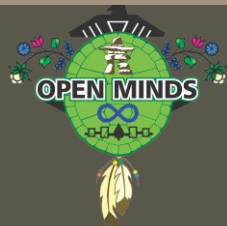


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Supporting First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students

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If your child attends any of the following schools, please contact Adrian Klein.

| WEEKLY | MONTHLY | AS REQUESTED | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walkerville King Edward Prince Edward Belle River Public School Forest Glade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Amherst Tecumseh Vista Public School Hugh Beaton F.W. Begley Hetherington Riverside | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Suzuki Eastwood Parkview Princess Elizabeth Amherstburg Anderdon Malden Central | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D.M. Eagle Tecumseh Vista Secondary A.V. Graham Belle River Secondary Centennial Central Lakeshore Discovery |

Highlights from Adrian

Boozhoo/Sheko:ll,

Well we are in the last portion of this rather different school year. The last few months have been challenging but students have been able to overcome those challenges and work through them. I was able to connect and support students in the various sessions that were offered. In my elementary sessions we shared stories and discussed the messages that were being shared through these stories. These sessions will continue, but will now be held on Tuesdays. The link to join is provided below. Our "Wellness Wednesday's" sessions for the secondary students have been going well. Students find these sessions helpful as they provide ways to navigate and adapt to current times. These sessions will continue into June as well. Also I will be hosting another series of *Powwow Fitness Sessions*. The link to register is provided below. Please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone if you have any questions. I hope everyone continues to remain healthy and safe as we near the end of the school year!

May

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Prince Edward All Day | Walkerville AM King Edward PM | Belle River All Day | Walkerville AM Begley PM | Forest Glade All Day |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Amherst AM Prince Edward PM | Walkerville AM King Edward PM | TVA Elementary AM Belle River PM | Walkerville AM TVA Elementary PM | Amherst AM Forest Glade PM |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Prince Edward All Day | Walkerville AM King Edward | Belle River All Day | Walkerville AM Beaton PM | Forest Glade All Day |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| No School | Walkerville AM King Edward | Hetherington AM Belle River PM | Walkerville All Day | Riverside AM Forest Glade PM |

June

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Riverside Am Prince Edward PM | King Edward AM Walkerville PM | Belle River All Day | Walkerville AM Begley PM | Forest Glade All Day |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Amherst AM Prince Edward PM | King Edward AM Walkerville PM | TVA Elementary AM Belle River PM | Walkerville AM TVA Elementary PM | Amherst AM Elementary PA Day |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Prince Edward All Day | Walkerville AM King Edward PM | Belle River All Day | Beaton AM Walkerville PM | Forest Glade All Day |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Riverside Am Prince Edward PM | Walkerville AM King Edward PM | Hetherington AM Belle River PM | Hetherington AM | Forest Glade PM |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| Prince Edward PM | PA DAY | | | |

Virtual School Support Daily 2:30-3:15

Students who are attending virtually in both cohort C(virtual) and D (Offline) are invited to join the virtual support Teams meetings. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their support worker for one-on-one support. This time may be utilized for academic, cultural and well-being support. To schedule a day you wish to meet with your support worker please contact Adrian Klein.

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Link to join meeting:
<http://bit.ly/virtualAdrian>

Wellness Wednesday's (Secondary Students)

Weekly meetings will continue through the end of the year. Each week we focus on a topic and/or tips to promote wellness.(Study tips, self care, healthy eating, sleep habits, etc.) This year has been challenging for students, focusing on personal wellness is important to help navigate through these challenges. This is open to all secondary students in the schools that Adrain is aligned to. It also provides an opportunity for students to connect with others outside their home school or virtual class. If you're interested or have questions please contact Adrian. The link to join in these sessions is provided below.

Link to join meeting
<http://bit.ly/wellnesswedmeet>

Virtual Programming (Elementary Students)

When we "visit" our weekly and monthly schools, we will be offering programming activities for students to engage in during their nutrition breaks. This is a great opportunity for students to join in and listen and share their thoughts on various stories and topics pertaining to Indigenous culture.

These sessions will be held Tuesday's 11:30 – 12:15.
Link to Join- <http://bit.ly/TuesdayElementarysession>

Powwow Fitness Sessions

Please join Adrian for additional sessions of Powwow fitness classes. The students and families enjoyed the last set of sessions earlier this year, so additional sessions will be offered. During these sessions students will learn and practice the basic powwow dance movements. We will then incorporate these movements into a routine to promote physical activity. It's a great way to join culture and physical activity.

Sessions will be held on Thursdays @ 3:30-4:30 starting Thursday May 13th and running until June 3rd.

Please complete the registration form and the meeting link will be provided to you.

Register to join: <http://bit.ly/powwowfitnessreg>:

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| WEEKLY | MONTHLY | AS REQUESTED | |
|---|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herman Secondary Coronation Ford City | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Maxwell PASS/Agency Kingsville Public School Harrow Public School Herman Elementary Talbot Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingsville DHS Jack Miner/Pelee Island EssexDHS & EssexPublic School Colchester North Gosfield North Leamington DHS East Mersea | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gore Hill MD Bennie Mount Carmel-Blytheswood Queen Elizabeth Western Maryvale Roseville William G. Davis |

Highlights from last month with Brianne!

Sheko:li again everyone! I have been staying busy over the last few months between everyday support for students and monthly programming activities. For elementary students, the focus for March was maple syrup. Students were able to listen to a story about maple and how it is a medicine, and then created their own maple leaves that included things that bring them happiness. For April, we focused on characteristics using the story "Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox" and learning a little more about clans. Being virtual hasn't stopped us from getting creative! I have sent my virtual classroom to all of the elementary families in my case load where you can take a look at some of the art we created together virtually and can also create your own! Moving into May and June, we will be focusing on strawberries and Indigenous Peoples month, and I will also be working to schedule exit interviews with all of my students in weekly and monthly support schools. Monthly programming activities will be available to virtual and offline students during the days I am aligned to their schools from 2:15-3:30pm via Teams. For Secondary students, we will be wrapping up our Helpful Hints Series in May, where students have had the opportunity to join bi-weekly and get tips and information to support them as they continue navigating this year. If you missed out on these sessions but are still interested in receiving information on our topics, please contact me.



May

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | PASS (AM) System Support (All day) | Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | System Support (All day) Talbot Trail (1PM-2PM) | Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) |
| Daily Virtual Support Meetings: https://bit.ly/virtualFNM Herman meetings (Mon & Fri 8-11 am): https://bit.ly/HermanFNM | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) Lambton College Application Workshop | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | Harrow PS (AM) Kingsville PS (PM) | Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| No school | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | Maxwell (AM) Herman E. (PM) | Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) |

June

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | PASS (AM) System Support (All day) | Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | System Support (All day) Talbot Trail (1PM-2PM) | Herman (AM) ElementaryPA Day |
| Daily Virtual Support Meetings: https://bit.ly/virtualFNMI Herman meetings (Mon & Fri 8-11 am): https://bit.ly/HermanFNMI | | | | |

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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | Harrow PS (AM) Kingsville PS (PM) | Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) | Coronation (All day) | System Support (All day) | Maxwell (AM) Herman E. (PM) | Ford City (PM) |
| 28 | 29 | | | |
| Ford City (PM) | PA DAY | | | |

EVENTS

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| Virtual School Support every day from 2:15 pm - 3:30pm Students from Cohort C (Virtual) and Cohort D (Offline packages) are welcome to join the daily Virtual School Support Teams meeting where students will have the opportunity to check in and access additional support. A reminder will be sent prior to the meetings for schools that are able to join that day. Link to join has been listed in the calendar above. If you would like to participate in programming or support but this does not work with your schedule, please contact me directly. | Weekly Indigenous Book Club First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Students in grades 6-8 across the schools Brieanne is aligned to are welcome to join in for a weekly book club on Wednesdays from 12:50pm – 1:20 pm where we will be reading books by Indigenous authors, exploring the topics within the books, and following up with reflections and discussions. Link to join: http://bit.ly/FNMIbookclub | Individual School Programming When we “visit” our weekly and monthly schools, we will be offering programming activities for students to engage in during their nutrition breaks. Many of the students have requested more cultural learning opportunities in general, as well as activities and crafts to go with them. Through virtual programming, I will be able to share some stories and create some fun activities to engage in. Keeping with the theme of giving thanks, the following topics will be covered in May and June (may vary depending on your school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strawberries - Indigenous Peoples Month Virtual and offline students can also engage in these activities during the Virtual School Support sessions by request or on the days I am aligned to their schools. |
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| WEEKLY | MONTHLY | AS REQUESTED | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marlborough Public School WestGate Public School Kennedy Collegiate Institute Queen Victoria Public School John Campbell Public School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lasalle Public School Northwood Public School Westview Freedom Academy Vincent Massey Secondary School McWilliam Public School Sandwich Secondary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Brock Dougall Public School Roseland Public School Glenwood Public School Sandwich West Public School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prince Andrew Public School Bellewood Public School Giles Campus Central Public School Southwood Public School |

Highlights from last Month with Tyler!

Boozhoo/ Shekoli!

Well we are almost to the end of a challenging year! The goal I have set is to finish strong. It has been a challenging but good few months working with students. They have been strong and willing to adapt to all the different changes that have gone on and will continue to go on throughout the remainder of the year. Our Virtual Wednesday meet with elementary students continues to happen. We have had others share what they have learned and we have done a few activities to help us better understand and appreciate the stories that have been shared. The secondary Wellness meeting has gotten off to a great start as well. It will continue on for the rest of the year with a different topic each week that promotes well-being. With most of May being guaranteed to be virtual I will be exploring different times to meet online during nutrition breaks for different schools. I will connect with students and parents/guardians to see who might be interested in attending! Below is my school visit schedule but, please do not hesitate to call or email me at any time! I hope everyone remains safe, happy and healthy!

May

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| WestGate (All DAY) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Marlborough (All Day) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays | Massey (AM) Northwood (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | Massey (AM) Queen Victoria (All Day) |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| WestGate (All DAY) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Marlborough (All Day) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays | Kennedy (AM) Lasalle (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | Queen Victoria (PM) |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Sandwich Secondary (AM) West Gate (PM) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Sandwich Sec. (AM) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays Marlborough (PM) | Kennedy (AM) McWilliam (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | Queen Victoria (All Day) |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Victoria Day (No School) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Marlborough (All day) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays | Massey (AM) Northwood (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | Queen Victoria (All Day) |

Support to Virtual School Students will be provided from **2:30pm-3:15pm** daily Monday to Friday unless otherwise communicated.

Virtual School Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/virtualTyler>

June

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| West Gate (All DAY) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Marlborough (All Day) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays | Kennedy (AM) Lasalle (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | Queen Victoria (All DAY) |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| West Gate (All DAY) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Marlborough (All Day) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays | Kennedy (AM) McWilliam (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | ElementaryPA Day |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Sandwich Sec. (AM) West Gate (PM) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Sandwich Sec. (AM) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays Marlborough (PM) | Massey (AM) Northwood (PM) http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet | Massey (AM) Queen Victoria (All Day) |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Westview (AM) West Gate (PM) (Indigenous Peoples Day) | Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM) | Marlborough (All day) https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays | Lasalle (PM) | Queen Victoria (All Day) |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| West Gate (All DAY) | PA DAY | | | |

Support to Virtual School Students will be provided from **2:30pm-3:15pm** daily Monday to Friday unless otherwise communicated.

Virtual School Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/virtualTyler>

EVENTS

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| <p>Virtual School Support every day from 2:15 PM - 3:30PM!</p> <p>Students from Cohort C (Virtual) and Cohort D (Offline packages) are welcome to join the daily Virtual School Support Teams meeting. I will be offering additional support to those in need. A reminder will be sent out prior to the meetings for schools that are scheduled to join that day. The link to join is listed in the calendar.</p> | <p>Thursday Wellness for Secondary Students.</p> <p>Virtual Meeting Every Thursday</p> <p>Join in for different wellness meetings each week. This meeting is designed to be stress free and give you some tips on how to keep yourself organized and ready for the rest of the school year. Some examples of past meetings include: Study Tips and healthy sleeping patterns. Each week will be something new and different right up until the end of the year! I hope you can join!</p> <p>Wellness Thursdays! Every Thursday on Teams at 11:45-12:15 http://bit.ly/SecondaryVirtualmeet</p> | <p>Virtual School Programming</p> <p>When we “visit” our weekly and monthly schools, we will be offering programming activities for students to engage in during their nutrition breaks. Every Wednesday there will be different activities. There may also be some special guests joining us.</p> <p>Virtual Wednesdays Every Wednesday on Teams from 11:45-12:15 Link to join: https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays</p> <p>Please contact tyler.white@publicboard.ca for more information and to ensure that you have any materials required to engage in the programming prior to attending.</p> |
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Building Awareness

The GECD SB is dedicated to building awareness for all students and staff. We have planned several learning opportunities in June to celebrate and acknowledge the amazing contributions of Indigenous Peoples.

You can find the calendar of events that are planned @ <https://bit.ly/GECD SBIndigenousEducation>.

Teachers were also provided with a collection of resources to integrate Indigenous contributions into their classroom learning. You can access this collection @ <http://bit.ly/JUNEresources>.

If you have any questions and/or comments regarding the learning sessions or would like to assist with building awareness for our educators, please contact tina.decastro@publicboard.ca



Camp Migizi!!

The Greater Essex County District School Board is pleased to offer Camp Migizi Virtual Summer Learning Programs for students currently enrolled in **Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, and Grade 6.**

Your child is invited to attend Virtual Camp Migizi focusing on both literacy and mathematical learning with the integration of Indigenous knowledge and culture.

We will be offering a variety of learning activities for students and encourage families to join.

Some of these may include:

- * Oneida language classes
- * Ojibwe language classes
- * Art Sessions with Moses Lunham
- * Experiential learning opportunities (these will include sharing sessions with Knowledge Keepers and hands-on activities with ALL materials provided for you and your family to engage in the learning prior to the sessions occurring)

Camp Migizi will run from: Monday, July 5th-Friday, July 23rd

Hours of the Camp: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 a.m.-Monday-Friday with ADDITIONAL cultural sessions offered throughout the week after camp.

Snack Break: 11:10-11:30 daily

Delivery: Online Virtual classroom

Platforms: Microsoft TEAMS, Microsoft Notebook

Classes will be approximately 10 students with one teacher, therefore space in the program is limited. By registering for the program, parents/guardians are asked to commit to having their child actively engage online in all 15 days of the camp.

Please complete the Registration form and submit it NO LATER THAN Wednesday, June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION LINK:** <http://bit.ly/CampMigiziReg>

It is important to complete only ONE form PER STUDENT. If you have several of your children participating, please fill out a form for EACH CHILD.

If you have any additional questions about the program, please feel free to contact Tina DeCastro.
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Upcoming Events

KINAMAAGEWIN MAAWANJI'IDIWAG

A COUNCIL OF KNOWLEDGE

INDIGENOUS YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

SECONDARY GR 9 - 12 STUDENTS

- Interactive workshops
- Inspiring speakers
- Exploring possibilities in STEM

Spend the day learning how Indigenous knowledge systems can help advance the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.



HOSTED BY WILFRED BUCK

Science Educator from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS...

- ★ **Juan Carlos Chavez**, PhD, Yaqui Sonora Territories, NASA AFFILIATE
- ★ **Corey Gray**, Siksika Nation, GRAVITATIONAL WAVE DETECTOR OPERATOR, Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)
- ★ **Annette S. Lee**, Ojibwe and D/Lakota, ASTROPHYSICIST, Associate Professor of Astronomy & Physics at St. Cloud State University (SCSU), Director of the SCSU Planetarium
- ★ **Kim Trimble**, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, Hydro One

JUNE 2ND, 10:00 AM TO 2:30 PM EST
ONLINE THROUGH TEAMS

For more information & register:

<http://bit.ly/IndigenousYouthSymposiumGECDSB>

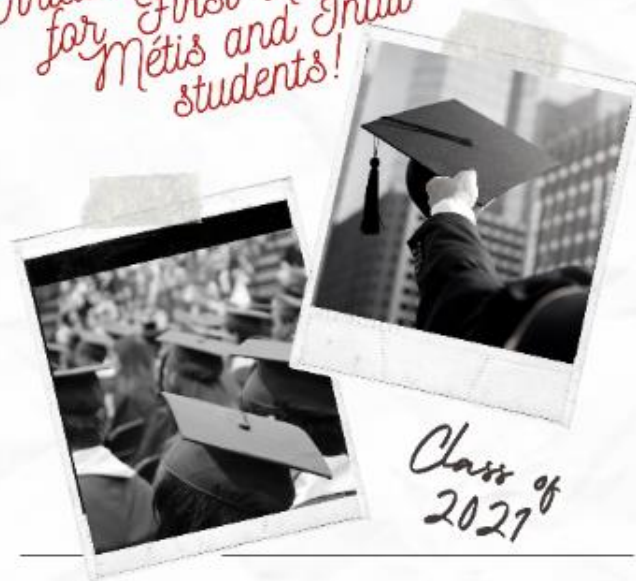
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THE GECDSB OPEN MINDS
PROGRAM PRESENTS



*Virtual Grad Celebration
for First Nations,
Métis and Inuit
students!*



June 17, 2021
6:30-7:30 P.M.

Participating families will also be provided a free meal. Register for the meal at the following link:

bit.ly/graduationmeal

Please RSVP using the following link:

bit.ly/openmindsgrad

This event has been put together to honour all First Nations, Métis, & Inuit students graduating grade 12 from the Greater Essex County District School Board this year.



Powwow Fitness

with Adrian Klein
Stay active, Stay connected,
Let's get dancing!

Sessions will run Thursdays
May 13th - June 3rd
3:30pm - 4:30pm
via Microsoft Teams

Link to Register
<http://bit.ly/powwowfitnessreg>





Exploring Skilled Trades

This interactive series is for Indigenous youth to learn the career paths in the skills trades.



REGISTRATION LINK:

<http://bit.ly/exploreskilledtrades>

ACCEPTING OUR GIFTS Billy Alexander is the Executive Chef and Culinary Advisor for Caldwell First Nation located in Leamington southern Ontario. Raised by his Mohawk mother, he grew up with food being synonymous with community and he learned to cook with ingredients he foraged and hunted. Join this session as Billy shares his inspirational journey.



Each participant will receive a GIFT box with the tools you'll need to put your learning into **ACTION.**



Adrian Klein, a member of the Oneida and Ojibwe Nations. Prior to his transition to working within various school boards he spent several years working in the Skilled trades, specifically Carpentry. He will share his insight and knowledge from the experiences he gained while working in the trades.

Rae Anne Hill-Beauchamp, Student Recruitment & Liaison Officer, Emily Spek, Welding Instructor & Faye Johnson, Skilled Trades Specialist will be highlighting the upcoming "We Are Welders" women in welding program at Six Nations Polytechnic (SNP). SNP is an Indigenous Institute which has two campuses; Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation and the city of Brantford where all of the College and Skilled Trades are delivered. Join in to learn more about all of the Skilled Trades opportunities offered at SNP and more!



Register for as many sessions as you would like. Each session will be live on Microsoft Teams.



Grace Nahdee is from Bkejwanong Territory. She grew up on Bkejwanong her entire life. Her passion for Hair styling and being a hair dresser started when she was very young. Her passion carried her through her journey of completing school and becoming a hairdresser.



