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NEWS RELEASE

Aileen Wright English Catholic School Supports Partnership with Aboriginal Art Masterpieces Cochrane ON, April 8, 2013:

Aileen Wright English Catholic School supports the new and innovative partnership between the Northeastern Catholic District School Board and Apitisawin Employment and Training where candidates are able to earn their grade 12 graduation diploma while remaining in their own local community. The partnership affords Aboriginal adults the opportunity to obtain Grade 12 through the Alternative & Continuing Catholic Education Support Services (ACCESS) program offered at O'Gorman High School. The ACCESS program also provides Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) services, where eligible candidates may be granted high school credits for work and/or life experiences.

Superintendent of Student Success, Ron St. Louis and O'Gorman High School Principal, Darren Berthier are excited about the partnership and sincerely welcome the newest learners to the Northeastern Catholic District School Board. The partnership program is being offered in three locations, Cochrane, Moose Factory and Wahgoshig and presently, there are 90 students working on high school credit courses.



Mr. Tracy's Grade 7 & 8 class hosted a parent art day where parents came to the school to help their children complete their Aboriginal Art masterpieces. The masterpieces were presented and donated to the Aboriginal Alternative Classroom at Apitisawin in support and encouragement of our newest adult

learners. Included in the picture are the Grade 7 & 8 artists, Elizabeth Iserhoff, Support worker for the Cochrane location and Stacy Viau, receptionist for Apitisawin. The presentation was attended by Mary Jane Archibald, President for Apitisawin Employment and Training and Neil Iserhoff, Education Director for Taykwa Tagamou Nation. On behalf of Aileen Wright English Catholic School we wish our newest learners of Northeastern Catholic District School the best of luck with their new studies. A huge thank you to Apitisawin Employment and Training for this amazing learning opportunity and partnership.

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