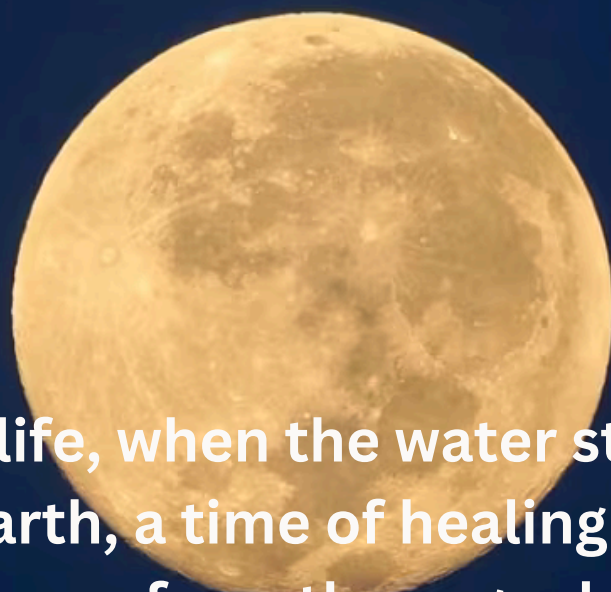


April - “Sugar Bush Moon or Sucker Moon”



“A time of new life, when the water starts running and cleansing the Earth, a time of healing for our relations. The sap that runs from the sugar bush tree is the medicine we need for the journey ahead.”

Tapping of the Sugar Bush



“It takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of Maple Syrup”



The Book Nook



Ziis-baak-daa-keng

"Maple Syrup Harvesting"



Stories told by
Lucy Ida Pitawanakwat
&
Honourine Trudeau-Wright

Ziis-baak-daa-keng Maple Syrup Harvesting is a 20-page bilingual Ojibwe-English resource developed by the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization that explains a personal story about maple syrup harvesting.

As Indigenous scientist and author of Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy.



THE SERVICEBERRY

ABUNDANCE and RECIPROCITY
in the NATURAL WORLD

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

AUTHOR OF BRAIDING SWEETGRASS

Spring Activities

In Indigenous culture, Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal. Not only is this true in nature, but it's also true for the cycle of our lives. Here are some activities to bring in that renewal:

- 1) Home and Community Clean Up
- 2) Smudging to cleanse yourself and your area.



Indigenous Education Updates

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY
TAKE ACTION! ♦ MAY 15, 2025



Register at:



For the past 10 years, I have been fasting in solidarity with other males in Canada to end violence against women and children. The Moose Hide Campaign recognizes that all forms of violence are unacceptable, regardless of gender. We see the disproportionate number of women who are victims and the importance of engaging men and boys in addressing this issue. So on **May 15th, 2025**, I will be fasting to end violence, and wearing my Moose Hide Pin to show my support and commitment to this grassroots movement.

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

WALK TO END VIOLENCE



Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - Earth Day

Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live - National Geographic Kids



Tamarack Bird Making with John and Emily Etherington



John and Emily came to our school to teach our students how to make Tamarack Birds. They shared some of the teachings pertaining to them and why they were built. Students had a great time and were able to create their own to bring home.



Dance Fachine and St. Anne's School

Dance Fachin is a Canada wide Not-for-Profit founded by Emma Bartolomucci. The company's mission is to tell stories that highlight environmentalism, evoking deep care for the natural world into our audiences. The company aims to create shows with a dance narrative, wherein dance becomes the primary vehicle with which to tell a story. Dance Fachin incorporates dynamic music that engages the audience, making technical dance a more accessible art form for patrons that might be unfamiliar to dance theatre.



Chad Solomon - Rabbit and Bear Paws @ St. Jerome



Rabbit and Bear Paws are heroes that we created to share humorous adventures based on Traditional Teachings. This allows us to carry on the teachings to the youth who wish to explore their roots, while helping to share the wisdom of the Aboriginal community with the universal audience (non-aboriginal). The Anishinabek were the middlemen of the Fur trading era. So the Anishinabek would have traveled and traded with other Nations the same goods that they traded with the French and the English.



Indigenous Language Section

Number	Cree Word	Syllabics
One	Peyak	ᐅᐱᐱ
Two	Niso	ᐱᐱᐱ
Three	Nisto	ᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Four	Newo	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Five	Niyanan	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Six	Nikotwa'sik	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Seven	Tepakohp	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Eight	Enanew	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Nine	Kekac Mitataht	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ
Ten	Mitatahtmeh	ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ

1	2	3	4	5
Bezbig	Niizh	Niswi	Niiwin	Naanin

6	7	8	9	10
Ingodwaaswi	Niizhwaaswi	Ishwaaswi	Zhaangaswi	Midaaswi

Indigenous Language Section

CHILDREN

PHRASES



BIZINDAM
LISTEN

WEWENI IZHICHIGEN
TAKE YOUR TIME DOING SOMETHING

WEWENI NAAGADENDAN
FOCUS

(THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY)



GI-MINOCHIGE
WELL DONE

BIINICHIGEN
CLEAN UP



GIZHEWAADIZI'IDIWAG
BE KIND TO EACH OTHER

MII AAZHA JI-WIISINING
IT'S TIME TO EAT

MII AAZHA JI-GIWEYANG
IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO HOME.

AWESIYAG - ANIMALS

Animosh - Dog

Boozhens - Cat

Zhiishiib - Duck

Gookooko'oo - Owl



Aandeg - Crow

Omakakii - Frog

Mikinaak - Turtle

Zhigaag - Skunk

Ajidamoo - Squirrel

Waagosh - Fox

Makwa - Bear

Mooz - Moose

Gaag - Porcupine

Waabooz - Rabbit

Nigig - Otter

Waabiginoojii - Mouse



“We are all part of Mother Earth, she sustains us and we must sustain her in return” - Chief Dan George

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