to step back and really look at everything teachers bring to our communities.



Since the impact of COVID-19 especially, we have seen the ways our teachers step up as leaders and innovators, ensuring that student learning never stops. Our teachers have done everything from remote learning by phone, to preparing learning packages and delivering them to students by boat!

This past October 5, Principal Nepinak from Minegoziibe Anishinabe School celebrated World Teacher Day with her teaching team. All teachers received a certificate and enjoyed some celebratory cake with their coffee.



October 15, 2020

Social Justice and Community Connections at Frontier Collegiate

Things are rarely quiet at Frontier Collegiate, but since the 2020 school year started it's been extra busy!

Orange Shirt Day

In the last week of September staff and students promoted safe schools and recognized past injustices to Indigenous people, including recognition of Orange Shirt Day on September 30.

Community Connections

Two students in Ms. Richardson's Art class, Lily and Chelsea, presented "thank you" posters to Canadian Tire, Flin Flon. The store Owner, Mr. Soman, generously donated two large disinfectant containers to Frontier Collegiate for cleaning!

Marching for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls



On Friday, Oct. 2nd, staff and students marched in Cranberry Portage for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The march was organized by two Frontier Collegiate teachers, Ms. Dysart, Cree and Home Economics Teacher and Mr. Taylor, Science Teacher.

It's fantastic seeing our students and staff so engaged in the world around them, connecting with their community and supporting essential social causes.

October 15, 2020

Living the Seven Teachings



Indigenous way of life is at the centre of all our teachings in Frontier School Division, and we're always proud to see our students exploring new educational experiences.

A recent hunting expedition gave a Black River Anishinabe School student an opportunity to live the seven sacred teachings. While on this expedition, grade 5 student Treyson and his father Blaine caught a moose together. Treyson asked if he could share the moose meat they received with local elders in the community of Black River, as a sign of respect for all they do for the community.

The decision to share the moose meat was suggested by Lakota, Treyson's older sister. Treyson decided to share the moose meat, because in his words, "You should always take care of your elders."

After cutting up the meat, Treyson visited the homes of several elders in the community and delivered care packages of fresh moose meat and organs. The elders were delighted with these gifts, demonstrating Treyson's understanding of the traditional First Nations way of life.

This is a wonderful example of the teachings of love, respect and humility on display for the entire community, and sets an excellent example for the other students. When asked how he felt about his gift, Treyson simply said, "It was the right thing to do," also noting his dad is very proud of him for choosing to share this gift.

Gichi miigwetch Treyson Johnston qikinoo'amaagowin gakina chi'anishinabe bimaadizi win.
Thank you Treyson, for teaching us all the Anishinabe ways of living.

October 15, 2020

Thanksgiving at Stevenson Island School

Stevenson Island School has a special Thanksgiving tradition. Every year students harvest vegetables grown in the school garden, which staff then use to prepare a feast for all of the school families, while students make place settings and centerpieces. Due to COVID-19, the school wasn't able to host their usual Thanksgiving feast, but that didn't stop Mrs. Leanne Chornoby and Mrs. Goldie Hennebury from doing something very special!



Together they cooked turkey, pickerel, caribou, potatoes, carrots, corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and homemade bread rolls - talk about a spread!

The students were still able to contribute as well, making personalized placemats and stained-glass candle centerpieces during art classes.

Thanksgiving feasts were packaged and sent home for 50 families and the elders of the small community, providing

dinner for everyone in each household.

This brought so much joy to all of the students at Stevenson Island School, showing them that they can work through COVID-19 and feel a little bit normal.

Thank you to the hardworking staff at Stevenson Island School for making this happen and providing students and families with a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner!

September 20, 2020

Orange Shirt Day 2020



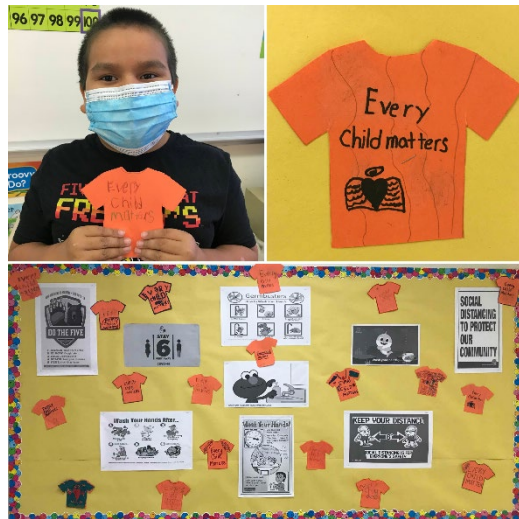
Today we wear orange to commemorate and honour residential school survivors and thrivers.

We show our support through this small but significant symbol to continue the healing process of reconciliation.

It's our responsibility to change the course of history to one that's positive, inclusive, and centered on future generations.

Orange Shirt Day is one way of creating space for meaningful discussions about the changes we need to make.

Staff and students across the Frontier Family came together to recognize this day. See the photos below:



September 22, 2020

FSO Teacher Recognized with Dean's Award for Excellence at Brandon University



Frontier School Division Teacher, and previous P.E.N.T. Graduate, Laura Kelly is the recent recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence in the Faculty of Education at Brandon University.

Faculty nominate students they have taught during their program. Laura was selected on the basis of the following criteria: exceptional academic performance, excellence in the practice of teaching, outstanding leadership qualities, collegial behaviour, self-directed learning and appropriate application, commitment to ongoing professional improvement, demonstrated integrity and diligence, and

demonstrated professional responsibility.

On behalf of Frontier School Division Family, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Laura on this excellence achievement!

July 23, 2020

Read the 2019-20 Board Activity Report



We're pleased to present you with the 2019-20 Board Activity Report. [Click here to view the report](#) and learn more about the many different programs, initiatives and policies the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees worked on during the school year.

The 2019-20 school year brought us many moments of positive growth but was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Board of Trustees continued to work with administration, staff, parents, and communities

to ensure important supports and opportunities were provided to everyone in the Frontier Family.

With the school year finished, we have much to be thankful for. We are proud of how everyone in our communities strengthened our circle by rising to meet new challenges, connecting with one another, and growing as a family.

[View our Reports page here.](#)
