



## Supporting First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students

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

### Highlights from last month with Adrian

Boozhoo/Sheko:ll,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. This last month I have been continuing to connect with students and families to check in and offer support if needed. I've been offering cultural programming and scheduling virtual support sessions with students at my weekly and monthly schools. We also started the virtual powwow fitness sessions the first week of December. These sessions are hosted by me and run Thursday's from 4:30 – 5:30 for 6 sessions in December and January. Registration is still open and you can join at anytime. These activities provide students the opportunity to learn about powwow dances and take part in basic steps while promoting physical activity.

The month of January is going to be exciting with the second half of powwow fitness starting and a virtual paint night. Register and join these fun learning opportunities. I would like to wish my students and families well and hope they enjoy their Holiday break! Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

### January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
Riverside AM Prince Edward PM	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Hetherington AM Belle River PM	Walkerville AM Hetherington PM	Riverside AM Forest Glade PM
11	12	13	14	15
Prince Edward All Day	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Belle River All Day	Walkerville AM Begley PM	Forest Glade All Day
18	19	20	21	22
Amherst AM Prince Edward PM	Walkerville AM King Edward	TVA Elementary AM Belle River PM	Walkerville AM TVA Elementary PM	Amherst AM Forest Glade PM
25	26	27	28	29
Prince Edward All Day	Walkerville AM King Edward	Belle River All Day	Walkerville AM Beaton PM	Forest Glade All Day Virtual Paint night with Moses Lunham Registration: <a href="https://bit.ly/thunderbirdregister">https://bit.ly/thunderbirdregister</a>

## February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Riverside AM Prince Edward PM	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Hetherington AM Belle River PM	Walkerville AM Hetherington PM	Riverside AM Forest Glade PM
8	9	10	11	12
Prince Edward All Day	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Belle River All Day	Walkerville AM Begley PM	Forest Glade All Day
15	16	17	18	19
Family Day	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	TVA Elementary AM Belle River PM	Walkerville AM TVA Elementary PM	Amherst AM Forest Glade PM
22	23	24	25	26
Prince Edward All Day	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Belle River All Day	Walkerville AM Beaton PM	Forest Glade All Day

## March

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Riverside AM Prince Edward PM	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Hetherington AM Belle River PM	Walkerville AM Hetherington PM	Riverside AM Forest Glade PM
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Prince Edward All Day	Walkerville AM King Edward PM	Belle River All Day	Walkerville AM Begley PM	Forest Glade All 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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(519) 255 3200 Ext 40151

Link to Meeting:  
<http://bit.ly/virtualAdrian>

### Virtual Paint night with Moses Lunham "The Thunderbird"

January 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6pm  
via Microsoft Teams



This paint night is open to First Nations, Métis & Inuit Students and families who attend the schools on Adrian's support list.

**Limited spaces available!**  
**You must register in advance**

Registration: <https://bit.ly/thunderbirdregister>

Contact Adrian Klein for more info  
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### Cultural Programming

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 cultural learning for students. Some topics include: 7<sup>th</sup> generation principal, connection through song and dance and connection through art.

### Powwow Fitness Sessions

Sessions run Thursdays @ 4:30-5:30 until Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They are open to all students and families within our board.

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

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

## Highlights from last month with Brienne

For November the focus of our virtual programming was Treaty Awareness. Students were able to enjoy virtual visits where we listened to the story “Alex Shares his Wampum Belt” and “Dakota Talks about Treaties” and engaged in a trivia game afterwards. I am continuing to work through scheduling students for virtual meetings where they can access academic, well-being, and cultural support. Moving into the winter months our monthly programming will focus on seasonal activities and crafts that include learning some language words. These 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.



Please check the calendar to make sure you know when I will be virtually visiting your schools!

## January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)	System Support (All Day)	Coronation (All day)	Maryvale (AM) PASS (PM) System Support (All day)	Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)
11	12	13	14	15
Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)	System Support (All Day)	Coronation (All day)	System Support (All day) Talbot Trail (1PM-2PM)	Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)
Daily Virtual Support Meetings: <a href="https://bit.ly/virtualFNMI">https://bit.ly/virtualFNMI</a> Herman meetings: <a href="https://bit.ly/HermanFNMI">https://bit.ly/HermanFNMI</a>				
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Herman (AM) Ford City (PM) Lambton College Application Workshop	System Support (All Day)	Coronation (All day)	Harrow PS (AM) Kingsville PS (PM)	Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)
25	26	27	28	29
Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)	System Support (All Day)	Coronation (All day) Storytelling Series with Isaac Murdoch	Maxwell (AM) Herman E. (PM)	Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)

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Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)	System Support (All Day)	Coronation (All day) Storytelling Series with Isaac Murdoch	System Support (All day) Talbot Trail (1PM-2PM)	Herman (AM)  Elementary PA Day
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Family Day	System Support (All Day)	Coronation (All day)	Harrow PS (AM) Kingsville PS (PM)	Herman (AM) Ford City (PM)
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## EVENTS

<b>Virtual School Support every day from 2:15 pm - 3:30pm</b>  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.	<b>Weekly Indigenous Book Club</b>  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 1pm – 1:45pm where we will be reading books by Indigenous authors, exploring the topics within the books, and following up with reflections and discussions.  <b>Link to join:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/FNMIbookclub">http://bit.ly/FNMIbookclub</a>	<b>Individual School Programming</b>  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 from January-March (may vary depending on your school): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winter &amp; Weather</li> <li>- Family &amp; Love</li> <li>- Maple Syrup</li> </ul> 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.	<b>Important Notice for Graduating Students</b>  With deadlines fast approaching, your FNMI Student Support Workers are available to support with post-secondary pathways, opportunities, and applications. If you are applying for University or College this year please make sure to connect with your support worker if you have not already done so. We are happy to help however we can.
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WEEKLY	MONTHLY	AS REQUESTED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marlborough Public School</li> <li>WestGate Public School</li> <li>Kennedy Collegiate Institute</li> <li>Queen Victoria Public School</li> <li>John Campbell Public School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lasalle Public School</li> <li>Northwood Public School</li> <li>Westview Freedom Academy</li> <li>Vincent Massey Secondary School</li> <li>McWilliam Public School</li> <li>Sandwich Secondary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Brock</li> <li>Dougall Public School</li> <li>Roseland Public School</li> <li>Glenwood Public School</li> <li>Sandwich West Public School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prince Andrew Public School</li> <li>Bellewood Public School</li> <li>Giles Campus</li> <li>Central Public School</li> <li>Southwood Public School</li> </ul>

## Highlights from last Month with Tyler!

Boozhoo/ Shekoli!

I hope everyone is staying as safe as possible. It has been a busy month and a half as we head towards the two week break. I hope everyone who made the switch from one form of learning to another was able to adjust well. I have done my best to maintain contact with everyone in the schools that I am aligned to. As this school year has progressed I have been able to talk more and more with students who are either in school, online or doing paper packages. I have also created a Virtual Wednesday meeting with any student who would like to join. We have shared stories and done activities during the nutrition break between classes. It has really brought some insight and increased curiosity about First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture; this will continue and we will invite guests to share stories with us in the new year. On February 1<sup>st</sup> there will also be a paint night with Moses Lunham, open to the schools I support. Space is limited. Check my calendar schedule for more details and how to register. If there is anything you need assistance or support with please do not hesitate to call or email me. I hope everyone remains safe, happy and healthy!

## January

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WestGate (All DAY)	Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM)	Marlborough (All Day) <a href="https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays">https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays</a>	Kennedy (AM) Lasalle (PM)	Queen Victoria (All DAY) Virtual School (2:30-3:15)
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WestGate (All DAY)	Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM)	Marlborough (All Day) <a href="https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays">https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays</a>	Massey (AM) McWilliam (PM)	Massey (AM) Queen Victoria (PM)
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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>

## February

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West Gate (All DAY) Paint Night: 4:30-6:30 <a href="https://bit.ly/PaintNightFeb1">https://bit.ly/PaintNightFeb1</a>	Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM)	Marlborough (All Day) <a href="https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays">https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays</a>	Kennedy (AM) McWilliam (PM)	Queen Victoria (All DAY)
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West Gate (All DAY) Virtual School (2:30-3:15)	Kennedy (AM) Campbell (PM)	Marlborough (All Day) <a href="https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays">https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays</a>	Massey (AM) Northwood (PM)	Massey (AM) Queen Victoria (PM)
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## EVENTS

<p><b>Virtual School Support every day from 2:15 PM - 3:30PM!</b></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><b>Upcoming Paint Night with Moses Lunham</b></p> <p>Moses Lunham from Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation will be leading a virtual paint session. He will be guiding us through a Bear Moon themed painting. Younger students might need the support of a parent/guardian. <b>MUST Register in Advance!</b> <b>Link to Register:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/PaintNightFeb1">https://bit.ly/PaintNightFeb1</a></p> <p>This will be taking place on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 4:30-6:30</p> <p>This is open to Kennedy, Massey, Sandwich, Westview and their family of schools.</p>	<p><b>Virtual School Programming</b></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 will also be some special guests joining us in the new year!</p> <p>Virtual Wednesdays Every Wednesday on Teams from 11:45-12:15 Link to join: <a href="https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays">https://bit.ly/Virtualwednesdays</a></p> <p><i>Please contact <a href="mailto:tyler.white@publicboard.ca">tyler.white@publicboard.ca</a> for more information and to ensure that you have any materials required to engage in the programming prior to attending.</i></p>
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# Building Awareness

There have been many opportunities for teacher and student learning this month, here are a few...

## Indigenous Education in the Classroom: All staff were invited to learn with Nancy Rowe



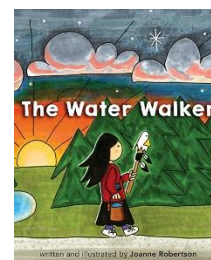
Nancy Rowe is a Mississauga, Ojibwe of the Anishinaabek Nation located at Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Nancy holds an honors B.A. in Indigenous Studies and Political Science. She is an educator, consultant and a Traditional Practitioner of Anishinaabek lifeways, views and customary practices and is currently completing a Master's degree of Environmental Resource Studies at the University of Waterloo. She is an avid volunteer who coordinates Akinomaagaye Gaamik, a grassroots initiative to provide educational opportunities for all peoples interested in Indigenous perspectives of life, health, education, history and the environment.

This session explored how to use a human rights framework when planning and implementing activities pertaining to Indigenous Education. Nancy discussed the importance of cultural safety and the critical role that educators can play in creating safe and appropriate learning.

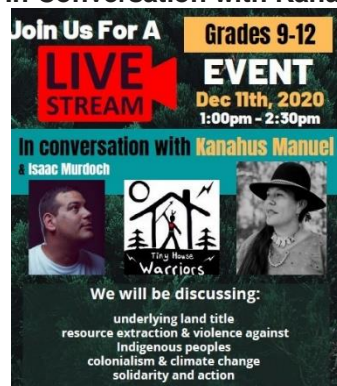
## Infusing Indigenous Literature in the Classroom

These sessions were designed to assist educators teaching kindergarten to grade four, infuse Indigenous texts in their classrooms in meaningful and respectful ways. Teachers were provided age-appropriate literacy strategies and Indigenous children's book recommendations.

You can access the information that was shared with educators at the following link. <https://bit.ly/FNMILitSWAY>



## In Conversation with Kanahus Manuel



In collaboration with the DPCDSB we were able to offer access to a special live stream. This rare and special live stream featured Kanahus Manuel from the west coast (Secwepemc and Ktunaxa) who spoke to secondary students about current events taking place on Indigenous lands in British Columbia. This session was moderated by Isaac Murdoch (Serpent River First Nation) and together they highlighted the connections between colonialism and climate change, resource extraction and violence against Indigenous peoples, and how students can play an important role in solidarity and action movements. Opening and welcome by Nancy Rowe (Mississauga of the Credit First Nation).

Kanahus Manuel, or Kanahus Freedom, is an Indigenous activist, birth keeper, and a member of the activist group Tiny House Warriors. Manuel is a Secwepemc and Ktunaxa mother of four Freedom Babies, children raised in the spirit of decolonization and free from the regulations of the Canadian federal and provincial governments. Manuel decided to do this as an Indigenous woman to raise

questions about the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples of Canada. Manuel's father, Arthur Manuel wrote *The Reconciliation Manifesto* and *Unsettling Canada* and started the *Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade* organization.

You can access this recording at the following link: <https://bit.ly/Kanahus>

## Caldwell First Nation Learning

Carrie Ann Peters, cultural development coordinator with Caldwell First Nation and knowledge-keeper Janne I. Peters began virtual learning sessions with Intermediate students at Harrow Public School. Students learned the history of Caldwell First Nation and received a contemporary look at Caldwell today. Students were also provided a lesson on cultural appropriation before they represented their learning and reflections using a range of mediums. These sessions will continue into the new year.



If you have any questions and/or comments regarding these resources/sessions or would like to assist with building awareness for our educators, please contact:

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## Preparing for College?



THE GECD SB OPEN MINDS PROGRAM AND LAMBTON COLLEGE INDIGENOUS STUDENT CENTRE PRESENTS

### COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Sean Hoogterp (Indigenous Student Success Coordinator from Lambton College Indigenous Student Centre) will be joining us to talk about the programming offered at Lambton College as well as support students with their college applications. There will also be an opportunity to have the Ontario College Application Service fee of \$95 covered by Lambton College. To contact Sean, you can email [sean.hoogterp@lambtoncollege.ca](mailto:sean.hoogterp@lambtoncollege.ca) or call/text 226-378-4395.

**JAN 18TH 2021**  
**2:45PM-3:45 PM**

Link to virtual event will be shared after registration.  
Register here: [bit.ly/lambtonreg](https://bit.ly/lambtonreg)

## Need a tutor?



The Greater Essex County District School Board

### Making Connections Tutoring

This program is for First Nations, Métis or Inuit students from Grades 1-12 requiring additional support in the areas of numeracy and literacy. Each student can get up to twenty hours of tutorial assistance, if eligible, free of charge. Tutors may work one on one with students reinforcing literacy and numeracy skills and concepts. Virtual tutoring sessions will be scheduled by the tutor in collaboration with the student and their caregiver.

If you are interested, please complete the registration form found at <https://bit.ly/makingconnectionstutor>

If you would like additional information, please contact Tina DeCastro @ 519-255-3200 ext. 10235 or [tina.decastro@publicboard.ca](mailto:tina.decastro@publicboard.ca)

Learning literacy engagement to CONNECTIONS FNMI relationships student TUTORING numeracy building centered Links

## Want to learn Oneida and Ojibwe?

### Virtual Language Classes

#### ONEIDA Language Classes

Tuesday Evenings  
4:30pm-5:30pm

It is important that you register in advance to ensure any materials required for the classes can be sent to families in advance.

<http://bit.ly/oneidaregister>

**Microsoft Teams** – Please go to the following link to join. <http://bit.ly/gecdsboneida>

If you have any questions, please contact [StoneHorse.Moore@publicboard.ca](mailto:StoneHorse.Moore@publicboard.ca)

#### OJIBWE Language Classes

Tuesday Evenings  
4:30pm-5:30pm

It is important that you register in advance to ensure any materials required for the classes can be sent to families in advance. <http://bit.ly/ojibweregister>

**Microsoft Teams** – Please go to the following link to join. <http://bit.ly/gecdsbOjibwe>

If you have any questions, please contact [esbikenh@gmail.com](mailto:esbikenh@gmail.com)

Please note that classes will not run if it is not a scheduled school day. (For example: Holidays)





## New Learning Opportunity for Secondary Students

### Social Entrepreneurship Co-op Course

This credit course is open to First Nations, Métis and Inuit secondary students who qualify.  
Please Note: Acceptance into the program will depend on scheduling availability.

Students enrolled in this program will participate in a Social Entrepreneurship Program that will introduce skills in human centered design and project management. Students will develop skill sets that allow them to identify, explore and solve challenges facing our communities and work toward designing a solution to be implemented during their co-op placement.

Students will be introduced to agile project management skills that support collaborative project based work in any industry and provide students with the tools and resources to make their ideas come to life.

If you are interested in this opportunity please complete the form found at the link below. <https://bit.ly/entrepcoop>

**Deadline to Declare Interest: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Please Note:** You will need to contact your guidance counselor to have co-op scheduled in both Quadmester 3 & Quadmester 4.

## Engagement: Would you like to be more involved?

### Students...

#### OPEN MINDS Student Council

Applications are now being accepted for the Open Minds Student Council 2020-2021. We are looking for First Nations, Métis, & Inuit full-time students between grade 9-12 who are responsible, reliable, and willing to dedicate time each month for the Open Minds Student Council. Being on this council is an opportunity to create change and opportunities for all Indigenous students across the Greater Essex County District School Board. It is important for us to have as many voices and perspectives sitting on this council as possible.

If you are interested and are willing to commit yourself to this, please follow the link below and complete the application: <http://bit.ly/openminds2020> If you have any questions, please contact Brienne John.

### Getting Active

#### LANCER GAMING & E-SPORTS

E-sports refers to the world of organized video game competitions and is a new addition to the University of Windsor community. The GECDSB Open Minds Program and University of Windsor are seeking input from parents/guardians of **Secondary** students about the possibility of offering programming related to E-sports. Please complete the survey below to assist us in planning some great opportunities through this new department. Lancer Gaming from the University of Windsor will be offering an information session about this in the New Year (date TBD) and will address the responses from this survey: <https://bit.ly/gecdsbesports>

### Parents/Guardians...

## Indigenous Education Advisory Council

**This is an open invitation for all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Parents/Guardians**

**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2021

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Time:** 4:30pm—6:00pm

Please register by completing the following online form.

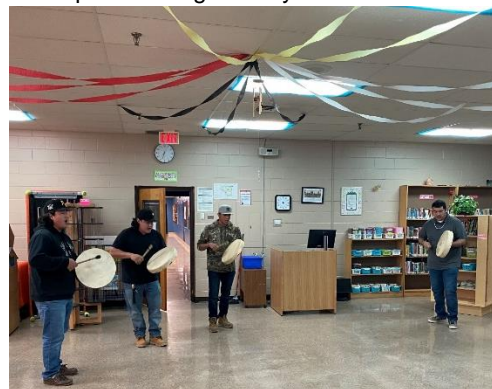
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# Building Community/Upcoming Events

## Virtual Social Series: Round Dance

The GECDSB Open Minds Program, in collaboration with SOAHAC, will be offering a monthly series dedicated to sharing musical and cultural practices from Indigenous groups across North America. This will be building off the Round Dance session that was offered in November. Each session will include sharing of stories, protocols, and songs, and there will be opportunities to win door prizes and giveaways!

On November 26<sup>th</sup> we kicked off a Virtual Social Series. This Virtual event was created to allow the community to listen to stories and songs from a Round Dance. Usually at this time of year we have our annual Round Dance which would have been in its 4<sup>th</sup> year. As we all know Social Gatherings in person aren't permitted, but that doesn't mean we couldn't enjoy an evening of stories and songs. One unique thing about the virtual events is that we people from all over Turtle Island can join us. For this event, we were joined by Dion Tootosis all the way from Saskatoon. Dion is from the Cree Nation and is a well known MC for many different Round Dances. Dion was able to share stories and history about Round Dances and Round Dance ceremonies. We heard songs from Beendigaygezhiig Deleary and The Shipman Brothers, who joined us from Bkejwanong Kinomaagewgamig (Walpole Island Elementary school). We would like to thank Principal Blackbird for allowing us to come to the school so that the singers could have a safe socially distanced place to sing from. We would also like to thank everyone who attended the first session of our social series. Be on the lookout for the next social series event in the new year.



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ANISHINAABE MUSIC

PRESENTED BY JOSEPH SYRETTE

FEBRUARY 4TH - 2021, 6:30PM-7:30 PM

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

**Please register in advance: [bit.ly/musicseriesregistration](https://bit.ly/musicseriesregistration)**



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HAUDENOSAUNEE SOCIAL MUSIC

PRESENTED BY FRAZER SUNDOWN

MARCH 4TH - 2021, 6:30PM-7:30 PM VIA

MICROSOFT TEAMS

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THE GECDSB OPEN MINDS PROGRAM PRESENTS

# VIRTUAL POWWOW FITNESS

OFFERED BY ADRIAN KLEIN & GUESTS  
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE ORIGIN STORIES OF DIFFERENT DANCE STYLES THAT YOU WOULD FIND AT A POWWOW. THEY WILL ALSO LEARN SOME OF MOVEMENTS AND STEPS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE DANCE STYLES. WE WILL USE THE MOVEMENTS TO CREATE BASIC ROUTINES TO PRACTICE AND BUILD ON OUR DANCING SKILLS. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THESE FUN LEARNING SESSIONS!



DEC 4 - POWWOW ETIQUETTE WITH ADRIAN

DEC 10 - WOMEN'S FANCY WITH LISA HILL

DEC 17 - MEN'S FANCY WITH ASCENSION HARJO

JAN 7 - WOMEN'S JINGLE/MEN'S GRASS WITH ADRIAN

JAN 14 - WOODLAND WITH MIISHEEN SHAWANDA

JAN 21 - MEN'S/WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL WITH ADRIAN

Please register in advance using the following link:  
<http://bit.ly/powwowfitnessreg>:





# STORYTELLING SERIES

WITH ISAAC MURDOCH



Bomgiizhik (Isaac Murdoch) is from Serpent River First Nation and is of the Fish Clan. He currently resides at Nimkii Aazhibikoong, an Ojibwe language and cultural community located in northern Ontario. He loves how the people are rekindling the old ways of his people. His daughters are Waabigwan, Elaine, Nanook, and also has a son named Preston.

## BI-WEEKLY VIRTUAL SESSIONS:

JANUARY 27TH 2021

FEBRUARY 10TH 2021

FEBRUARY 24TH 2021

MARCH 10TH 2021

TIME  
6:30pm-  
7:30pm

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/storytellingregisaac> to ensure you receive pre-event materials for all participating family members. **DEADLINE: Jan.6th, 2021**

**SESSIONS WILL RUN THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS. LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTRANTS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**



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