

National
Indigenous
Peoples
Day

June 21
#NIPD2026



Canada



Community Newsletter

June 2026 • Waabgonii Giizis 'Blooming Moon'

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Aanii Kina Wiya,

We are finally welcoming the warmth of summer, this is a beautiful season of renewal and connection. Let's remember to be deeply respectful of Shkagamik Kwe as she grows and flourishes to show us the ultimate beauty of summer's blessings. Our connection to the land remains sacred, and your voice is vital for the future. The Draft Land Use Plan comment period is now officially open (closing June 9), and all community members are encouraged to share their feedback. The submission form is available on the Members Portal or by visiting the Lands Page on our community website.

We'd like to give a special mention for all those who attended the Murdered and Missing women Red Dress event held on May 5th. We send out a heartfelt miigwech to all those who attended, and to Myles Tyson for maintaining the Red Dress grounds.

We are also thrilled to celebrate the success of the recent Job Fair event, held in collaboration with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek on behalf of the transmission line project with Hydro One and Waasmoowin. For those seeking new paths, a wealth of employment resources is listed on our website, and our office is always available if you need assistance finding opportunities.

For our future generations, the post-secondary application window has reopened. The timeline is short, with applications closing on June 4, so please do not wait to submit your forms. Finally, June brings wonderful opportunities to gather in community. We will host our Father's Day Event on Sunday, June 14, followed by our National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations on Saturday, June 20. Celebrating on Saturday intentionally leaves Sunday, June 21, completely open so our members have the time and flexibility to travel and attend additional events across the region. We will wrap up the month's festivities on Saturday, June 27, with our 2-Spirit BBQ.

As we walk into this busy month, let us look out for one another and work together for the future of our nation. Have a safe, healthy, and blessed month of June.

Miigwech, Chief Larry Roque

Wahnapiatae First Nation Centre of Excellence

259 Taighwenini Trail Rd. Capreol, ON P0M 1H0
Phone: (705) 858-0610 Fax: (705) 858-5570

Hours:

Monday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Closed Fridays and Statutory Holidays

For the most up to date community information, notices, events and updates, visit wahnapiataefn.ca.

Members Portal

Register to access to member documents, surveys, votes and more.



E-notices

Receive member documents, surveys, votes and more by email.



How can we reach you?

Scan to complete a survey.

Contact or visit us for copies or assistance.

✉ communications@wahnapiataefn.com

Do you have questions, comments or suggestions, want to share something in our newsletter?

✉ communications@wahnapiataefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610 Ext: 234

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Wahnapitae First Nation



Chief & Council

REGULAR MEETING Monday, June 29

📍 ELDER'S LOUNGE & ZOOM 🕒 6:00 PM

Members wishing to attend via Zoom can find the link to register at:

🌐 wahnapitaefn.ca/members-login

- The deadline to register for the web version of this meeting is June 22.
- Registration is only open to WFN members who are over 18. Virtual attendees must use their legal name when joining the meeting.
- Once registered, prior to meeting, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom Meeting.
- In-person members are welcome to attend and listen to regular Chief and Council meetings for updates.
- **To be added to the meeting agenda for a 10-minute time slot, submit your request at least 7 days before the meeting date (in accordance with the Governance Procedure Policy). Request submissions can be made in the following ways:**
 - In writing and dropped off at the Band Office during office hours
 - By email to Melissa Brideau, Senior Executive Assistant: melissa.brideau@wahnapitaefn.com
 - By phone at 705-858-0610, extension 259.
 - Be sure to include your preferred contact information so your request can be confirmed.



SCAN HERE
TO OPEN LINK



POST-SECONDARY

POST-SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

26-27 ACADEMIC YEAR

Applications Re-Open

Applications Deadline

May 25th, 2026

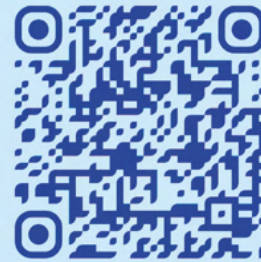
June 4th, 2026

Required Documents

Apply Here

Applicants are required to submit:

- Completed Application
- Proof of Enrollment
- Course Schedule
- Transcripts
- Other Supporting Documents



Required Documents

Please be aware that:

- Submission of an application does not guarantee funding approval
- Funding is subject to eligibility requirements and available budget
- First-year students are subject to probationary monitoring requirements
- Returning students must remain in good standing to maintain eligibility



Wahnapitae First Nation



Pay It Forward

Regalia Exchange

Our first ever "Pay it Forward~Niishnaabe Style"~ sharing of gently used, outgrown or unwanted Regalias. If you or your child/grandchild, has outgrown a regalia, we are asking if you would donate it so that another Community Member, adult or child, can dance this year. Interested individuals can drop off the regalia to Sue Roque at the Band Office and the exchange or picking out of a donated regalia will take place during the Craft of the Month.

Wednesday, June 10

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5-7pm

For more information please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 (705) 858-0610

LOVE YOU

DAD



FATHER'S DAY **BBOQ**



LAWN GAMES, AXE THROWING,
POKE TATTOOS, FOOT SOAKS,
MASSAGES & GOLF GAMES!

 GIFTS FOR
ALL DADS

Sunday, June 14

 Maan Doosh Gamig  11am-3pm

 Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com  (705) 858-0610

National Indigenous History Month

#NIHM2026



Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Canada

The Evolution of National Indigenous Peoples Day

Every year on June 21, Canadians mark National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time dedicated to recognizing and honoring the unique heritages, diverse cultures, and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Positioned deliberately on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, this day honors a time when Indigenous communities have gathered for generations to welcome warmth, celebrate the land, and renew spiritual connections. However, the presence of this day on Canada's national calendar is not a historical accident. It is the hard-won result of decades of strategic lobbying, grassroots organizing, and political advocacy by Indigenous leaders across the country.

The Road to National Recognition

The legislative journey toward a federally recognized day of celebration began in earnest during

the late 20th century, emerging from a collective push by Indigenous organizations to force Canada to confront its past and honor its original caretakers.

The Key Milestones of Advocacy

The structural momentum that eventually created the day can be traced through a few definitive moments:

- 1982: The National Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of First Nations) initiated the first major political push, advocating for the creation of a “National Aboriginal Solidarity Day” to foster cross-cultural awareness.
- 1995: The Sacred Assembly, a historic national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants chaired by Cree leader Elijah Harper, explicitly

called for a national holiday to honor Indigenous contributions to Canada.

1996: The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) released its landmark report, which included a formal recommendation to establish a “National First Peoples Day” to kickstart a new era of reconciliation. Responding to this growing momentum, Roméo LeBlanc, then Governor General of Canada, issued a Royal Proclamation on June 13, 1996, officially designating June 21 as **National Aboriginal Day**.

A Critical Name Change

For over two decades, the day was celebrated under its original title. However, critics and community leaders noted that the term “Aboriginal” was a pan-Indigenous

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DRAFT LAND USE PLAN

— 30 Day Comment Period —

Scan code or complete online at: wahnapiitaefn.ca/members-login
Physical copies available at the Centre of Excellence.

Review the draft document here:



Complete the online comment form here:



GOOD FOOD

JUNE

ORDER: THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Pick-Up: TUESDAY, JUNE 9

SMALL BOX \$10 LARGE BOX \$21

To order or for more information:
 ✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-0610




Senior Activity Kits

JUNE

PAINTED Canoe Paddle

Contact Heather to sign-up by Monday, June 1.
 ✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 858-0610

*Must be a senior and signed up to receive kits.




Student Bursaries

Visit wahnapitaefn.ca/administration/education

HEALTHY SNACKS

BOX PICK UP DATES

May 12	June 9	July 7
August 11	September 8	October 6

📍 Family Wellness Centre (178 Loonway Rd)
 🕒 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

For sign up and information please contact:
 ✉ Raelynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com
 ☎ (705) 822-5690

TRADITIONAL
Medicine Walks



Diabetes Awareness with IDHC

Thursday, June 11 📍 **Departing Centre of Excellence** 🕒 **9:30 AM**

with Jenna Hammond, Lindsey Cosh and Heather Roy

Medicines with Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre

Thursday, July 16 📍 **Departing Centre of Excellence** 🕒 **9:30 AM**

with Geeshohns Manitowabi and Elizabeth Eshkibok-Trudeau

Wholistic Medicinal Teachings

Thursday, August 13 📍 **Departing Centre of Excellence** 🕒 **9:30 AM**

with NRHC Health Team. Please RSVP to Line by August 6



*Snacks and transportation provided. Feel free to use your own ATV/UTV.
Please dress for the weather, bring sunscreen/bug spray.*

For more information please contact:

✉ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-7700

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bureaucratic umbrella term that failed to honor the distinct identities of the country's Indigenous populations. On June 21, 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the day would formally be renamed **National Indigenous Peoples Day**. This shift intentionally mirrors the language used in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and specifically highlights the distinct legal, cultural, and historical identities of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

Community Gatherings in Greater Sudbury

Greater Sudbury rests within the traditional lands of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation, under the Robinson-Huron Treaty. For the 30th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Day, the region is hosting multiple public gatherings that blend cultural celebration with institutional reflection. The cornerstone civic event of the season is the annual National Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow, organized by the N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre. Taking place at the Bell Park Amphitheatre grounds (Grace Hartman Amphitheatre), the celebration officially begins with a traditional Grand Entry at 11:00 AM. This free, community-wide gathering features a vibrant minipowwow, intertribal dancing, host drums, and an expansive marketplace showcasing local authentic Indigenous food and craft vendors. Educational institutions in the area are also hosting major public programs. On Friday, June 19, 2026, Laurentian University will present its National Indigenous "Nitaamgayaaajig" Peoples Day programming at the Indigenous Sharing & Learning Centre (ISLC). The full-day event opens at 8:45 AM with a Sacred Fire led by Jason Nakogee, followed by a presentation of the university's Truth and Reconciliation Taskforce Interim Report Card. The morning features a keynote address by award-winning author and University of Manitoba professor, Dr. Niigan (James) Sinclair, alongside ceremonial Eagle Staff and Wampum Belt presentations. The afternoon will conclude with the historic

introduction of Kristan Straub as Laurentian's very first Indigenous Chancellor. For those looking to engage in land-based learning, regional outreach partners are offering immersive cultural programming just a short drive from the city along the Manitoulin Island and Killarney borders from June 19 to 21, 2026. These sessions require pre-registration and provide participants with guided medicine hikes, Anishinaabe land teachings, and ancestral water route canoe journeys led by local knowledge keepers.

Local Opportunities for Reflection

Beyond public gatherings, local initiatives focus on education and structural accountability. If you are looking to mark the day through self-education, local institutions recommend exploring regional histories via the Robinson Huron Waawiindaamaagewin resources, or reading foundational literature such as *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga or *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King, both widely highlighted by Northern Ontario educators this season.

Indigenous Peoples Day Events Saturday, June 20

Join us at **Wanabitibing Sacred Pow Wow Grounds**
📍 131 Loonway Rd. Wahnapiatae First Nation | Open to everyone.

5:45 am Sunrise Ceremony
6:30 am Pipe Ceremony
7:30 am Pancake Breakfast
9:00 am Birthing of the Drums
12:00 pm Community Feast
1:00 pm Hand Drumming
2:00 pm Closing Ceremony

For more information please contact:
✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapiataefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610

CONGREGATE DINING

ELDERS 55+

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
RSVP by Tuesday, June 2.

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5:00 PM

To RSVP or for more information:
✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com 📞 705-858-0610



New Powwow Grounds Arbour Officially Complete!

We are thrilled to announce the official completion of our beautiful new Powwow Grounds Arbour! This incredible structure stands as a permanent gathering space for our dancers, elders, and community to celebrate our culture and traditions for generations to come.

This project was made possible through the generous funding and support received from FedNor, investing directly in our community's infrastructure.

To mark the milestone, we gathered for an official announcement ceremony. A heartfelt Miigwech to Elder Tony Tyson for grounding the event with his opening prayers, and to MP Viviane Lapointe for joining us and sharing her inspiring remarks.

Thank you to everyone whose hard work brought this vision to life. We cannot wait to see the Arbour filled with life at our next gathering!



Family Craft Night

NEW EVENT DATE

Friday, June 19

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 5-7pm

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 17:

✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com

📞 (705) 920-9106





Diabetic Breakfast Club

Wednesday, June 3 & 17

📍 MDG ⌚ 9-10am

Please RSVP by June 1:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610



Anishinaabemowin Grammar & Games

Language Learning Classes Co-Facilitated by
Debbie Recollet & Debbie Plain-McGregor

Tuesday Evenings

📍 Elders Lounge ⌚ 6-7:45pm

Open to everyone, light snacks and refreshments provided.
RSVP required for material and food purposes, please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

Medicinal Teachings & Story Telling

Storytelling is an incredibly vital element of our Indigenous history and learning. It is how we share our skills and knowledge with each other and future generations.

This winter season, we invite our Elders to share their words and take part in Medicinal Teachings with Line. Elders will be able to make medicines and learn about the emotional and spiritual support it can provide.

Thursdays, June 4, July 9 & 23

📍 WFN Yurt & Tipi (behind MDG) ⌚ 1 PM - 4 PM

For more information please contact:

✉ Line.Baillargeon@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-7700



Teen Talk

Friday, June 12

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5-7pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 11.

✉ heather.roy@wahnapiitaefn.com
☎ (705) 858-0610



Identifying Elder Abuse

INFO SESSION

Monday, June 15

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig 🕒 1-3pm

For questions or more information please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610

NRHC partnership with (NOSM) University



Wahnapiatae First Nation is proud to look back on a highly successful four-week partnership with NOSM University, which brought two first-year medical students to our community this spring for their Integrated Community Experience (ICE).

As a medical school built on an explicit social accountability mandate, NOSM U aims to address the priority health concerns of Northern Ontario. Through this culturally immersive placement, the students spent the past month participating in 10–12 hours of community and cultural experiences alongside 6–8 hours of clinical observation each week.



This partnership provided a vital opportunity for Wahnapiatae First Nation to directly teach, guide, and influence future doctors. By sharing our values, culture, and traditions, our community helped shape their understanding of culturally sensitive, safe care while showing them the realities, and the many wonderful aspects of living and working in our community.

We extend a warm Miigwech to the two exceptional students for their dedication and open hearts, to NOSM University for this incredible collaboration, and to all community members who welcomed them. We know they will carry the lessons learned here into their medical careers.

For any wrap-up questions regarding this past initiative, please contact: Lydia Iserhoff, Health Director, Phone: (705) 858-0610 Email: lydia.iserhoff@wahnapiataefn.com OR Rebecca Foreshe, Nurse Practitioner Phone: (705) 858-7700

NRHC Clinic Hours

Monday:
9am -4pm • By appointment only.

Tuesday:
9am-12pm • By appointment only.
1pm-4pm • Walk-ins welcome.

Wednesday:
9am-11am • Lab/Blood Clinic
1pm-5pm • By appointment only.
4pm-5:30pm • Pre-booked patients.

Thursday:
9am-12-pm • Phone/Virt. Appts.
1pm-4pm | RN services only.

The Clinic is closed daily from 12-1pm for lunch.

Phones are answered Mon-Thu 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm, no calls are answered after 4pm.



We are here for you,
(705) 858-7700

Ribbon Skirt Workshop



for Newbies

Saturday, June 13

📍 Elders Lounge 🕒 10am-4pm

Limit of 5 participants.

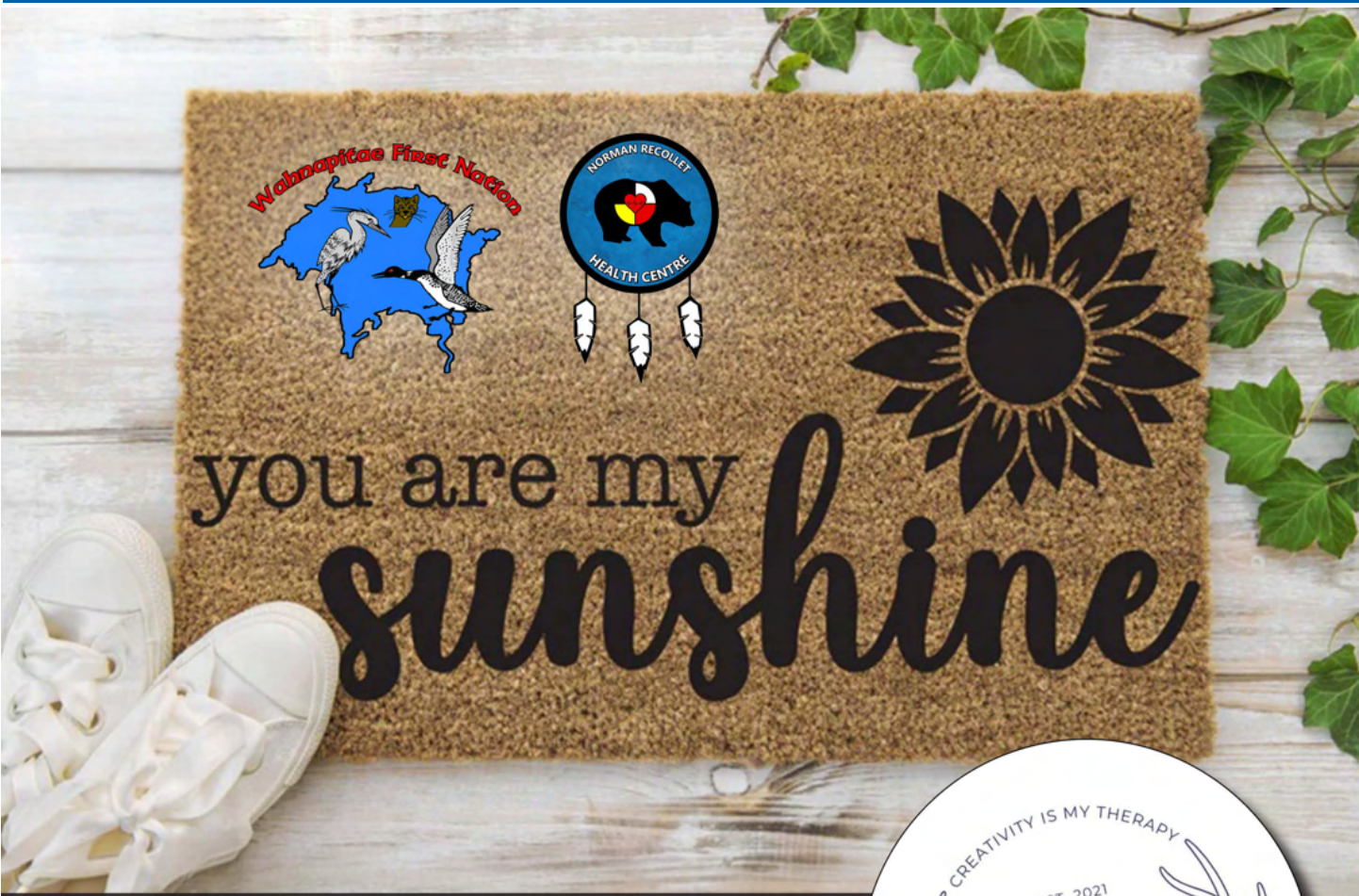
RSVP required please contact:

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapietaefn.com

☎ (705) 858-0610



*Note: This session is for those with minimal or no experience only.
Limited seats are to allow for more one on one assistance.
If there are more than 5 people interested, a second and third
class can be created to accommodate all interested.*



DIY Doormat WORKSHOP



Saturday, June 13

🕒 Maan Doosh Gamig 📍 12-3pm

Only 15 seats! Please RSVP by Monday, June 8

✉️ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610



Ready... Set...

Recipe

Teen Cooking Lessons

Monday, June 22

📍 Family Wellness Centre 🕒 4-5:30pm
(178 Loonway Road) Children ages 12-16.

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 18:

✉️ Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 920-9106





Wahnapiatae First Nation

Capreol, Ontario



1,069 hectares
810 members

Voted YES to the
Wahnapiatae First Nation
Land Code on May 2, 2026.

Congratulations on becoming the
129th Framework Agreement signatory
to regain land governance through the approval
of their community developed land code!

Summer Family Survival Kits

Sign up with Natalie by Thursday, June 18.

Please note your childrens ages in RSVP

✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapiataefn.com

☎ (705) 920-9106





Let's Bead!

Thursday, June 18
 Family Wellness Centre
 178 Loonway Road 4-5:30pm
 Snacks and refreshments provided.
 Bring unfinished projects or start new ones!

For questions or more information please contact:
 Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106




Member Survey

Traditional Medicines

Physical copies available at the NRHC Clinic and the Centre of Excellence. Scan code or complete online at:
wahnapitaefn.com/members-login








New Resident WELCOME BUNDLES

Did you or someone you know move to Wahnapitae First Nation recently?

Contact us to grab a welcome bundle and information about services/departments.

Natalie.Goring@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 920-9106
 Rae-lynn.Cranston@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 822-5690
 For Registered Wahnapitae First Nation Members Only



Seniors Outing

Wednesday, June 10
 Departing Centre of Excellence at 4pm

Please RSVP by Monday, June 8
 Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com (705) 858-0610

BOOK CLUB

THE BUFFALO HUNTER
A NOVEL
STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES
NEW YORK TIMES Bestselling Author of THE ONLY GOOD INDIANS

DISCUSSION: **THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

📍 **Elder's Lounge** ⌚ **1:00 pm**

Pick up your copies from Heather by Monday, June 1.

✉ heather.roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ **(705) 858-0610**

Wellness Wednesdays

June 3 ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**
Bipolar Disorder Awareness

June 10 ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**
Migraine Awareness

June 17 ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**
Dysphagia Awareness

June 24 ⌚ **10am** 📍 **MDG**
HIV 101 and Candle Making

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ **(705) 858-7700**



Seniors T.L.C. Tuesdays

June 2, 9, 16, & 23

📍 **Centre of Excellence - Elders Lounge** ⌚ **2-4 PM**
Cards, snacks and refreshments provided.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ **(705) 858-0610**



Social Services
178 Loonway

MONTHLY ELDERS HEALTHY BINS



June 30

July 28

Aug 25

178 Loonway 2:00pm-5:30pm

Wahnapiitae First Nation



Family TREASURE HUNT

Tuesday, June 23

📍 **Family Wellness Centre** 🕒 **4-6PM**
(178 Loonway Road)

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 7:

✉ Natalie.Goring@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎ (705) 920-9106

OR TO ✉ Raelynn.Cranston@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎ (705) 822-5690



25pirit

BBQ LUNCH & FLAG PIN CRAFT

Saturday, June 27

🕒 Maan Doosh Gamig 📍 12-3pm

✉ Heather.Roy@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610

✉ Sue.Roque@wahnapitaefn.com ☎ (705) 858-0610



History and Ideas to Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day has been celebrated annually in Canada since 1996. The Canadian celebration is meant to honor First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and other indigenous cultures across the country. It occurs on the summer solstice, which is a day with spiritual significance for many indigenous communities, according to Smithsonian. The contributions of indigenous peoples in Canada can be celebrated in many different ways.

Listen to music

Listen to music by indigenous artists at home or while traveling. This is one way for individuals to connect with their own cultures, or for those outside of them to enjoy these creative works. Musician Tom Jackson, who is Métis, entertained audiences across Canada at festivals and coffee houses in the 1960s and 1970s and used his music as a platform for social activism.

Learn and grow

Visit a nearby museum or take a virtual tour of museums devoted to indigenous culture. The Canadian Museum of History offers a First Peoples Hall that celebrates the creativity, reposefulness and endurance of indigenous people through displays of thousands of historical and contemporary objects.

Read a book

Delve into the pages of a book written by an indigenous author. Tom Highway is Cree and worked as a social worker in indigenous communities. He began his writing career as a playwright, but also authored novels, children's books and songs. His works speak bluntly about the tragedies endured by indigenous peoples.

Purchase handmade decor

Many indigenous artists make livings selling their wares, both in person or on sites like Etsy. These pieces can bring beauty and touches of culture to homes and workplaces.

Dine on good food

Seek out indigenous restaurants to enjoy native cuisine. Bison long has been a significant resource for indigenous peoples in Northern Canada. Enjoying bison burgers or a hearty bison stew can be a treat. Also try bannock, a biscuit-type bread that is a speciality of indigenous cooks throughout North America.

Celebrating and honoring indigenous peoples is easier than one may think. There are plenty of resources to expand your knowledge of various peoples and embrace their cultures.

Find your next book to read with Indigenous Reflections. Whether you're looking for a board book, a picture book or an activity workbook, our online catalogue showcases more than 200 titles for young readers, including the Drumbeat Decodable Series.

We specialize in the Seven Teachings, Traditional Knowledge, Land-Based Learning, Language Resources, Teaching Guides and more.

Browse today and Celebrate National Indigenous History Month (June) with Indigenous Reflections!

<https://indigenousreflections.ca/collections/books>



30 RESOURCES & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June 21

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

outdoorlearning.com/indigenous-resources-canada



**SUDBURY
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**

Anishinaabemowin Programs

Beginning in Grade 4, students receive 40 minutes of **Ojibwe** Language instruction each day, with learning activities centred around listening, speaking, reading and writing.

As of September 2026, **Ojibwe** is being taught in seven elementary schools and three secondary schools:



SUDBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
**INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION**



Elementary Schools

- St. Anne School (Coming Sept. 2026)
- St. James School
- St. David School
- Holy Trinity School
- Pius XII School
- St. Charles College (7/8)
- Marymount Academy (7/8)

Secondary Schools

- Marymount Academy (Online)
- St. Charles College (Online)
- Bishop Alexander Carter School (Coming Sept. 2026)

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS NOTIFY YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Before setting off fireworks this season,
please notify your neighbours so they can
prepare any pets or loved ones.





Individual and Family Therapy and Counselling

With Kevin McPhee at the NRHC:
Aboriginal Health Access Centre

With 40 years of experience as a therapist, I have dedicated my career to supporting individuals and families through diverse and complex challenges. My professional journey includes 30 years in pediatric psychiatric settings and a deep, ongoing commitment to working with First Nations communities since 1989.

In 2002, I completed a postgraduate specialization in family and couples therapy, which remains a cornerstone of my international practice. Beyond clinical work, I have shared my expertise as an instructor at the college, university, and medical school levels, and I frequently serve as an expert witness for the courts regarding parenting and parent-child relationships. I remain incredibly passionate about this field and am truly honored to bring my global experience to your local community. I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside you and support your well-being.



Available Upcoming Appointment Dates:

- Wednesday, May 20
- Thursday, May 21
- Wednesday, June 3
- Thursday, June 4
- Wednesday, June 24
- Thursday, June 25



family therapy



individual therapy

Call to book today. ☎ (705) 858-7700





Education Department Update

The Education Department has continued to stay active this spring, with a strong focus on student supports, cultural programming, and preparing for a busy summer season.

One of the largest areas of activity continues to be post-secondary education. Applications for the 2026–2027 school year have now been reviewed, with several dozen applications in total. So far, most students have been internally greenlit pending documentation, while several others were denied primarily due to missing transcripts or incomplete required check-ins. Students do have the opportunity to appeal these decisions through the Education Department until June 4. A second application intake window is also open from May 25 to June 4 for any remaining available funding capacity.

The department has also been putting significant effort into preparing summer programming. Planning for Summer School is well underway. Engagement sessions have already begun, with one student enrolled and several more expressing interest. Summer Camp planning is also progressing quickly, including interviews for summer staff positions, updates to the Summer Camp Policy, and confirmation that Science North will once again return for

Summer Science Days during camp programming.

For children and families, ASP and YLP programming continue to provide a welcoming and engaging environment. Recent after-school sessions included ribbon sweater activities, crafts, cultural teachings, and student support programming. The Ribbon Sweater gathering was especially successful and brought students together in a meaningful way. Staff also continue to support students directly through school visits, attendance meetings, and communication with parents and schools to help ensure students remain successful both academically

and socially.

Cultural education programming has expanded significantly over the past month. Through the Indigenous Education Outreach Program, 500+ students have participated in Anishinaabe teachings since April 20. Workshops and teachings have taken place at numerous schools, including Notre Place, Lo-Ellen, CR Judd, Immaculate Conception, Macdonald Cartier, and Barrydowne College. Topics have included the Seven Grandfather Teachings, medicine walks, sugar bush teachings, dreamcatchers, lip balm making, and traditional arts

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Regalia Making & Repairs

LAST DATES OF THE YEAR

Thursday, June 4 & 11

📍 **Maan Doosh Gamig** 🕒 **4-6pm**

For questions or more information please contact:

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Wahnapi'tae First Nation



Please join us for our

DAPARTMENT & PARTNER

OPEN HOUSE • SUNDAY, JUNE 28

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig, 259 Taighwenini Trail Road

🕒 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM | Lunch and refreshments provided.

Join us to learn about services and supports that each partner brings to our vibrant and growing community.

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workshops. One of the highlights this month was the unveiling of the mural at Notre Place School in Hanmer. The ceremony was very well attended, with many students proudly wearing ribbon skirts and participating in the celebration of Indigenous culture and learning. The Education Department has also continued important behind-the-scenes work to improve long-term services and planning. New and updated policies are being finalized, including revisions to the Post-Secondary Education Assistance Policy, Adult Education and Training Policy, Summer Camp Policy, and the creation of a new Anishinaabe Education Program Policy. Additional work continues on internal procedures, safety standards, document retention practices, and archival planning to help strengthen departmental operations moving forward.

Community events and youth activities are also ramping up heading into summer. Carnival planning is ongoing, and RTP's upcoming Community Sport Day in Sudbury on May 30 has been approved for ASP/YLP participation. Staff are also continuing preparations for summer calendars and land-based programming opportunities.

Overall, the Education Department remains focused on supporting students and families while continuing to grow educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities throughout the community. As always, community members are encouraged to reach out to the department with questions, concerns, or ideas for future programming.

ANISHINABEK NATION
Bemaadizijig Ganoonindwaa
Talking to People

PODCAST

Youth Game Night

Wednesday, June 24

🕒 **Maan Doosh Gamig** 🕒 **4-6pm**

Dinner and refreshments provided.

✉️ **Heather.Roy@wahnapiitefn.com** 📞 **(705) 858-0610**

Wabigoon First Nation

It's Turtle Nesting Season!

From May to July, turtles are on the move looking for places to lay their eggs. You're more likely to see them crossing the roads, especially near wetlands, lakes, or rivers.

How You Can Help:

- Slow down and stay alert in turtle crossing areas.
- Help snapping turtles cross the road with a car mat or by gently lifting them from the back of the shell (never the sides or tail).
- Always move them in the direction they were heading.
- Report injured or deceased turtles to the Lands and Resources Department.

Did You Know?

Snapping turtles can live up to 100 years but take 15+ years to mature. Fewer than 1% reach adulthood. They belong to one of the oldest reptile families, dating back eighty million years.

Snapping turtle eggs look like ping-pong balls and painted turtle eggs are smaller and oval. If you find a nest, it's best to leave it undisturbed.

Both painted and snapping turtles have temperature-dependent sex determination - which means the number of male and female hatchlings depends on the temperature of the nest.



Niijaansinaanik
Child and Family Services

CULTURE SERVICES **COMMUNITY** **BBQ**

FREE FOOD & DRINKS - DOOR PRIZE - CUSTOM KEYCHAIN

Come connect with the Cultural Team and learn about the programs, supports, and cultural opportunities available for you and your family.



TUESDAY
JUNE 30, 2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
FAMILY WELLNESS CENTRE



Hand Drum



Group Mondays

📍 The Gazebo ⌚ 6-8pm

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

For more info please contact:

✉️ Lori.Corbieri@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎️ (705) 858-0610



Nutrition

BINGO

Thursday, June 18

📍 Maan Doosh Gamig ⌚ 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:00 PM followed by Bingo at 5:30 PM.

For questions or more information please contact:

✉️ Heather.Roy@wahnapiitaefn.com ☎️ (705) 858-0610

Pow-Wow Game Specials

*All prizes must be accepted as awarded. No cash substitutions, exchanges, or refunds will be provided.



RSVP

Wednesday, June 10

PICK-UP

Wednesday, June 17

Bring your bags to MDG from 1-5pm.

To RSVP and for more information:

✉️ Rochelle.Tyson@wahnapiitaefn.com

☎️ (705) 858-7700



Soup's On!



TUESDAYS

JUNE 2, 9, 16, & 23

📍 MAAN DOOSH GAMIG

☎️ (705) 858-0610

ORDER BY 11:00 AM PICK-UP BY 12:00 PM

BY DONATION ONLY. ALL PROCEEDS OF SOUPS ON! CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS & STUDENT BURSARIES.



Anishinaabe Kwe

Traditional Drumming Song
provided by Lori Corbiere,
Land-Based Worker

(Lead)

Wey yaa wey hey-ya

Wey yaa wey hey-ya
Wey hi-ya, wey hey-yo, wey
hi-ya,
Wey hi-ya wey hi-ya oo'yaa
Wey hi-ya oo'weyo
Wey ya hey-yo

Aniishinaabe kwe nda-miin'go
ndoodem
(Native woman, I am given
my clan)

Nda-miin'go ndoodem
(I am given my clan)

Akina bi-biindgek oo'oo ma
(You all come in here)

Weweni nji-niimiyek
(So you dance well)

Way ya hey-yo

A photograph of a golf course at dusk or dawn. In the foreground, a black golf bag is filled with clubs, including a driver, several irons, and a putter. The background shows a green golf course with trees in the distance under a soft, hazy sky.

Wahnapiitae First Nations

Roots & Remembrance Restoration Golf Tournament

2026

July 6, 2026

Registration - 11:00am
12:30pm - Shotgun Start
Dinner & Awards - 6:30pm

We're Just Missing You!

- Volunteers for Tables
- Drummers and Drum Groups
- Traditional Singers and Dancers

Honorariums Provided

Timberwolf Golf Club
1930 Maley Dr. Sudbury ON P3L 1M5

Contact: Lilli Doughty, EDO ☎ (705) 562-2019 ✉ Lilli.Doughty@wahnapiitaefn.com 🌐 www.wahnapiitaefn.ca

A photograph of a light-colored dog, possibly a Labrador, standing on a paved path. The dog is on a blue leash, and a person's hand is visible holding the leash. The background is slightly blurred, showing trees and a building.

Keep Your Pets Safe

Please respect your neighbours and remember to

- keep your animals in your yard
- keep them leashed on walks
- "poop and scoop"
- avoid letting them bark for long periods of time

Stray or nuisance dogs and cats and dogs and cats for adoption.

Rainbow District
Animal Control
and Shelter Services

Call: 705-673-DOGS(3647)
or
Toll Free: 1-800-836-6661

411 St. Agnes St. West
Box 640
Azilda ON
P0M 1B0

www.rdshelter.ca

For stray or loose dogs, please call:

Community Spotlight

Diamond Luxe Aesthetics Studio was created from a passion for helping people feel confident, empowered, and comfortable in their own skin while bringing luxury skincare and advanced aesthetics to the Sudbury community.

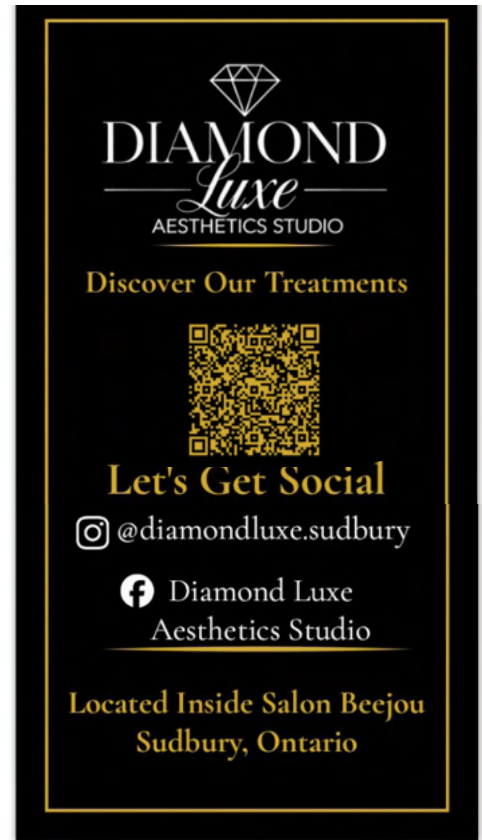
Founded by Rebecca McGregor, a proudly Indigenous female entrepreneur, Diamond Luxe was built through education, community support, and a strong entrepreneurial vision. Rebecca graduated with a Business diploma from Algonquin College, where educational support from Gezhtoojig Employment & Training helped provide the foundation for her future entrepreneurial goals.

Following her business education, Rebecca pursued advanced medical aesthetics training through International Beauty Institute, leading to the development of Diamond Luxe Aesthetics Studio. Continued support from Gezhtoojig Employment & Training, along with mentorship and startup support from Waubetek Business Development Corporation, played an important role in helping bring the business to life.

Diamond Luxe was created with the goal of offering a welcoming and elevated environment where clients can access results-driven skincare and aesthetic treatments while feeling comfortable, cared for, and confident. The studio offers a variety of services including custom medical-grade facials, microneedling, chemical peels, waxing, brow services, skin treatments, and upcoming laser services.


Today, Diamond Luxe continues to grow through ongoing education, trusted industry partnerships, and strong community support. Opening the studio has become a meaningful example of Indigenous entrepreneurship within the beauty and wellness industry while also helping inspire others pursuing their own educational and entrepreneurial goals.

Kind Regards,
Becca Diamond -
Founder & CEO



DIAMOND Luxe
AESTHETICS STUDIO

Discover Our Treatments



Let's Get Social

@diamondluxe.sudbury

Diamond Luxe Aesthetics Studio

Located Inside Salon Beejou
Sudbury, Ontario



ServiceOntario
TRAILER SCHEDULE:
WAHNAPITAE FIRST NATION

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS!
NIIGAANIIN

Please bring the following:

- One piece of government ID
- Your expired health card/drivers license

Mobile Service

Renew your health card, drivers license and benefit from our new MTO services at Niigaaniin Services Mobile ServiceOntario Trailer.

Tuesday, July 7 3-7 PM
Centre of Excellence
259 Taighwenini Trail Road

Contact: info@niigaaniin.com



COMMITTEE CALL OUT
Finance & Audit Committee

The eligibility criteria to be a finance and audit committee member is as follows:

1. The ability to read understand and analyze annual financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.
2. The ability to understand accounting policies, including any estimates used or judgments applied by management in the application of the accounting policies, when these are explained by director of finance and the auditor.
3. An understanding of the first nations objectives and operations that may impact the selection or application of accounting policies.
4. A knowledge and understanding of the strategies that have been adopted by the first Nation and the risks involved with any new strategies.
5. And ability to understand the first nations risk environment.

Scan to view the application or visit:
wahnapiitaefn.ca



Physical copies available at the Centre of Excellence.

Wahnapiatae First Nation



31ST ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW-WOW

HONOURING THE DRUM | AUGUST 15-16, 2026

—SUNRISE CEREMONY—

THURSDAY - SUNDAY, 6:00 AM AT POW-WOW GROUNDS

—SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY—

THU (WOMEN) FRI (MEN), 5:00 PM AT BASS LAKE TRAIL

—GRAND ENTRY—

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, 12:00 PM

—FIREWORKS SHOW—

SATURDAY, DUSK
BY DREAMCATCHER FIREWORKS

—COMMUNITY FEAST—

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

HOST DRUM: BEAR CREEK

CO-HOST DRUM: WHISTLING WIND

INVITED DRUM: INDIAN ROAD SINGERS

ARENA DIRECTOR: ROBERT STONEPOINT

MC: GERARD SAGASSIGE



HOST DRUM: BEAR CREEK
JUNO AWARD WINNERS!



SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT, NO PETS PLEASE.
FOR FOOD/VENDOR REGISTRATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

✉ SUE.ROQUE@WAHNAPITAEFN.COM ☎ (705) 858-0610

📍 139 LOONWAY RD. CAPREOL, ON

🌐 WWW.WAHNAPITAEFN.CA



**31ST ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW-WOW
HONOURING THE DRUM**


AUGUST 15-16, 2026

**WE ARE
LOOKING FOR:**

VOLUNTEERS

VENDORS






FIRE KEEPERS

**Contact:  Sue.Roque@wahnapi'taefn.com
 (705) 858-0610**

Indigenous vendors will be given first priority.

JUNE 2026

After School and Youth Leadership Program

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ASP Making Dream Catchers 	2 YLP BBQ and Group Games	3 ASP Making Story Stones	4	5	6
8 ASP Nature Art Printing 	9 YLP Making Dream Catchers 	10 ASP Fathers Day Crafts 	11	12	13
15 ASP Dbaadindigiwin (Humility) teachings 	16 YLP Plant Tobacco in The medicine Garden	17 ASP Last Day! Ice Cream Sundaes & Games!	18	19	20
22 NO Programming	23 NO Programming	24 NO Programming	25 Awards Ceremony MDG Hall NO Programming	26	27
29 NO Programming	30 NO Programming				

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER, OR UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE IF CHILDCARE IS REQUIRED

SUMMER CAMP BEGINS JULY 6 2026

SCHEDULE:

ASP (AGES 4-11)
Monday & Wednesday
3:30pm-5:30pm
YLP (Ages 12-17)
Every Tuesday
3:00pm-5:30pm

Wahnapītae First Nation

June 2026 • Waabgonii Giizis Community Events



Niizhwaaso-Giizhigad	Ntam-Giizhigad	Niizho-Giizhigad	Nso-Giizhigad	Niiwo-Giizhigad	Naano-Giizhigad	Ngodwaaso-Giizhigad
31	1 • Hand Drumming Group-6pm	2 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grmr. & Games-6pm	3 • NRHC Counselling • Diabetic Brfst Club-9am • Wellness Wednesday-10am	4 • NRHC Counselling • Traditional Medicines & Teachings-1pm • Congregate Dining-5pm • Regalia M&R-4pm	5	6
Draft Land Use Plan Comment Period Open - wahnapītaefn.ca/administration/lands-resources						
Post Secondary Funding Applications Re-Open - wahnapītaefn.ca/administration/education						
7	8 • Hand Drumming Group-6pm	9 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Good Food Box P/U • Anishinaabemowin Grmr. & Games-6pm • Healthy Snacks P/U	10 • Wellness Wednesday-10am • Pay it Fwd. Regalia Exchange-5pm • Seniors Outing-4pm	11 • Medicine Walk (IDHC)-9:30am • Regalia M&R-4pm	12 • Teen Talk-5pm	13 • Ribbon Skirt WS for Newbies-10am • DIY Doormat WS-12pm
Draft LUP Comment Period Open - wahnapītaefn.ca						
14 • Father's Day BBQ-11am	15 • Hand Drumming Group-6pm • Identifying Elder Abuse-1pm	16 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grmr. & Games-6pm • Good Food Box P/U • Medicine Walk (SKHC)-9:30am	17 • Diabetic Brfst Club-9am • Wellness Wednesday-10am • Healthy Recipe OTM PU-1pm	18 • Let's Bead • Nutrition Bingo-5pm	19 • Family Craft Night-5pm	20 • Indigenous Peoples Day Events-5:45am
21	22 • Hand Drumming Group-6pm • Teen Cooking Lessons-4pm	23 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Seniors TLC-2pm • Anishinaabemowin Grmr. & Games-6pm • Family Treasure Hunt-4pm	24 • NRHC Counselling • Wellness Wednesday-10am • Youth Game Night-4pm	25 • NRHC Counselling • Book Club Mtg-1pm	26	27 • 2 Spirit BBQ-12pm
28 • Department & Partner Open House-10am	29 • Chief & Council Regular Mtg.-6pm • Hand Drumming Group-6pm	30 • Niij. BBQ-11am • Soup's ON!-12pm • Elders Healthy Bins P/U-2pm • BBQ & Scavenger Hunt-4pm • Anishinaabemowin Grmr. & Games-6pm	1 OFFICES CLOSED	2 • Diabetic Breakfast Club-9am • Book Club Discussion Mtg.-1pm • Regalia Making-4pm	3	4 • Hand Drum Workshop-10am
5	6 • Roots & Remembrance Golf Tournament-11am	7 • Soup's ON!-12pm • Niigaaniin Service Ontario Visit-3pm • Anishinaabemowin Grmr. & Games-6pm	8	9 • Traditional Medicines & Teachings-1pm	10	11