

Good News - Truth and Reconciliation

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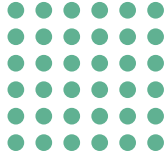
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Art Smith
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Art Smith Aviation Academy



As we journey towards Reconciliation as a school community at ASAA we were fortunate enough to join Setsune Lynda and other Elders from Cold Lake First Nations net fishing on Cold Lake for a day. Our grade 5 & 6 French Immersion class spent the day on the ice having a wonderful learning experience with our Elders.

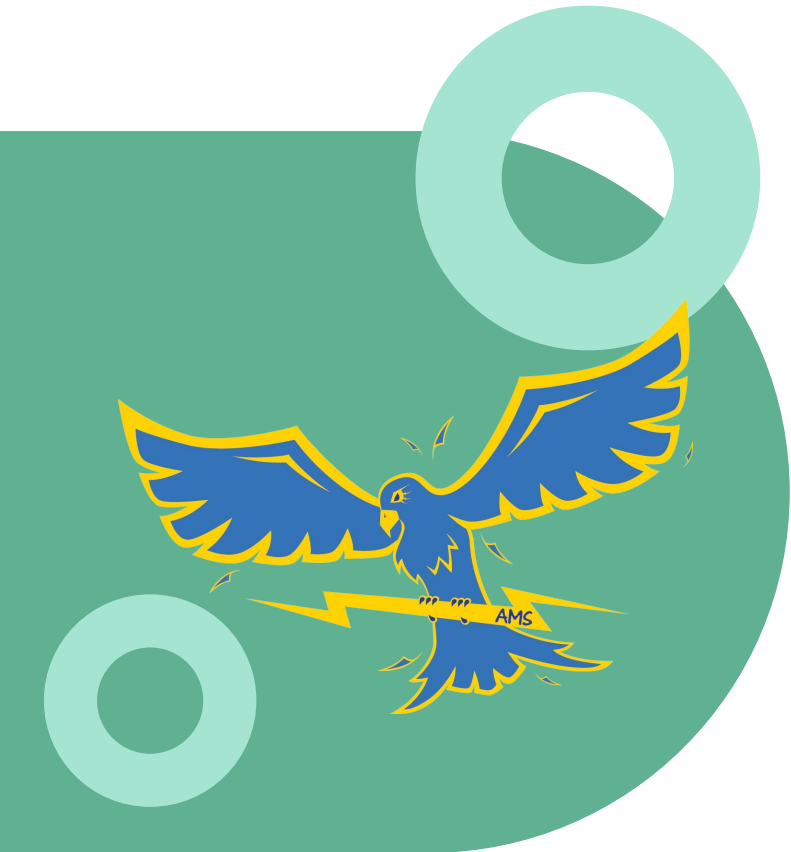
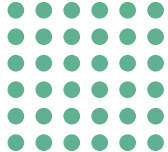






Lunch was provided by the Elders. Fish were kissed, lessons and memories were made. We are one step further along our journey to Reconciliation.





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**Aurora
Middle
School**



This month Aurora students and staff had the opportunity to learn about round dances and attend the Portage College Round Dance!









Students learning about smudging and the significance of smudging to Indigenous culture.





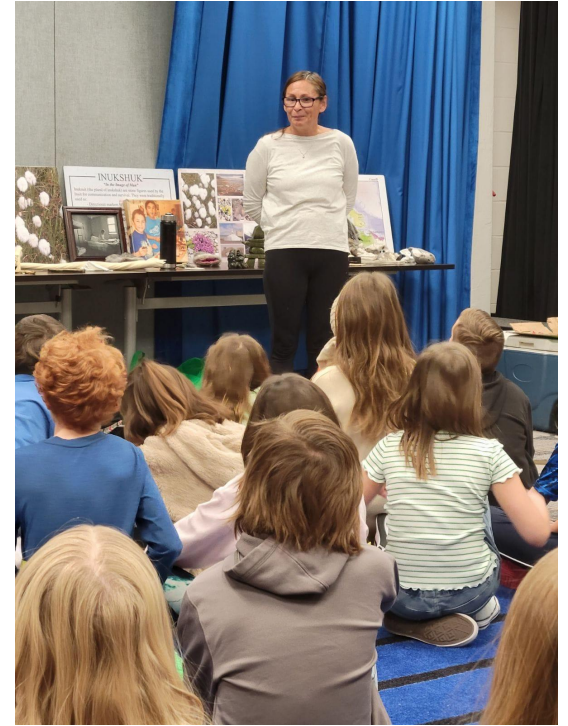
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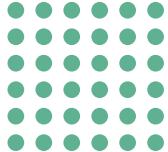
Thank you Mr. Boychuk for inviting **Goota Desmarais** to CLES! She brought all the students an amazing presentation on **Inuit culture and sport!** The kids were so excited to taste Narwhal and Arctic Char!





CLES staff have taught meaningful lessons this year with **Indigenous Literature**. Thank you Mrs. Perry for sharing the story, "Smile So Big" by Sunshine Quem Teasco & Chief Lady Bird. A little girl comes home feeling sad, and so with a special mirror gifted by an Elder, her mother helps her see her smiling face smile back. All the Kindergarten students at CLES made their own mirrors and were able to celebrate their beautiful reflections, unique smiles and specialness!!!





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Cold Lake High School



COLD LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

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ASI GHANITŁ' ER (*COMMITMENT*)
ASIDE GHĄ XÀSODI (*PRIDE*)



On March 11, nearly 40 students and staff from Cold Lake High School embarked on an extraordinary trip to the Cold Lake First Nations (CLFN) traditional hunting and fishing areas, located within the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range. This visit, a rare opportunity for many, was made possible through the invitation of Nathan Carrier, a CLFN member, turning an Outdoor Education trip into a profound experience of traditional knowledge exchange.

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

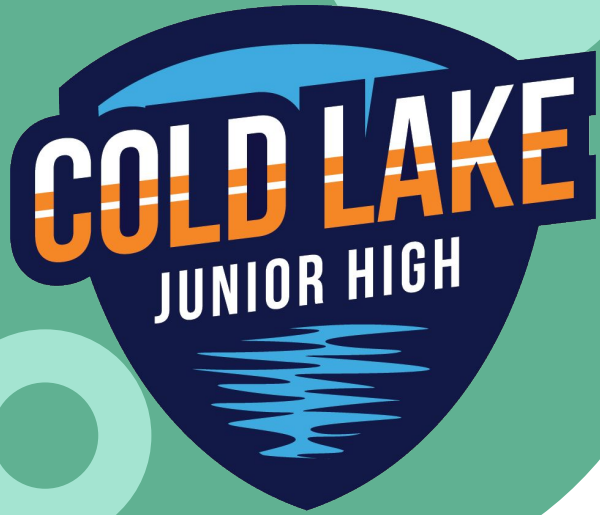


BLUE QUILLS OPEN HOUSE



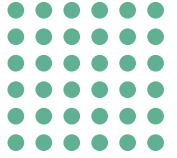
A group of CLHS students attended the Blue Quills University Open House on Wednesday, March 13. Students were informed of the history of the building as a Residential School, while seeing the transformation into a post-secondary option. This trip was initiated by 4 CLHS alumni who now work for CLFN in the Education Department.





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Cold Lake Junior High





Culture Club - Students are invited to join our staff once a week in exploring and learning about different cultures that are in our community. These celebrations involve research into the culture, celebrations, and often food!



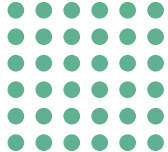
Learning from the Land



CLJH students spend time each week learning about the land with our Outdoor Education teacher.

Outdoor Education





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**Duclos
School**





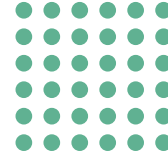
The Seven Teachings Stories Series explores the teachings and beliefs of the Anishinaabe, referred to as the “Seven Sacred Teachings.” Duclos students in 2H explored the Seven Teachings through stories of love, wisdom, humility, courage, respect, honesty, and truth. Each teaching engaged students in a shared story, craft and discussion. Thank you to Successful Families, Successful Kids Wellness Coaches Donna-Lee Wowk and Pam Cameron for bringing this valuable learning experience to our class.

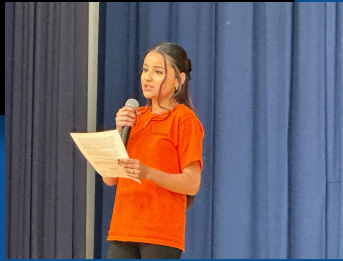




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**Ecole
Plamondon
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Student Led Assemblies and elder's sharing their stories

Understanding and learning about the rich culture of our Indigenous Students and understanding the tragedy of residential schools

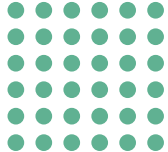


Truth and Reconciliation at EPS



Students learning about Metis culture - Fiddling, Jigging, Oral storytelling and Bannock!

Thank you to Bryce Delorme, Kyle Desjarlais, Nicole Lavallee, Janelle Durocher, Trevor White, Northern Lite Dancers, and June Howse Cardinal.



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H.E. Bourgoin School



HEB loves our Elder Peggy.
She is working with us to visit our students who need an Elder connection and is coming in various afternoons to make traditional foods with these students. Her kindness is appreciated. This Friday she is making moose meat stew and bannock!!! Elder Peggy ROKS!





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J.A. Williams High School

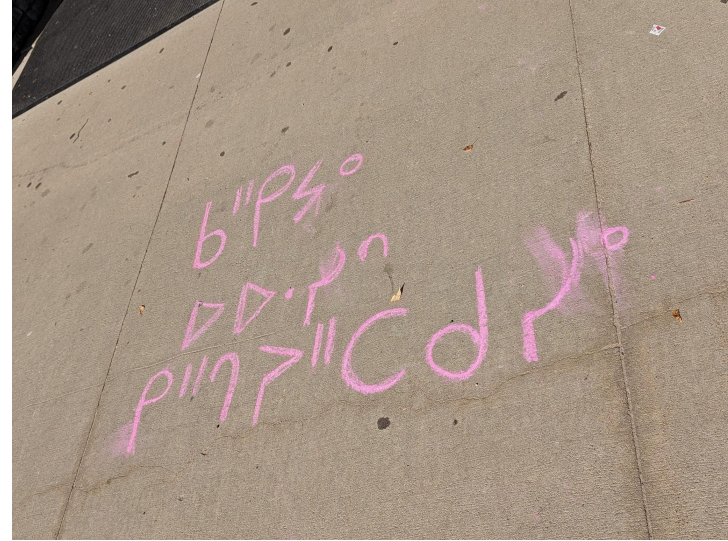


Round Dance 2024

Thank you to Portage College for hosting a Round Dance on March 12th. Students from JAWS and other schools were welcomed to watch the pipe ceremony, and participate in the Round Dance. One of the speakers complimented the crowd as one of the most attentive he has seen in 14 years. Our students really appreciated this opportunity.



JAWS staff & Students participating in messages of positive mental health on Orange Shirt Day.



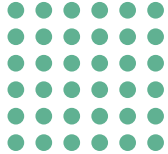
Tipi Raising

Thank you to Imperial Oil for joining us in a Tipi raising with Philip Campioux.



Creating a school culture honouring FNMI peoples





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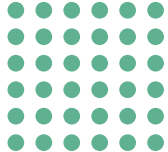
Being on the land.



Every
child...every
day.



"Our students must see themselves in the curriculum and in the learning environment. Leaders must lead to ensure this happens. Community must never be left out. This is Indigenous educational leadership."



LEARNING TOGETHER ANYWHERE

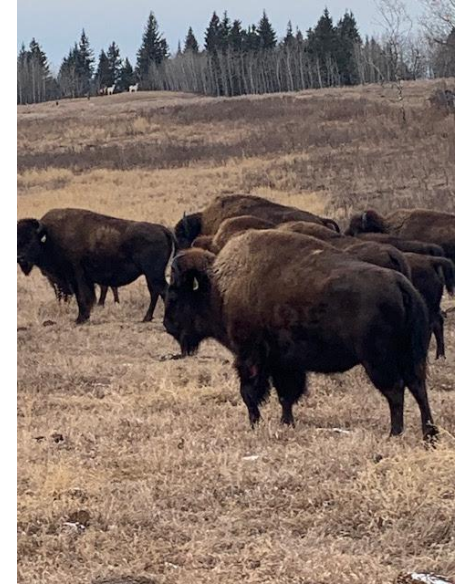
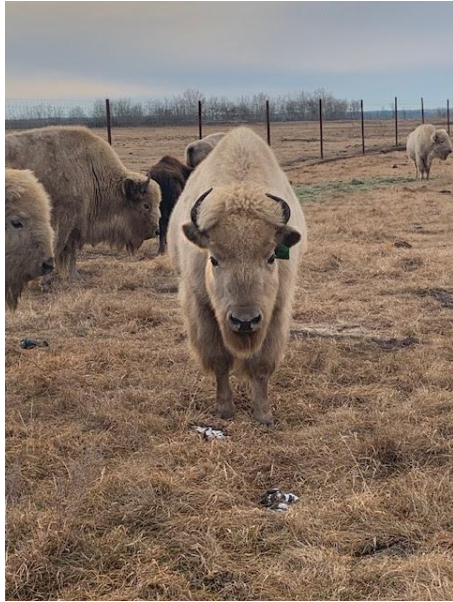


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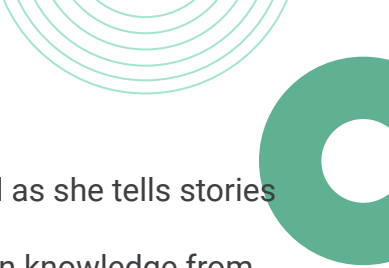
In collaboration with Canadian Tire Jumpstart and TC Energy, students from LTA have been actively involved in our innovative project, Land-Based Learning from an Indigenous Perspective. Throughout the program, students have taken part in swimming lessons, skiing, and tubing activities. During these activities, students are developing their identity of being physically active through connecting with the land and its elements. Additionally, students visited Metis Crossing, where they participated in informative sessions, a bison tour, and listened to storytelling from an Elder, exploring the wonders of the stars and constellations.



Indigenous perspectives on the cosmos highlight the interconnectedness of all existence, emphasizing a holistic understanding of the universe. Rooted in cultural traditions and spiritual beliefs, these perspectives view the cosmos not just as a physical space but as a living entity closely tied to human life and the natural world. Through storytelling, ceremonies, and traditional knowledge, Indigenous communities convey profound insights about the origins of the universe and humanity's place within it.



Elder Hazel



We have enjoyed listening to Elder Hazel as she tells stories about many things.

Indigenous people have long passed on knowledge from generation to generation through oral traditions, including storytelling. Storytelling teaches history, values, beliefs and ways of life.



STORY 1
Kenapic the Snake





Thanks!

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