



Pontiac News

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December is always an active month but this school year our school had quite a bit to celebrate.

In November we had two of our students not only represent Wikwemikong, but also Canada at the Children's Climate Conference in Sodertalje, Sweden. They were accompanied by Great Lakes Cultural Camps and brought forth their concerns for Shkaakaamikwe. The children were brought together to "discuss the climate issue and create an appeal to the leaders in Paris who would be gathering in December (Paris France) to discuss halting the climate change (www.childrensclimateconference.org)."



Leading up to December, our students were prepping for their Christmas concert which was presented to our school's families on December 15th with Ms. Recollet as our emcee and Mr. Granville ensuring the show went without a hitch. We also say miigwech to Mr. Hagman who ensured technology

worked and all who helped to ensure it was a success (including maintenance).



Our students presented their dances, skits and songs that celebrated the season to a packed house. Miigwech to all the families who came out to attend our event.

During the evening of December 15th our gymnasium was transformed into a festive runway with Turtle Concepts hosting a fashion show. The fashion show as the culminating activity to three days of prep work and meeting with all students to discuss confidence. The students not only discussed but participated in role play as to what confidence looks like. It was a second meeting with Turtle Concepts who continue to work with our students to discuss topics such as bullying, confidence, success, etc.

Our students who participated in the fashion show also showed great leadership in assisting TC with some of their workshops.

They were phenomenal leaders to our younger students and the show they put on was a demonstration of confidence and hard work. Our models worked all day Sunday prior to the show and whenever they could squeeze in a practice between workshops on the days leading up to the Tuesday night show.

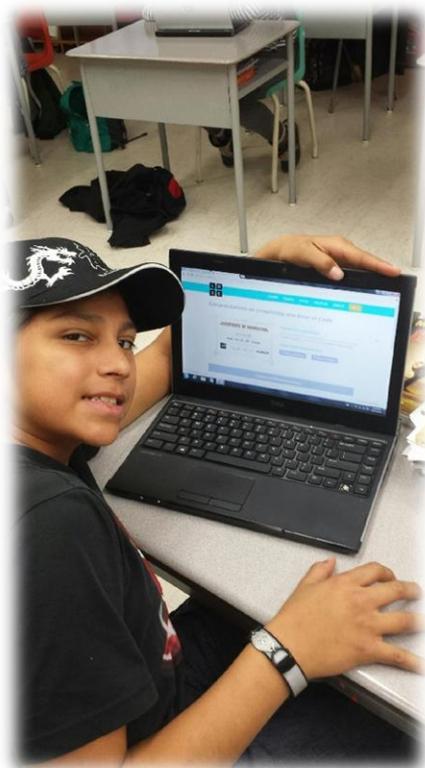


Miigwech to all who attended our fashion show as it celebrated confidence in our students and entire school community (teachers included!). A big shout out to those parents/guardians who got on stage and showcased confidence. Our students have some excellent role models to look up to.

We look forward to what's to come in the new year. We wish all our families a Happy New Year!

Hour of Code

Some of our students participated in a worldwide initiative that introduced our students to coding. Within the hour, the students were introduced to computer science and the purpose for this was to show that coding can be fun and creative.



Students were able to choose from different themes, including Star Wars or Minecraft, where they could be creative in their virtual environments.

By participating in this worldwide initiative, we introduced our students to the world of Computer Science and hopefully showcased potential opportunities for our students to become engaged in. The students who participated in the hour of code ranged from grades five through to seven.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Boys volleyball team who placed FIRST in the Island Wide event.

On the last day of classes before our holidays, our students cheered on our school's hockey team who played their annual game against the Wiky Tribal Police on the last day before Christmas holidays.

It was an intense game with our students winning the game with a final score of 7 – 6. Congrats to our team!



