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Aanii! June has been an extremely busy month for me. I wish to give a big 'Happy Father's Day' shout out to all the fathers out there. Miigwech for all you do. I hope everyone had an amazing day celebrating you!

In-Community Events

I attended our regularly scheduled Council meetings on June 2nd, June 23rd and June 30th. On June 9th, I was away on Council business, delivering opening remarks and a welcoming to our Treaty Lands.

On June 4th, I had the privilege of attending the annual art show at Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre. The children and staff work so hard to make this a remarkable event and it certainly was!

On June 23rd, I delivered congratulations to the Grade 8 graduating class of 2026. So proud to hear the students share what they want to do as they grow older: travel the world, protect the water and environment, protect our treaty rights, work in government, get rich, retirement. They can do anything they set their minds on, and they will have a community and leadership here that will support them. Remember this will always be your home, when you are ready to come home.

On June 25th I was able to attend the annual awards ceremony for LSK. It is such an honour to see the achievement of these young ones, as they grow into our future leaders.

On June 27th, we held our Community meeting. Pillar 7 presented and the First Nation's budget were items of discussion.

Council Representation

On June 1st I kicked off the Toronto Official Climate Week with welcoming remarks to MCFN's Treaty Lands. Later that afternoon, I attended York University to be part of a Moccasin Identifier unveiling on campus.

On the 2nd, I attended a MCFN flag raising event in Halton Hills, and the following morning I participated in a Halton Hills Equity and Diversity leadership conference.

On the 4th, I engaged in a call with Volleyball Canada. I'm hoping to bring this group, along with other groups I've met with, here to help work with the youth at MCFN and develop their skills. Later that afternoon, I attended Hitachi Energy, a workplace in Stoney Creek, to bring awareness to their staff about the Mississaugas of the Credit, our treaty lands and our incredible history. This was very well received and part of their commitment to raising awareness of the treaty holder.

On June 10th, I gave a welcoming at the Brantford 2026 Induction Ceremony for the Sports Hall of Recognition. I took the opportunity to remind everyone who the treaty holders are, and gave recognition to all the athletes that are in the Brantford, Six Nations and MCFN area.

On June 11th, I attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Limited Partnership Inc. This is where the Chiefs and proxies are updated on the status of the gaming/casino funds. The First Nations that are compliant receive a monthly payment. Compliant means the First Nations have submitted their audits. They are approximately 131 FN that receive this funding. This funding is from the casinos in Ontario, not just Rama Casino. The OFNLP has also been successful in their court case against the OLG New Lottery Scheme. We will receive funds from this in the near future.

During the evening of the 11th, MCFN did a gift exchange with the other Nations involved in the FIFA opening ceremonies. This was such an incredible night of celebration with the drummers from coast to coast to coast. The connections, sharing foods, stories and just being with each other made for such an awesome night. Chi-miigwech to Councillor Jai King-Green and her helpers for working on this and making it such a great success. Without all of you, it would not have happened. This one will go down in our history as one of our most memorable FIFA moments.

On June 12th, MCFN became part of another moment in history, as we took part in the FIFA World Cup opening ceremonies. The excitement, the hospitality, the pride, it was all amazing.

The best was the drummers got to stay for the opening game! This was announced to the group at the gift exchange.

On June 15th I gave an opening speech to the International Association of Business communicators. I will be reaching out to this group to see if we can participate and learn from them.

During the period of June 16th – 18th, Chief and Council attended the Chiefs of Ontario Assembly, which took place in Rama at the Casino. This was a good event and it was a good experience for Council to attend this political event together. During the evening of the 17th, I took part in the Women in Leadership session. This was a great session for women to share and encourage each other.

On June 22nd, I gave a welcoming and speech at the Cambridge Nuclear Summit. MCFN is starting to make their presence known in the southwestern part of MCFN Treaty Territory, and the cities and municipalities are very receptive. We do a lot in the Toronto area, but in future MCFN will be shifting the focus. Many opportunities await us out in that area.

Finally, we did a number of video welcomes and openings for various events in the treaty lands. This has become a very widely accepted and appreciated way for MCFN to be part of so many events.

Upcoming Events

Reminder for July 7th "Canada Celebrates" event. The FIFA event will be here at MCFN at the school area, and we will be showing two of the games on the big screen! There will be plenty to see and do, so I hope to see everyone out for another day of excitement and to cheer the teams on.

Upcoming meetings include the Assembly of First Nations annual general assembly, followed by the annual meeting of our PTO, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians.

Lastly, the Community Picnic will be taking place on July 18th at the Splash Pad. It will be great to gather as a community for a day of fun and food. See you there!

Miigwech to everyone for another great month and to all our students, have a safe and memorable summer!

COUNCILLOR JESSE HERKIMER



As we look around the world today, it is clear that we are living through uncertain times. Communities across the globe are facing challenges, economic pressures, and rising costs of living while political division causing civil divide, conflict, and instability. News headlines often remind us of what is going wrong, making it easy to lose sight of what is going right.

Here at home, we should take a moment to reflect on the many blessings we have as a Nation. While no community is without its challenges, we are fortunate to have strong families, dedicated leadership, cultural teachings, community programs, thriving education, and a shared commitment to our future generations. These are things that many people around the world wish they had.

Our strength has always come from our people. Through difficult times, our ancestors survived by supporting one another, sharing what they had, and ensuring that no one was left behind. Those same values remain just as important today.

A kind word, a helping hand, or simply checking in on a neighbour can make a meaningful difference. When we choose to lift one another up instead of tearing one another down, we build a stronger and healthier community for everyone. We may not always agree on every issue, but we can always choose respect, understanding, and compassion.

As a Nation, we have accomplished much and have many opportunities ahead of us. The path forward is not easy, but it will be easier when we walk it together. Let us continue to celebrate each other's successes, support those facing difficulties, and remember that our collective strength is greater than any challenge before us.

The world is in an unusual place right now, but by standing together, supporting one another, and focusing on what unites us, we can ensure that our community continues to thrive for generations to come.

COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL



May 6, 2026: LSK Elementary School

LSK held their Science Fair on May 6th, and I was invited to participate in the judging process. I worked with three other judges to choose winners in various categories. It was very difficult as all our students had such wonderful presentations. Congratulations to all the winners, and a huge thank you to everyone who participated.

May 7, 2026: Congratulations to Cathie Jamieson on her official opening of her display at the Mississauga Museum. I could not attend, but I'm very happy for one of members work to be on display for others to view.

May 8, 2026: Virtual meetings with the Professor Sherry Fukuzawa every other Friday morning. Professor Fukuzawa keeps me up to date on the Indigenous studies program. Plus I am informed each month on videos that are being created by some of our members.

May 13, 2026: A meeting was held with our Employment and Training Coordinator. We reviewed the annual budget and was brought up to date on our members' participation in employment and training (names are protected). Andrea King is very organized in her role as the coordinator; keep up the good work Andrea.

May 14, 2026: Andrea King arranged a Career Fair, that was held in our Community Centre on May 14, 2026. Thank you Andrea for all your hard work in arranging for post-secondary, institutions and business to provide information to all who attended. I participated in working alongside Andrea at the registration table.

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

May 13: Board of Lifelong learning- reviewed terms of reference.

May 15: Digital Museums

May 20: Virtual meeting with George Brown Polytechnic Indigenous Education Circle

May 21: 4 pillars funding discussion – funds available to MCFN upon receipt of proposals

May 22: Virtual meeting with University of Toronto/Mississauga, bi-weekly updates

May 23: Monthly Community Meeting

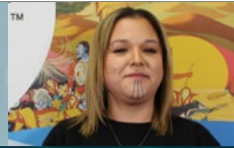
May 27: Virtual meeting with Friends of Toronto Museums Advisory Committee

May 29: Virtual meeting with Toronto History Museums

May 29: In person meeting with John Lewis/ Professor University of Waterloo-Indigenous studies

June 3: listened to the presentation on the revised Salary Grid for the Lloyd S. King staff

COUNCILLOR JAI KING-GREEN



Aanii Kina Weya! May and June was filled with many events, conferences, and planning! I attended many meetings for the FIFA opening ceremonies, and the upcoming FIFA Canada Celebrates event here at LSK on July 7th. I attended the AIAI land-based learning and education conference and learned so much about how we can implement things here at home.

The regular monthly community meeting in May Pillar 5 - the culture and events unit, communications presented what we are doing and where we are going.

The FIFA world cup opening ceremonies were held on June 12th and as the host first nation MCFN hosted many indigenous nations including: Anishinaabek, Six Nations, (Musqueam Indian Band), the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and the sə̓lilwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation), Cree (Nehiyak), Inuit, & Metis. A beautiful gift exchange ceremony was conducted where we shared songs and dances. The Balich Wonder Studio and FIFA Canada representatives were wonderful hosts and treated our first nation with so much respect. Our Culture and Events Unit & Communication managers, Caitlin and Victoria have been working diligently to support and coordinate everything FIFA! MIIGWECH TO THEM!

June continued to be a super busy month, with representation happening during the National Indigenous Peoples Day weekend. MCFN was well represented in Toronto with many of our artists including the Youth Empowerment Group that shared a performance that they have been working on for over a year with more to come! Congrats guys!!

Chief and Council Attended the Chiefs of Ontario Annual General Chiefs Meeting where many political and First Nations issues were addressed - for more details please follow the Chiefs of Ontario Social media posts.

Coming up just around the corner is the Canadian National Exhibition in August & September. The Major Events committee is looking for committee members! Please find the post on the MCFN Members only page to apply!

Some things coming up in July:

AFN Annual Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa July 13th - 16th.

AIAI Annual General Assembly in Tyendinaga July 21st - 23rd.

MIIGWECH KINA WEYA!

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE JUNE 2026

Chief or Councillor Name	Absent From Name of Meeting + Date	Sick/ Vacation/ Bereavement Used
Chief Margaret Sault	June 9th	Away on Council Business
Jesse Herkimer		
Leslie (Sault) Maracle	June 2nd June 23rd	Joined via Teams Joined via Teams
Ashley Sault	June 2nd June 23rd	Joined via Teams Away on Council Business
Erma Ferrell		
Jai King-Green	June 9th June 30th	Away on Council Business Vacation
Larry Sault	June 23rd	Joined via Teams
Fawn Sault		

Creating Space: Indigenous House Opens Its Doors at UTSC

The opening of Indigenous House at U of T Scarborough marks a meaningful step forward in creating space for Indigenous students and communities to feel supported, welcomed, and connected. The day began in a good way with a sunrise ceremony and sacred fire led by Elder Josh Eshkawkogan, grounding the opening in culture and intention. Elders, Knowledge Keepers, students, faculty, and community members gathered alongside leadership and partners — including Councillor Jesse Herkimer — to witness the moment and recognize what this space will represent moving forward.

Indigenous House brings together spaces for learning, ceremony, and community under one roof. It includes areas for gathering and cultural programming, offices for Elders and Indigenous staff, and dedicated spaces for research and student support. The building was designed with Indigenous knowledge at its core, drawing inspiration from traditional structures like the wigwam and longhouse while staying connected to the land through its natural surroundings. Features like outdoor gathering areas and systems that allow for indoor smudging show a clear understanding that these practices are essential to wellbeing.

What makes this space stand out is how it supports the whole



person. For many Indigenous students, having a place like this on campus can make a real difference. It provides a sense of home and a place to reconnect with culture while balancing school and everyday life. The artwork throughout the building reflects a range of Indigenous Nations and perspectives, helping tell stories and bring a sense of pride and identity into the space.

Indigenous House also reflects real progress when it comes to reconciliation. It shows what it looks like when institutions move beyond words and invest in meaningful change that supports Indigenous people in tangible ways. At the same time, it

is understood that this is part of ongoing work that will continue through relationship building and accountability to community.



As a hub for gathering and connection, Indigenous House will help bring people together in ways that feel natural and inclusive. Whether through cultural events, research initiatives, or informal gatherings, it creates opportunities for learning, sharing, and building stronger relationships across community and campus. It is something to be proud of and a strong example of what can happen when Indigenous voices and knowledge are truly centered.



Grand Opening of Biskaabidaa Healing Lodge

A new space for healing, connection, and culturally grounded support across Haldimand, Norfolk, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Community members, partners, and guests gathered on Friday, May 15th, to celebrate the grand opening of Biskaabidaa Healing Lodge, a new space dedicated to healing, wellness, and support for individuals and families across Haldimand County, Norfolk County, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

The event began with a beautiful traditional opening led by Andrea King and Chris Myke, whose words and guidance helped mark the significance of the occasion. Following the opening, attendees were invited to tour the new facility, learn more about the services available, and enjoy refreshments while connecting with community members and service providers.

Operated through Victim Services Haldimand-Norfolk-Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Biskaabidaa Healing Lodge offers culturally safe, trauma-informed supports designed to promote healing, resilience, and community wellness. The lodge serves as a welcoming space where individuals can access support, information, and connections to services.



Available services and supports include:

- Crisis intervention and emotional support
- Safety planning and risk assessment
- Victim assistance and advocacy
- System navigation and referrals to community resources
- Indigenous-specific supports and culturally grounded services
- Connections to Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and traditional healing opportunities
- Assistance following experiences of violence, trauma, tragedy, or victimization
- Human trafficking prevention, education, and support services
- Emergency response and short-term assistance programs
- Access to specialized programs and community partnerships

As part of the grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration, a community survey was conducted to gather feedback on local wellness and support needs. Participants identified several priority areas, including

addiction and recovery services, grief and loss supports, and youth-focused programming.



The feedback received will help inform future programming and services offered through the Healing Lodge. Community members are encouraged to stay tuned for announcements regarding new programs and initiatives as they are developed.

Biskaabidaa Healing Lodge is also an official Naloxone pick-up site, helping increase access to life-saving overdose prevention resources throughout the region.

The grand opening marked an important milestone in expanding access to culturally responsive and community-centered supports. The event celebrated not only a new facility, but also a shared commitment to healing, connection, and wellness for the communities served by the lodge.



IKEA Burlington Unveils “Dish With One Spoon Kitchen”

Created with the Woodland Cultural Centre, the space reflects Indigenous values of sharing, connection, and care.



IKEA Burlington has officially unveiled its “Dish With One Spoon Kitchen,” an innovative and culturally grounded installation developed in partnership with the Woodland Cultural Centre. The space was thoughtfully shaped through meaningful engagement with community members from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, reflecting a shared commitment to honouring Indigenous knowledge, experiences, and ways of living.

Inspired by the Dish With One Spoon teaching—a foundational Indigenous principle centred on sharing the land and its resources with respect and collective responsibility—the kitchen embodies values of reciprocity, stewardship, and interconnectedness. More than a traditional showroom, the space is designed as an immersive, educational environment where

visitors can engage with Indigenous perspectives through storytelling and intentional design.

The project was co-created in close partnership with the Woodland Cultural Centre to ensure Indigenous voices and teachings are represented with authenticity and respect. The space was co-curated by Kate Dalton, Community Stories Coordinator at the Woodland Cultural Centre, alongside Woodland’s Artistic Director, Jake Jamieson, whose vision helped shape the installation’s narrative and design. Through conversations, workshops, and home visits, IKEA staff gained deeper insight into Indigenous traditions and ways of living.

These learnings are reflected throughout the kitchen, with elements that highlight food practices, harvesting, and the importance of family and intergenerational knowledge.

The result is a space that honours tradition while remaining relevant to contemporary life.

As the fifth Indigenous-designed space created under IKEA Canada’s Indigenous Reconciliation Strategy, the Dish With One Spoon Kitchen represents an ongoing commitment to building meaningful partnerships, supporting Indigenous representation, and advancing reconciliation through education



and dialogue. It further reflects a commitment to fostering understanding through culturally grounded design, community collaboration, and shared learning experiences that resonate with visitors. Unveiled during National Indigenous History Month, the installation highlights the importance of continuing this work year-round.

Community members are encouraged to visit the installation at IKEA Burlington to experience the space first-hand and to explore the Woodland Cultural Centre’s programs, exhibitions, and cultural offerings for continued learning and connection.



MCFN Business Spotlight: Longboats Lemonade



Longboats Lemonade started with a simple idea and a big goal. One day, out of the blue, my son Donavin asked his grandma if she would help him build a lemonade stand. She said yes, and together they built it. That summer, we set up at the end of our driveway selling fresh lemonade, slushies, and nachos and cheese. Donavin's goal was to save enough money to buy a laptop, and by the end of the summer, he proudly reached that goal.



Today, Longboats Lemonade offers much more than lemonade. Along with our signature fresh-squeezed drinks, we serve candy apples, cotton candy, caramel corn, popcorn, nachos and cheese, mini donuts, mini churros, and BBQ favourites including burgers, sausages, and hot dogs. We've expanded our menu this year to include Bubble Bay Boba lemonades and Tidal Twists dirty sodas.

In 2026, we're excited to take another big step forward by opening at multiple locations throughout the summer months to serve a wide range of customers. While we're currently operating from our tent setup, we're putting the final touches on our lemonade trailer, which will soon become our home base.

As the stand grew, his siblings wanted to be part of the fun, and what started as one child's dream quickly became a family business. We began attending local powwows, community events, and church gatherings, sharing our fresh lemonade and homemade treats with customers. Over the years, we've been grateful for the amazing support from our community, earning repeat customers and countless compliments on our lemonade.

The name "Longboats Lemonade" was inspired by our children's last name. We wanted our family name to be part of the business, and from that idea, Longboats Lemonade was born. Once the name was chosen, we brought our vision to life with a custom logo that perfectly captured the fun, family-friendly, waterfront-inspired feeling we wanted to create.



Whether you visit us at the powwow, a festival, or community event, our goal remains the same: serving refreshing drinks, delicious food, and creating lasting memories for families just like ours.

Longboats Lemonade
Refreshing Sips, Smooth Sailing

If you'd like to see your business in the spotlight, please reach out to EcDev@mncfn.ca



Growing Together Through Play and Culture

Highlights from EarlyON



“We believe in the potential of every child, the value of play, and the importance of attachment in the development and well-being of children.”

Are you looking to get out of the house, connect with other parents and caregivers, or give your children (ages 0–6) opportunities to learn, play, and grow? Come visit MCFN EarlyON! We offer free, warm, and welcoming programs where children and their caregivers can explore, create, and build meaningful connections together.

Be sure to check out our monthly calendars in The Eaglepress or online. You can also follow our Facebook page, MCFN EarlyON, to stay up to date on programs and special events.

Niibin is in the air! With the sunshine, warm weather, and longer days, we’ve been enjoying spending more time outdoors, connecting with the land, and making memories together. We were also excited to visit Brantwood Farms for a fun-filled day of strawberry picking last month!

Families enjoyed harvesting fresh berries, exploring the farm, and making wonderful memories together. The Strawberry is known as the “Heart Berry.” It is the first berry of the season and reminds us of love, kindness, healing, and the importance of caring for one another. Families enjoyed harvesting fresh strawberries while connecting with the land and celebrating the teachings that accompany this special time of year.

We’re excited to have started Yoga with Jill! Jill is a certified yoga instructor who leads fun, engaging sessions for children and their caregivers. Through movement, breathing, and mindfulness, families have the opportunity to build strength, improve balance and coordination, and enjoy quality time together in a calm and welcoming environment.

Shelby has been running Mother Goose! Through songs, rhymes, stories, and movement, families shared joyful moments together while supporting children’s early language, literacy, and social-emotional development. Mother Goose provides a wonderful opportunity for caregivers and children to connect through play, music, and meaningful interactions.





SUMMER PROGRAMMING

We're excited to announce our new **Wednesday Drop-In Program**, running every **Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Families can look forward to:

- Splash pad adventures
 - Water play
- Outdoor exploration
- Nature trail walks
- Open-ended play and connection

Please come dressed for outdoor fun and be prepared to get wet!

Important Summer Update

Please note that our HSS location will be closed throughout the summer due to construction. All EarlyON programming will take place at The HUB during this time.

Aside from our Wednesday Drop-in programs, registration is required for all EarlyON programs. You can register through www.keyon.com.

If you need assistance registering, please don't hesitate to call or email us—we're always happy to help!



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ECC Registration Information

Waitlist applications are available on the MCFN website, at the ECC office, by scanning this QR code, or by email request to Shannon.King@mncfn.ca or Pam.Bomberry@mncfn.ca. There is no fee. Placement is based on priority criteria and application date. Families will be contacted when space becomes available.



Note: Expectant parents may add their unborn child to the wait list.

MMCC Registration Information

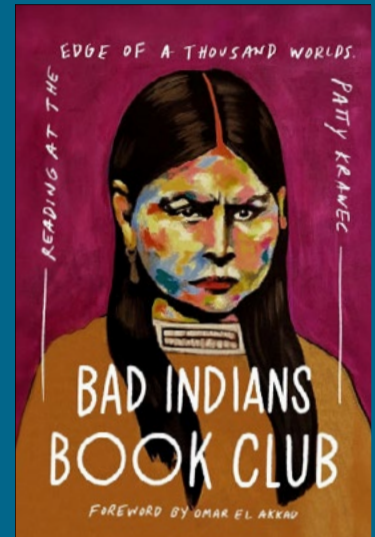
Waitlist applications are available through the Haldimand Norfolk One List from this QR code.



There is no fee. Placement is based on priority criteria and application date. Families will be contacted when space becomes available.

Indigenous Reads Book Club

Bad Indians Book Club by Patty Krawec



In Bad Indians Book Club, readers explore a mix of history, science, gender, and fiction—each written from the perspective of “Bad Indians,” or marginalized writers whose storytelling challenges dominant narratives and weaves together essays and short stories.

For more information, please reach out to: bookclub@mncfn.ca

Anishinaabemowin Word of the Month:

Niibin
(Kneeee-bin)

which means:
Summer



Ekwaamjigenang's Creative Showcase

Highlights from Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre



Supervisor: Shannon King • Assistant Supervisor: Pam Bomberry

Ekwaamjigenang's annual art show was a truly special event, celebrating a year of creativity, imagination, and growth. Each classroom was filled with beautiful displays of artwork created by the children throughout the year—colourful paintings, carefully crafted projects, and unique pieces that reflected each child's personality and development.

Every wall and table told a story of learning and exploration.

We were thrilled to have such a wonderful turnout, with families coming together to support and admire the children's efforts. The excitement in the room was undeniable, as the children beamed with pride while guiding their families through the Centre, eagerly showing off their artwork and the spaces where they learn and play each day. It was a joyful and heartwarming celebration for everyone involved.



Getting Ready for Summer Together

Highlights from Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care

Supervisor: Kate Schroder, RECE • Assistant Supervisor: Greg Montour, RECE

This month the children got out to visit Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre and meet the room educators that will be covering in their room for the summer amalgamation.



The children enjoyed their visit and some of them did not want to go home after the night was over. This was a great opportunity for the children and parents of Maawdoo Maajaamin Child Care to see what Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre has to offer.

This month we are continuing to work collaboratively with Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre to provide an exciting summer for all involved.



Food Service Celebrates Year-End with Community Fish Fry



Our Summer Social marked the final student gathering of the school year and featured an exciting first for our program—a community fish fry. This special event brought students together to celebrate the accomplishments, friendships, and memories made throughout the year while enjoying a delicious meal in a welcoming and festive atmosphere.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mark and Councillor Leslie Sault, whose generosity, knowledge, and hands-on support were instrumental in making the fish fry a success. Their guidance provided students with an opportunity to learn, connect, and experience the importance of sharing food and community. The afternoon was filled with laughter, conversation, and a strong sense of togetherness as



students, staff, and community members gathered to mark the end of another successful school year. We are grateful to everyone who helped make the event possible and look forward to continuing this meaningful new tradition at future Summer Socials.



FREE Tutoring Available For MCFN Families!

Does your child need an academic boost? From elementary basics to high school success, we have you covered. **Get personalized learning support at no cost to your family!**

Locations:

Sylvan Learning Centre
155 Lynden Road, Brantford, ON

Mondays: 3 - 8 p.m.

Tuesdays - Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fridays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

MCFN Library
468 New Credit Road,
Hagersville, ON

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
4 - 8 p.m.

Custom Tutoring Options:

If you prefer another tutoring establishment, we can work with you!

To get started:

Call Sylvan Learning Centre at 519-757-0325 to book an assessment

Sylvan will assess your child and recommend a tailored plan.

Billing approval is sent directly to the MCFN Lifelong Learning Department.

Questions?

MCFN Lifelong Learning
Department
(905)768-0516

Little Learners, Big Effort: Kindergarten Track & Field Day

Running, jumping, and cheering each other on while learning respect, bravery, and teamwork



Our Kindergarten students had a wonderful day participating in Track and Field alongside the LSK students. Throughout the day, they enthusiastically took part in a variety of events, demonstrating determination, perseverance, and a positive attitude. Whether they were running, jumping, or throwing, each student worked hard, tried their best, and celebrated their accomplishments and the successes of others.



The day provided many opportunities for students to demonstrate the Seven Grandfather Teachings. They showed Respect by listening to instructions and encouraging their peers, Bravery by trying new challenges, Honesty by giving their best effort, and Humility by celebrating both personal and team successes. Students also demonstrated Love, Wisdom, and Truth through their kindness, cooperation, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Participating in Track and Field alongside the LSK students helped strengthen our sense of community. The older students served as positive role models, offering encouragement and



support, while our Kindergarten students learned the importance of working together, cheering for others, and being active members of the school community. It was a fun-filled day that fostered confidence, belonging, and meaningful connections while promoting healthy, active living.



June at LSK: Celebrating a Year of Growth and Achievement

Diverse experiences brought learning to life



As another incredible school year comes to a close, we'd like to take a moment to celebrate all of the exciting events and achievements that made June so memorable!

Our Grade 8 students enjoyed an unforgettable year-end trip to Ottawa, creating lasting memories while exploring Canada's capital. They also took part in one of our new favourite traditions - the annual Grade 8 Walk. The graduating students began their walk in the ECC building and walked through the main hall of LSK, as staff and students cheered them on with signs,



applause, and smiles. It was a wonderful celebration of their accomplishments and a fitting send-off before they returned to their classroom one final time.

Congratulations also go out to our Junior Lacrosse Team for proudly representing our school at the lacrosse tournament. We are equally proud of our Track & Field athletes who advanced to the Haldimand County Track & Field Championships and competed with determination, sportsmanship, and school pride.

Throughout the month, every class enjoyed a year-end field trip, allowing students to celebrate a successful school year together while making memories with friends and classmates.

Chi Miigwech to our Student Council for their hard work in organizing and leading this year's Jump Rope for Heart event. Their leadership and enthusiasm helped make the day a tremendous success! We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Miigwech to the incredible generosity of our students, families, and community; we exceeded our fundraising goal by raising nearly \$1,500 for heart and stroke research. A special congratulations to Ms. General's class, who

led the way by raising an outstanding \$475 and earned the top fundraising prize. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in making a difference!



We also celebrated the achievements of our students during our Year-End Awards Ceremony and look forward to recognizing our graduating class at the Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations to all of our award recipients and graduates—we are so proud of your hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments throughout the year.

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we would like to thank our students, families, staff, and community for your continued support and partnership. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break!

Celebrating Our Graduates: LSK Grade Eights!

Lloyd S. King Elementary School • Class of 2026

Bo Hill
Taryn Hill
Connor Isaacs
Jeffrey Keenan
Sage Kercanaj
Darnell LaForme
Jeremiah LaForme-Hill
Genevieve Martinson-Sault
Aaliyah McKenzie
Harmony McKenzie
Karter McKenzie
Keaton McNaughton

Alexander Miller
Emerson Poelstra
Olivia Porter
Garry Sault
Jayce Sault
Kia Sault
Layla Sault
Ryan Sault
Sylken Smith
Zephyr Smith
Eric Thomas



Celebrating Our Graduates: Post Secondary!



ERIN CLARKE
Social Service Worker
Diploma
Canadore College



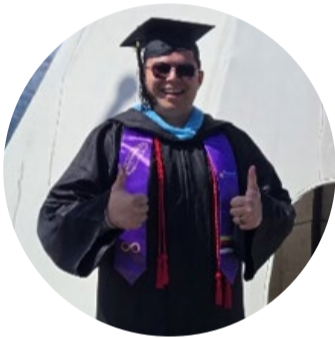
**MYA
FERGUSON ROWE**
Bachelor of Arts (H) •
Psychology
Brock University



COLETIN HENRY
Manufacturing Engineering
Technician Diploma
Mohawk College



KEIRA KING
Associate Degree in Science •
Computer Animation
State University of New York



ADRIAN LOVE
Bachelor of Education
Burman University



CHRISTINA LOVE
Bachelor of Education
Burman University



SHEYRL RACETTE
Master of Social Work
Wilfrid Laurier University



ASHLEY SAULT
Anishinaabemowin
Language Foundations
Fanshawe College



**HANNA SAULT-
HARTWICK**
Primary Care Paramedic
Justice Institute of BC



**SANDRA SAULT-
HARTWICK**
Indigenous Community
Support Worker Certificate
Okanagan College



MACKENZIE SKOV
Doctor of Medicine
Western University



SARA WIPFLI
Bachelor of Science • Nursing
University of Northern
British Columbia

Gichi-minochigeg gakina gikinoo'amaaganag!
Great job to all of the students!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates and students on their accomplishments this year. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have led you to this important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

We will continue to add graduate names and photos as permission is received. For more information, please contact LLClerk@mncfn.ca.

Updates From The Post-Secondary Desk

Supporting students through applications, opportunities, and next steps



As graduation season approaches, we recognize the dedication, perseverance, and hard work that post-secondary students invest in reaching this important milestone. A student is formally recognized as a graduate following the graduation ceremony, which makes this celebration especially meaningful. The ceremony is more than the presentation of a credential; it is an opportunity to honour the effort, commitment, and accomplishments that brought each student to this point.

There are many pathways to graduation, including one-year certificate programs, two- or three-year college programs, and university programs that may take four years or more to complete. Students may choose from a wide range of learning institutions, including colleges, universities, and Indigenous Institutes. Indigenous Institutes often provide flexible schedules, strong student supports, cultural programming, and rigor-

ous academic standards. They also continue to demonstrate strong outcomes, including graduation rates that compare well with other post-secondary institutions in Ontario. For more information, students and families are encouraged to review reports from organizations such as the Indigenous Institutes Consortium, including graduate surveys, key findings, and Key Performance Indicator results.

KPI stands for Key Performance Indicators. These measures are commonly used by post-secondary institutions to assess performance and student outcomes. KPI evaluations typically focus on five key areas:

- **Graduation Rate:** The percentage of students who successfully complete their program in a defined time.
- **Graduate Employment Rate:** The percentage of graduates who are employed within six months of completing their studies.

- **Employment in Field of Study:** The percentage of employed graduates working in a job directly related to the training they received.
- **Graduate Satisfaction Rate:** Feedback from students on the overall quality of their educational experience, facilities, and preparation for the workforce.
- **Employer Satisfaction Rate:** Feedback from managers/employers assessing the skill level, preparedness, and overall performance of the employee.

When planning for graduation, it is important to research different programs, institutions, and career pathways to determine the best fit. Post-secondary education requires a significant investment of time, energy, focus, and personal commitment. For these reasons, celebrating post-secondary graduates is an important way to acknowledge their achievements. We are pleased to recognize the graduates featured in this edition of the Eaglepress and look forward to celebrating many more student success stories in the future.

Post-Secondary Application Due Dates

Spring/Summer (May-August): Opens December 1; closes February 1.

Fall/Winter: Opens March 1; closes May 1.

Winter (January-April): Opens August 1; closes October 1.



Welcoming the Half Summer Moon

Aapta Niibini D'bik Giizis (Midsummer or Half Summer Moon) marks the heart of summer, and is a time of warmth, growth, and connection to the land. As the days remain long and the natural world flourishes, this moon reminds us to gather with family and community, celebrate the gifts of the season, and reflect on the teachings that sustain us. It is a time to honour the abundance around us and continue walking in a good way.

Youth Empowerment Group Shines at Indigenous Day Celebrations

On June 20th and 21st, 2026, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Youth Empowerment Group—Josiah Sault, Cecil General, and Natasha Maracle—took the stage at both the Indigenous Arts Festival and the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration in Mississauga.

Through their dedication and hard work, the group delivered a powerful performance that resonated with audiences and left a lasting impression. Their passion and commitment not only showcased their talents but also brought warmth and pride to the community.



HONOURING THEIR MEMORY



In Memory of
Lawrence G King

June 25, 1949 -
June 26, 2020

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every
day, unseen, unheard, but
always near, so loved,
so missed, so very dear.

Always remembered & loved,

Bridie, Kerri & Scott,
Shannon, Lexie, Jax, Hudson,
Mason & Amyrn



MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPENSE CLAIM FORM-MINOR (Newborn-17 Years) 2026-2027

Mailing Address: LM/Community Wellness 2789 Mississauga Rd., Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Email: cw@mncfn.ca

- ** All applications must include front and back copies/pictures of 1 piece of **VALID** minor ID and 1 piece of **VALID** parent/guardian photo ID. Please ensure that all information on each ID is clearly visible.
- ** QUOTES, ESTIMATES AND/OR RECEIPTS **ARE NOT REQUIRED.**
- ** Custody, CAS, guardianship, decision-making authority documents etc. must be included with each minor application (if applicable). Payments for minor children will be issued to the applying parent/guardian.
- ** To avoid delays in processing, ensure that all sections are complete, application is signed and all required/supporting documents accompany your application. Ensure payment option is clearly indicated.

CHILD'S FULL NAME <i>(as it appears on Status Card):</i>		CHILD'S REGISTRY NUMBER <i>(10 Digit):</i>	
FULL NAME OF LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN'S REGISTRY NUMBER:	
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:		CHILD'S BIRTHDATE (YYYY-MM-DD): <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> _____ / _____ / _____ YYYY MM DD </div>	
LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:		LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(including area code):</i>	

CHOOSE A PAYMENT METHOD

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Documents provided for identity of child and parent/guardian: _____ Department's Initials _____

CIS/SCIS DL HC BC Prov. Photo ID Card Passport Other ID (_____)

Proof of Custody/Guardianship **Parent/Guardian ID** CIS/SCIS DL HC Passport Photo ID Card

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Upcoming Events

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CANADA CELEBRATES FIFA WORLD CUP 2026™ OFFICIAL FAN EXPERIENCE	TUESDAY JULY 7TH	11 A.M. - 7 P.M.	TRACK BEHIND LSK
BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP	WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH	12 - 1:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
SUMMER DAY CAMP 2ND SESSION REGISTRATION	MONDAY JULY 13TH	6 - 7:30 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
MADOODISWAN: WOMEN'S SWEAT LODGE	SUNDAY JULY 26TH	10 A.M.	2481 MISSISSAUGA ROAD
LAND BASED HEALING CAMP	JULY 13TH - 17TH	-	CONTACT DARIENNE FOR MORE INFO 226-920-9439
ANDERSON THERAPY SERVICES DROP-IN	WEDNESDAY JULY 15TH	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	COMMUNITY CENTRE
OW PAPERWORK DUE	JULY 16TH - 20TH	BEFORE 4 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC	SATURDAY JULY 18TH	12 - 3 P.M.	COMMUNITY CENTRE/ SPLASH PAD
LUNCH & LEARN: LIMITING KIDS SCREEN TIME	WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND	12 - 1 P.M.	SOCIAL & HEALTH
MADOODISWAN: MEN'S SWEAT LODGE	SATURDAY JULY 25TH	10 A.M.	2481 MISSISSAUGA ROAD
MADOODISWAN: WOMEN'S SWEAT LODGE	SUNDAY JULY 26TH	10 A.M.	2481 MISSISSAUGA ROAD
AUGUST OW ASSISTANCE PICK-UP	FRIDAY JULY 31ST	-	SOCIAL & HEALTH



Scan the QR
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SAVE THE DATE: NERD CAMP IS BACK AT MCMASTER THIS SUMMER!

Nuclear Energy and Radioisotope Development (NERD) Camp is a fully funded STEM program at McMaster for Indigenous high school students featuring hands-on learning, campus experience, and covered travel, meals, and accommodations.

Questions? nucevent@mcmaster.ca

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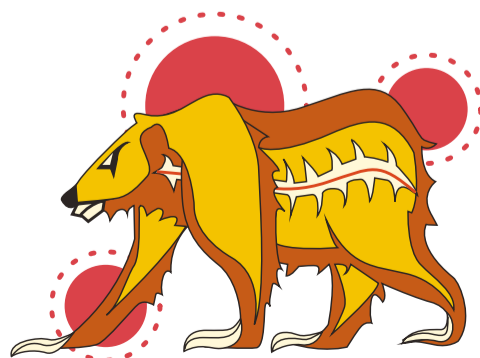
Word Search: Animals!

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JIDMOONH (squirrel)
MKWA (bear)
WAAGOSH (fox)

ZHGAAK (skunk)
MIK (beaver)
MOOZ (moose)
GAAK (porcupine)
MHIINGAN (wolf)
ZHAANGWESH (mink)
NGIG (otter)

GOONGSENH (chipmunk)
BEZHGOOGZHII (horse)
BZHIKI (cow)
MAASHTAANISH (sheep)
GOOKOOSH (pig)
MSHAABOOZ (goat)
BAAKAAKWENH (chicken)





Vision Statement in Anishinaabemowin:

Ezhi Niigaan waabjigaayewaad Michi Saagiig Mesinige Ziibi Anishinaabe (the vision of these people). Ezhip mino maadzijig (living a joyful life), ezhi waamji-gaazwaad (their identity, how people have identified them), ezhi debwedmowaad (their beliefs), ezhi mimiingaazwaad (what was given to them by the Creation, what they have always had, their heritage), niigaabminunkiiwaad Anishinaabek (is how they have always lived as Anishinaabek).

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