

DIBAAJ MOWIN

July
2023

A Message from the KEB

Aanii kina wiya!

While students and educators are enjoying a well-deserved summer break, the staff and Board of the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body (KEB) would like to congratulate all graduates for working hard to earn their diplomas. Proud communities and parents have been submitting stories of their graduates to the KEB since June and we are so pleased to highlight them on pages 5 and 7!

There are many activities and events happening throughout Anishinabek territory this summer, from pow wows to professional development sessions to youth camps. In August, the KEB is excited to host the AES Youth Council at a gathering in Nbisiing Territory, where the youth council members will be planning for the year ahead and getting to know each other better.

However you might be spending these summer months, we hope that everyone has an opportunity to rest, relax, and try something new. Mdaamin Giizis (Corn Moon - September) will arrive before we realize it!

From the Interim Director of Education Team



Last 2 months in Review

Acronym Guide

- AES** - Anishinabek Education System
- KEB** - Kinooaadziwin Education Body
- DSB** - District School Board
- REC** - Regional Education Council
- PFN** - Participating First Nation

★ Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP)

Reach Ahead Programs

The KEB is excited to support Reach Ahead programming that is taking place this summer in the following communities:

- Biigtigong Nishnaabeg
- Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg
- Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation



Final reports from the Reach Ahead programming will demonstrate how the various programs support Anishinabek youth this summer. For more information please contact, Marie Chalykoff, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, at Marie.Chalykoff@a-e-s.ca.

Early Development Instrument (EDI) Implementation

Did you know?

- This year the AES is implementing the EDI project.
- The last time EDI was implemented within the AES occurred in 2019.
- The KEB is working alongside the Offord Centre of Child Studies, and the Ministry of Education on this initiative.
- Senior Kindergarten teachers will be trained in implementing the tool.
- Datasets and reports are provided by the Offord Centre to the KEB, with First Nation consent.

As the data is shared with the KEB, it will be analyzed for knowledge mobilization. Please connect with Joshua.LeClair@a-e-s.ca or Tracy.Hanzlik@a-e-s.ca, for more information.

★ New Staff



Gail Lafleur – Anishinabek Education Services Manager

Gitigaaning Kwe Ndizhnikaaz, Nipissing Ndoonjibaa, Waabizheshi Ndoodem, Anishinaabe Kwe Ndow. I follow the Niizhwaaso Mishoomisinaanig Gikinoomaagewin Teachings and the Mishkiki Waaw Gikinomaagewin.

I am Dr. Gail Lafleur, and I am looking forward to working as the Anishinabek Education Services Manager with the KEB. I have a Doctorate in Education, and I believe in honoring our peoples' gifts as given by the creator. I have a genuine desire to support our communities in

realizing our potentialities. I have worked in a variety of educational programming with communities and educational institutions (schoolboards, post-secondary institutions, etc.) as well as volunteering with mainstream organizations such as participating as a working group member for Brighter Days-An Indigenous Wellness Program by Kids Help Phone.

I am a qualified teacher as well as an educational administrator. I have had many years of experience in Anishinabek education, and I have had opportunities to support work and school initiatives as well as provide programs and services to support the intergenerational gifts of Shkagamikwe, youth, adults, and Elders. I honour our gifts of language and culture: Anishinaabemowin and our traditional teachings from our Elders as a foundation for our youth and Mino Bimaadziwin. I am very happy to have this opportunity to work with you all.

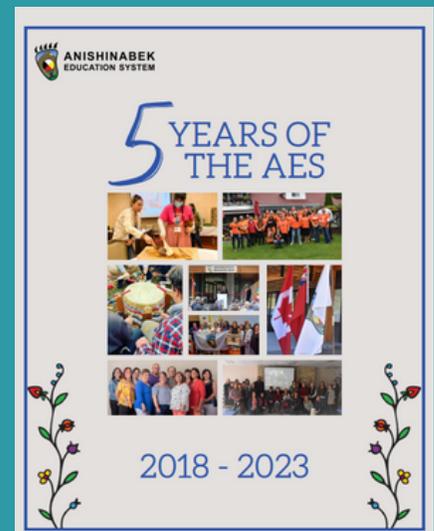
★ KEB Celebrates Five Years!

On April 1, 2023, the Anishinabek Education System celebrated its five-year anniversary. To honour this milestone, we published a celebration booklet that takes a look back at some of our favourite moments from the past five years.

Check it out!



<https://aes-keb.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Copy-of-5-Year-Booklet-DIGITAL.pdf>





conGRADulations!



A huge congratulations to all the graduates of 2023!

The KEB recognizes all the hard work and dedication of the staff at AES schools. The KEB had the opportunity to attend the graduation ceremony at Nbisings Secondary School on Nipissing First Nation, where they had a total of 26 graduates!

Students had the opportunity to wear beaded caps that they created collaboratively with a teacher at the school. In addition, each student had an introduction read-out as they received their diplomas that spoke about their time in high school and their future endeavors. The future is looking bright!



DOKIS FIRST NATION

Dokis First Nation shared the story of high school graduate Jayden Restoule, who graduated from Northern Secondary School in Sturgeon Falls, ON.

Jayden was a 2021 recipient of the AES Academic Achievement Scholarship. His passions include writing, astrology, and learning about Anishinaabe language and culture. As an honour student who overcame the challenges of living with Autism, Jayden's perseverance and commitment to learning are truly inspiring. His writing has received awards and Jayden's photography has even been highlighted by CTV News. Congratulations Jayden!

★ Regional Education Council Highlights

Region 1

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Endzhi-gkinoohmaading

And they are off! Biigtigong Nishnaabeg students are off to Spain in their first travel for credit course. Students traveling have assignments and will earn a high school credit while experiencing a different country. This opportunity has been made possible through unique grant opportunities with the AES. Students who applied needed to be successful in school during the past year, have good attendance, and be recommended from their principals. Hats off to their success! We wish them safe travels and continued success.



Region 2

Graduation celebrations in Zhiibaahaasing First Nation!

Charlene Sagon showed everyone that it's never too late to go back to high school and get your diploma. Charlene obtained her Ontario Secondary School Diploma at age 43. The community is very proud of her!

Skyler Bell and Raven Wabegijik also graduated from high school. Raven is on his way to Canadore College in the fall, enrolled in the Culinary Management Program. Zhiibaahaasing wishes him the best success in his studies!



Finally, Zhiibaahaasing is proud to share that Preston Riberdy and Tristin Cyr graduated from grade 8 at St. Joseph's Anishinabek School in Sheshegwaning First Nation. They will be attending Manitoulin Secondary school in the fall.

Region 3



Wahnapiitae First Nation held its annual Open House on June 10, 2023. The KEB was invited to participate and provided special education materials, KEB swag and annual reports for distribution at the Education Department's information table. The open house provides an opportunity for the First Nation to showcase its programs and services to the community members and the general public. In addition to the information booths, the open house offered food, door prizes, and branded merchandise for participants.

Region 4

28th Annual Lunaape Traditional Gathering

Munsee-Delaware Nation had their 28th annual Traditional Gathering on June 30, July 1 and 2, 2023. The three-day event was more than just a pow wow for the First Nation. The Lunaape people have a huge focus on strengthening their language and culture. An information booth was set-up at the gathering that shared about Lunaape history, culture and language. This event is another reflection of the community's dedication to language and culture revitalization. In 2021-2022, Munsee-Delaware completed a Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund project that collected history and stories of the community to develop grade 10 history curriculum with the Thames Valley District School Board.



MUNSEE-DELAWARE NATION'S 28TH ANNUAL LUNAAPE
TRADITIONAL GATHERING
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 1 & 2
AT THE ARBOUR • 279 JUBILEE ROAD MUNCEE, ON
Unfolding Our Lunaape Culture

FRIDAY, JUNE 30:
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Open Mic Night
Karaoke, Dance, Sing
Drum, Local Talent

SATURDAY, JULY 1:
Sunrise Ceremony
Grand Entry: 12:00 pm
& 7:00 pm
Fireworks

SUNDAY, JULY 2:
Sunrise Ceremony
Breakfast
Grand Entry: 12 pm
Giveaways, 50/50 Draw

HOSTY DRUM: NAASHI
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: BRENT STONEFISH
ARENA DIRECTOR: DENNIS WHITEYE
HEAD MALE DANCER: RICHARD SNAKE
HEAD FEMALE DANCER: SHYANNA CUNNINGHAM
HEAD VETERAN: FLOYD CASE
YOUTH MALE DANCER: RYAN RILEY
YOUTH FEMALE DANCER: CHEYENNE DOLSON

To show your respect to our ceremonies, we ask that you please leave your dogs and pets at home.

— Anushik, the Gathering Committee.

Accepting 3 more drums!



Chippewas of Rama First Nation

Chippewas of Rama First Nation is fostering an in-community language immersion program that is connected to existing early years learning centres. Preparation in-community includes first language speakers in the community pairing with second-language teachers. As in many of our First Nations, the teachers are second language learners who work hard at approaching fluency. The immersion program is being managed and implemented by Jessica Shonias.

The backbone of the program is about developing the skills of members who are Registered Early Childcare Educator's and members of the Ontario Teachers College by working with first speakers and through attending immersion-based adult learning summer programs. Beginning this fall, teachers will work with children in an immersed setting. Stay tuned for updates on the program!

★ Job Opportunities

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2023.

Director of Education (permanent full-time)

Language Strategy Project Coordinator (full-time until March 31, 2024)

Regional Language Officers (4 contract opportunities until March 31, 2024)

Anishinaabemowin Virtual Language Teacher (contract until June 2024)

Academic Support Person (part-time employment until February 29, 2024)

IT Assistant (part-time employment until February 29, 2024)



Visit our website for full details!
<https://aes-keb.com/employment-opportunities/>

Attention all AES Students!!

Have you filled out your consent forms yet?
We need your consent forms even if you live in an urban area, away from your First Nation.

Contact your director of education at your First Nation Administration or the Data Management Officer at the KEB: tracy.hanzlik@a-e-s.ca.

<https://aes-keb.com/consent-forms/>

★ Upcoming Events



August 8, 2023 11:00 a.m. – Is bedtime a Battle?
 August 15, 2023 11:00 a.m. – Getting Back into Routine
 August 22, 2023 11:00 a.m. – School Readiness for Kindergarten

August 14, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.
 Professional Development Inclusive Education in Math



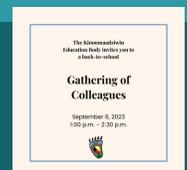
August 21, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Back to School: A Fresh Start with Sarah Beemer

August 29, 2023 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Indigenous Language Teacher Professional Learning Circle



August 31, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Supporting Students in the Classroom: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

September 6, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Gathering of Colleagues



★ Upcoming Events Continued

September 12, 2023 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Asset-Based Learning and Growth Mindset

September 19, 2023 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Universal Design for Learning



September 21, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Supporting Students in the Classroom: Elopement/Running Away

September 26, 2023 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Differentiated Instruction



September 28, 2023 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Introduction to Clinical Services

To see all of our upcoming events at the AES and KEB, please follow us on Facebook or visit our website's event calendar: <https://aes-keb.com/calendar/>