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**Pontiac
News**
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November was a very busy month at Pontiac with a lot of learning and a lot of community building activities.

We were visited by members of the Canadian National Defense who spoke to some of our students with regards to Veteran's Week and Remembrance Day.



The month then continued with a visit from Turtle Concepts who visited with all students and discussed the importance of making our community safe. The focus was on the reality students' face and how we are working towards making it a safer space through celebration of successes and each other.

During the evening of their visit, we hosted a parent engagement event that brought families in for an evening of discussion, games and food.



Students engaged in games that promoted being prepared and having control over oneself along with team building.

Turtle Concepts will be visiting our school again shortly to continue the work that has started. We will be focusing on building confidence and will be providing an evening of entertainment and a fashion show so watch out for flyers promoting this event!

The month's activities continued with six students participating in the WBE Anishinaabemowin speaking contest that was hosted at the high school. We are truly proud of all of our students who participated in this event. They spoke with pride that demonstrated their commitment to our language.



Within the month of November we also continued our mission of building community during Bully Awareness Week where we participated in a "Blue Shirt" day to promote commitment to fostering a safe environment. This was a community wide initiative hosted by Naadmawin.

We also used our O365 work space to collaborate with various classrooms to create a school code of conduct which will be finalized in January and presented in a future newsletter. And within the various classes we had students continue to participate in team building activities that brought awareness to how bullying affects all people involved (ex. The bully, the victim and the bystander). We continue to use restorative practices to promote community as we identify at Pontiac that "Our school, our community, our responsibility" will bring us closer to providing a safe and productive school environment.



Turtle Concepts memories



7W Student-Led Bubble Challenge

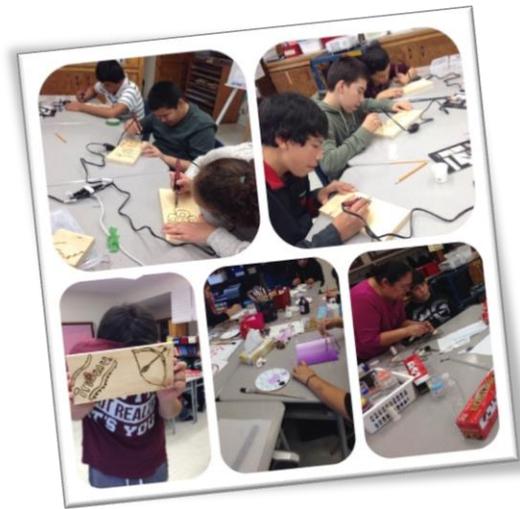


A mural completed by our librarian Ms. Lavell

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Parents/guardians and families are invited to our Christmas Concert. Our concert will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 1:45.

Our 8L students are working on an art projects of their choice. They had a choice of either wood burning, beadwork or painting. This project is provided with support from the Ontario Arts Council and we welcome Mike Cywink who is our art facilitator.



MIIGWECH

Our parent/teacher night was held on November 24, 2015 from 4- 6p.m. Our staff prepared student-led conferences and distributed progress reports. We also had FNSSP staff on hand to support math homework initiatives and also introduce our families to the O365 work space we have for our students. Attendance was at an all-time high and we want to say MIIGWECH to all the families that came out for the evening. We are truly proud of all the work our students have accomplished and we will continue with this momentum in the upcoming terms. If you would still like to meet with your child's teacher please call to arrange a meeting.

