Garden River First Nation

The Creator's Garden

Community Newsletter

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March 2022

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2022 MARCH BREAK EVENTS

MARCH 14
FAMILY SKATE @ ECHO BAY 3PM-4PM
MONDAY'S WITH MIC & ASH 5:15PM

MARCH 15
KIDS IN THE KITCHEN (7-12 YRS) 1PM
FAMILY SKATE @ ECHO BAY 3PM-4PM
FRAME DECORATING (0-6 YRS) 4:30PM
YOUTH PROGRAM (13-24 YRS) 4:30PM
PARENTS & CAREGIVERS 6PM

MARCH 16
NOSE TO TOES (0-6 YRS) 4:30PM
FAMILY SKATE @ ECHO BAY 4PM-5PM
FAMILY CULTURE NIGHT 6PM

MARCH 17
SCIENCE EXPERIMENT (7-12 YRS) 1PM
FAMILY SKATE @ ECHO BAY 3PM-4PM
ZOOM INTO THE FIT ZONE (10-12 YRS) 4:30PM
YOUTH PROGRAM (13-24 YRS) 4:30PM

MARCH 18
FAMILY SWIMMING 1:30PM-2:30PM
FAMILY SKATE @ ECHO BAY 3PM-4PM
FUN FRIDAY'S 4:30PM

MARCH 19
FAMILY SKATE NIGHT @ ECHO BAY 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.GRCFS.CA

G'naadmaagoom Garden River Child & Family Services

Please Note: All of the "**Did You Know**" facts can be found on the Garden River FN Website—www.gardenriver.org. Feel free to explore the website for more information.

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Words from the Chief…

Aaniin, boozhoo Elders, youth, and citizens!

Re-opening of the First Nation – I must say it has been quite a long and tiring pandemic that our people and First Nation has been through over the last couple years. I am excited now that the world is slowly beginning to re-open and lifting of the Covid restrictions. Even though restrictions are being lifted please continue to stay safe and well. We will continue to follow the provincial guidelines and will provide notice to the community with updates. I look forward to the day when we can get back to normal, gather and live our life to the fullest!

We are quite pleased to hear that our Governance Department will be moving forward with consultations and preparing for a vote on our own Garden River Election Code. Please look out for any information regarding consultation sessions and get in touch with the Governance Specialist Brandi Nolan who is leading this department, if you have any questions or require a review of the current document. The need for our own code has been discussed for many years, which would address the current shortfalls we have in our community but also enhance the governing principles of Garden River. We look forward to hearing from our membership and as we work to enhance governance for our people.

Indian Residential School Funding – Garden River First Nation was successful in obtaining in approximately 1.6 million dollars for Indian Residential School Research and GRFN Survivor's Initiative. These funds will help us do research in "Bringing our Children Home", finding unmarked graves, research and provide programs for community healing. Our focus will be the Shingwauk Residential School and the Wawanosh Home for the Girls. We are still working on the logistics with the initiative however we will ensure to communicate with the community.

Continuous work has been on-going regarding the Squirrel Island. Our Lands and Resources Department, ERCD and legal department have been diligently moving forward to complete the work and ensure all the Additions to Reserve take place. Next steps include Chief and Council approving a provisional plan. The plan is to create Parts fronting the patent properties that would require access permits so that a description could be used in those permits. Once Garden River is satisfied with the plan of survey, then our Council would be required to approve the plan by way of resolution. Stay tuned for future updates!

I want to mention and take notice all the job postings in our community. I'm hoping that the postings are reaching out to all our community members both off and on reserve. Our goals and priorities of our council always include job increase. We always encourage our young people to get educated and come back to work for Garden River so please feel free to share the postings and encourage your family and friends to apply. A big thumbs up to our departments who have been building capacity within the respective areas.

That being said, I'd like to acknowledge our students who will be graduating this year and those who have been attending on-line during these trying times. I understand the struggle for our young people and having to continue with school on-line, which is not always easy. I would like to commend all the parents/ caregivers for continuously providing the necessary support for your loved ones. I also acknowledge and appreciate our staff who have been assisting with resources, programs, and supports to get everyone through this pandemic.

Please watch for notices of our Chief and Council ceremonies and meetings. I would like to involve our youth, Elders, knowledge keepers and community members more with our celebrations and ceremonies. We will inform you when we will be going back to in-person meetings.

March Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 – Working Meeting via Zoom
- Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, 6pm- Chief and Council Working Meeting via Zoom
- Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022, 6pm- Chief and Council Working Meeting via Zoom

LOG ONTO THE LIVESTREAM:
Website: https://vimeo.com/event/711625
Password: L1vegardenr1ver

In closing, I'd like to offer my prayers and thoughts to those families who lost loves ones along the way. We are thinking about you.

Meegwetch and stay safe my friends!

Chief Andy Rickard
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CHIEF & COUNCIL

WHEN

March 1st, 2022 @ 6 pm
Monthly Meeting

March 8th, 2022 @ 6 pm
Working Meeting

March 22nd, 2022 @ 6 pm
Working Meeting

WHERE

Remotely VIA Zoom

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MEETINGS

MARCH 2022

GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION

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GRFN History

These lands were our fathers and their fathers, lie buried, you must know it as every Red Skin does know it, that long, long before your White Children crossed the waters of rising sun to visit us here. The Great Spirit, the Red Man's God, had formed this land and placed us here, giving it to his Red Children as their inheritance.

Can you lay claim to this land? If so, by what right? Have you conquered it from us? you have not; for when you first came among us your children were few and weak, and the war cry of the Chippewa struck terror to the heart of the pale face. But you came not as enemy, you visited us in the character of a friend. You have lived as our brothers. Have you purchased it from us, or have we surrendered it to you? If so, when ? and how? and where are the treaties?

The Great Spirit in his beneficence, foreseeing that this time would arrive when the subsistence which the forests and the lakes afforded would fail, placed these mines in our lands, so that the coming generations of His Red Children might find thereby the means of sustenance. Assist us, then, to carry out this object of the Great Spirit, and enable us to reap that benefit intended for us. (Montreal Gazette, July 7, 1849)

Executive Director

Greetings Fellow Band Members,

As we start approaching the end of the winter months and look forward to the longer days in March, I am hoping that our members are staying safe and keeping healthy. This month marks two years since the COVID Pandemic affected the Nation and I look forward to continually moving forward in a positive direction.

I commend our Administration Team and all our Departments/Businesses for maintaining an aggressive, safe and effective approach these past two years navigating the dynamics of the Pandemic. I came onboard in the midst of the Pandemic and there have been many challenges that our Managers, coordinators, supervisors, staff, clients, customers, consultants and service providers have faced.

The continued delivery of services with minimal impact to programming became our main goal, and I am proud of the adversity, flexibility and patience shown by everyone.

I would like to remind our members to stay updated on our GRFN social media pages for job postings, programming and services delivered by all Departments. Rest assured that we are working tirelessly to expand services across the First Nation to increasing capacity, productivity and departmental growth.

I welcome all membership to join the Chief and Council General Membership and Working Meetings using the virtual link posted on our Website and official Facebook Page. Our leadership is passionate in the work they do and their decisions are paramount in the continued success of our First Nation.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, memorable and safe March Break. Take some time to spend quality moments with your loved ones and continue to stay healthy.

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Anne Headrick
Executive Director
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GRFN Finance

Lise Harrison, CGA/CPA

Lise joined the Finance Department in January 2021 as the Financial Controller for the Garden River First Nation. Her Bachelor Of Arts in Accounting from Algoma University lead her directly into a CGA / CPA (Certified General Accountant/ Chartered Professional Accountant) designation.

Throughout the years, Lise has advanced from entry level to high end financial management positions. She holds a valuable wealth of accounting knowledge and her commitment to financial structure has led to successful operations throughout a range of industries, including manufacturing, mining, construction, contracting, solar energy and health care. Lise is adept at identifying processes to improve the streamlining of information and develop clear and transparent reporting guidelines. Her attention to detail and passion to improve internal mechanisms of control is evident in her day-to-day functions. She is committed to improving and implementing best practices as well as internal controls and procedures to equip and support the GRFN to manage the flow of funds.

Outside of work Lise is a mother of two beautiful adult children and enjoys spending time with her precious grandchildren.

To meet the needs of the ever-growing First Nation, the finance departments has also adapted to the required expansion needed to support the First Nation's overall success.

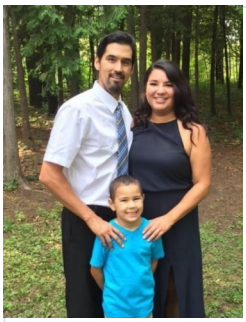
The Finance Department is committed to providing regular updates through social media channels including the GRFN Community Newsletter!

Aaniin, Jayselen Moore Ndiizhnikaaz, Ketegaunseebee donjaba giishkimanisii. Hello! my name is Jayselen Moore, I'm from Garden River and I'm a part of the Kingfisher Clan. I'm the daughter of Selena Belleau and Jay Moore, granddaughter of Ben and Glenda Belleau. I am currently on a contract as the Finance Assistant with the Garden River Finance Department. I have recently received my Business Diploma from Sault College and am currently working on completing my graduate certificate in Project Management. This contract has allowed me to utilize my educational knowledge, while allowing me to apply it to real life situations in the workplace. During my short time here, I was able to gain a great deal of knowledge and create lasting work relationships. I would like to thank the rest of the Finance Department for providing me with an abundance of knowledge that will allow me to further my experience. I would finally like to say thank you to the Garden River Finance team for providing me with this opportunity, I hope one day to return to Garden River to serve my community!

Meet Randall Allison!

Randall recently joined the Finance Department in January 2022 as the Financial Analyst, where his responsibilities include assisting with the reporting, creating, and reconciling of financial activities; as well as supporting the Financial Controller. Randall holds a Business Accounting Diploma from Sault College (2009) and a Bachelor of Business Degree specializing in Accounting from Algoma University (2012). Randall is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and proud father of GRFN Band Members Shaylin and Zane. Randall enjoys spending time outdoors and participating in baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball.

Aaniin/Boozhoo! My name is Sydney Nolan. I am the daughter of Debra Nolan and Sidney Jones Jr. Granddaughter of Sidney Jones, the late Eileen Barry, and the late Marie and Terry Nolan. I am a proud Garden River First Nation band member and am currently working within the Finance Department as the Administration and Financial Support. Within my position, I support the Finance Department in assisting with day-to-day administrative duties. This opportunity had allowed me to gain experience while also allowing me to work and serve my own community. I look forward to growing and expanding my personal skills while also developing my knowledge and expertise within the Garden River First Nation. Miigwetch for the opportunity.



Hello, my name is Douglas Belleau, and I am a member of the beautiful Garden River First Nation. Son of Guy and Lorraine Belleau, life partner to Julia Virta and father to Landon Belleau. I have been working in the business, promotional, customer service, and accounting fields for 15 plus years and acquired my college diploma in this field in 2020. For the past year I have been proud to showcase my skills working with the Finance Department at the Garden River First Nation Band Office. Working alongside professionals at the band office has helped me further develop my accounting skills and methods I could use for many future endeavors. I look forward to working hard for my community in a professional capacity.

Aaniin/Boozhoo! My name is Lois Williams. I am a Garden River band member and currently reside in Garden River. I have two children and two grandchildren. I have a degree in Business Administration, and I have been contracted by Garden River First Nation Band Office to provide support to the Finance Department in many capacities. I look forward to utilizing my skills and education to enable Garden River First Nation to attain its goal of a better community.

Miigwetch,
Lois Williams

Garden River First Nation Websites:

- Garden River First Nation website: www.gardenriver.org
- Education's website: www.gardenriver.ca
- Housing's website: www.grfnhousing.org
- Recreation's website: www.grfnrec.com
- Bingo Enterprises: www.gardenriverbingo.com
- Wellness Centre's website: www.grwc.ca
- Silver Creek's website: www.golfsilvercreek.com
- GR Child & Family Services (G'Naadmaagoom): www.grcfs.ca/
- APS website: www.apscops.org

GRFN Elementary School

Aanii akina wiiya from the GRFN Elementary Team! Makwa Giizis (February) has been filled with enjoying the heart of winter. There are tons of awesome ways to enjoy cold crisp days on the land. We are grateful for every opportunity to take on new learning. This month we have been focusing on biboon aatadewin (winter games).

Some of our learnings include:

* snow snake game
* hoop and spear game
* moccasin games
* snowshoeing
* learning about different fish species
* filleting fish
* skinning/processing a muskrat

Miiiw,

The Garden River Elementary School Team

Boozhoo akina wiiya from the Garden River Education Unit!

We are gearing up and getting ready for this years Iskigamizigan (Maple Sugar camp) and we are looking for donations. As Aanishnaabek, this time of the year is very important signifying the change of Biboon (Winter) to Ziigwin (Spring). We are planning and need help from you, our community to help support our youth in ensuring this tradition is maintained for generations to come. For more information in ways you can support contact Mona Jones 1(705) 256-9373.

Some donations include:
-Sap buckets
-bucket lids
-spiles
-fire wood
-tarps
-mason jars with lids
--syrup jars with lids
-Used plastic milk jugs (rinsed)

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GRFN Education Unit

Secondary

It's time to #SparkYourCareer as Build a Dream in partnership with Spark Power hosts an electric career discovery expo for students all across Canada!

Explore Careers in:
- Engineering
- Renewable Energy
- High Voltage
- Low Voltage
- Sustainability

Date:
March 10

Cost:
FREE

Time:
6:00 pm—8:30 pm EST

Hear from the Experts!
- Explore opportunities in electrical, engineering and technology careers
- Panelists will provide insider information on these exciting careers at Spark Power
- Resume and interview tips to give you the edge!
- Breakout rooms, prizes and more!

Register today for this FREE event! The first 300 registrants receive a Spark Power experience box and will be entered for a chance to WIN Prices.
Check out the website for more information & to sign up!
https://www.webuildadream.com/event/spark-your-career/

GRFN EDUCATION UNIT SECURES FUNDING!

The Garden River Education Unit is happy to announce that our grant application to Second Harvest's Emergency Food Security Fund was successful. Staff were eager to jump at the chance to submit and received confirmation on March 1, 2022 that we will be receiving $35,000. The funds will go to help students and their families with securing healthy, nutritious food, especially during these pandemic times. More details will be released at a later date.

From Second Harvest website:
Second Harvest providing $22.7 million of new funding to community groups across Canada to purchase food ***(November 2, 2021 – Toronto)***

Thanks to the support of the Government of Canada's Emergency Food Security Fund, Second Harvest is launching $22.7 million in new funding for non-profits and charities in communities across Canada to enable the purchase of food, grocery gift cards and food vouchers, as well as provide support for food distribution. Second Harvest will direct a minimum of 30 percent of its funding allocations to organizations led by or primarily serving Black, Indigenous and Persons of Colour (BIPOC) communities.

This funding program is made possible by the Government of Canada's Emergency Food Security Fund which was launched in April 2020 to support six national food organizations, including Second Harvest, to improve access to food for Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adults In Motion

Good things are growing at AIM!

The Gardening class has already begun growing plants for this year's growing season. And our babies have germinated and growing very nicely in the classroom. We have peppers, luffa, parsley, and basil growing and just started some lettuce, kale, and onions. In the next couple of weeks we will be getting our greenhouse ready for the season.

It is not too late to join our class! We meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings. All ages and experience welcome!

Garden River Elementary School

We're Expanding!

March 9th, 2022 GRFN Education/Recreation Centre

5:30-7:00pm

Information night for families with children in JK-3

Supper, beverages, dessert provided

RSVP by Tuesday March 8th

We are.... Land-based, Anishinaabemowin, Literacy & Numeracy.

For more information please email- mjones@gardenriver.ca

Crossword Answers:

Across

1. gichianiibiish
4. okaadaak
5. jiiz
6. mandaamin
7. ozaawijiimin
9. mishiimin

Down

2. odisiikaanens
3. waagijiimin
6. manoomin
8. miskomin
10. naboob

Post-Secondary

From the Post-Secondary Counsellor:

Winter 2022 Reading/Spring Breaks have arrived and others are approaching fast (and so are my remaining vacation days for this fiscal year !

For most universities and some colleges, reading/spring break was either at the end of February and for others, coming up in March. I trust that you will thoroughly enjoy your break as I know I will enjoy my remaining vacation days.

Want to Continue your Studies in the Summer or Fall?

DO I REALLY NEED TO APPLY AGAIN FOR FUNDING?

The simple answer is YES, YES, YES.

If you are currently enrolled full-time or part-time at college or university **AND** if you plan on continuing your studies in the Summer 2022, or in the Fall 2022 semester (or for both), you must complete and submit a new **GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance** for each semester.

Copies of the GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance are available to download from our website : www.gardenriver.ca in the Post-Secondary section, under Forms section.

- To submit an application for full-time studies, you must complete and submit the 4 pages identified on the website.
- To submit an application for part-time studies, you must complete and submit the 3 pages identified on the website.

How Can I Submit My GRFN Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance?

You can submit your completed applications by either filling in online and emailing or by printing/scanning/emailing them or by faxing them to 705-946-0413. Please make sure that you fill in all of your personal information, the **Education Plan and that you sign all pages before you hit send.**

Please don't wait until the last day to complete and send your application .... apply now to avoid disappointment.

IMPORTANT: Please be reminded at this time that sponsorship is never guaranteed for the overall length of your program ..... **EVERYONE MUST RE-APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR EACH YEAR (AND SUMMER) THAT YOU WANT TO BE SPONSORED … there are no exceptions.**

POST-SECONDARY SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES:

For Spring/Summer Session:

March 29

For September Enrolment:

May 15

For January Enrolment:

October 15

Deadlines are strictly adhered to!!

Apply early to avoid disappointment.

Applications are always available for download from our website or feel free to stop by the office.

www.gardenriver.ca

REMINDERS:

NOTICE: INCOME TAX

GARDEN RIVER ***DOES NOT*** ISSUE T4'S FOR your post-secondary sponsorship monies.

You should receive your T2202A form for your tuition from the school directly.

.....Good luck on your midterm exams.

.....if, at any time, you had to ***change your educational plans by either revising your schedule or you had to transfer programs or whatever changes you have made***, you ***must*** send a copy of the **revised information** ASAP.

.....you must ***maintain full-time hours*** (check with the Registrar's Office if you are unsure or contact me) to be **eligible for your monthly allowance**. Please check your registration carefully before making any changes.

.....if you still haven't figured it out, **ATTENDANCE** is **very important**! **Not only for yourself and your grades but for fulfilling your GRFN sponsorship responsibilities.** Remember that even if your instructor does not take attendance and/or you do not receive any extra marks for attendance, **as a sponsored student**, you have signed a CONTRACT with your application for sponsorship to **attend all of your classes and complete all of your academic responsibilities** (sound familiar). Besides, if you are physically sitting in a class or have your camera turned on, you have that much more of a chance in understanding the lessons being taught!

.....**COLLEGE STUDENTS: "INTENT TO RETURN" FORMS** - these are forms that your school needs YOU to complete sometimes and return or submit via your online student account to tell them that you are planning on returning to your studies in either the summer or Fall 2022 semester. By submitting this as requested, the school will hold your seat in the program and work on your new schedule. IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT, the school will consider you as "not returning" and will not send you any new correspondence and/or will not have anything ready for you. **CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL ABOUT THIS TYPE OF FORM OR REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY: COMMUNICATION

If you do not talk to or communicate with anyone that you are having problems, we won't know and we won't be able to help you.

If I am not in my office or I am on the phone when you call, please leave me a message on my voice mail, or with the receptionist or send me an email with a descript ion of what you are experiencing. Please don't think that if I am not in the office that you can't call and report issues/ problems or share some good news.

ARE YOU HAVING ACADEMIC PROBLEMS OR ARE YOUR PERSONAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING YOUR ATTENDANCE or GRADES ????

If you are experiencing any difficulties with either your academic work or if your personal life problems are jeopardizing your academic success, please contact me, your instructors, and your academic advisor at the school...there are many individuals available to help you.

Assistance is available but you must take the first step and ask for help. B*efore that* "snowball" *gets too big* call me and I will help you to access the support services at your school. If you need academic tutoring for any course that you are struggling in, please sign up at the school and if you don't know where to go at your school, ask me and I'll get you the information. Just don't put it off too long...the school has to find you a tutor for your subject...so they need some time to make your arrangements.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING GOING TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THIS COMING YEAR, 2022/2023?

Remember…..you can't get accepted at a college or university if you don't apply through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) or the Ontario University Application Service (OUAS)! ***AND*** you can't get sponsored if you don't complete and submit the GRFN Application for Educational Assistance by the deadlines! Don't delay...complete and submit all of your applications early!

For High School Students Graduating this Year and for all New to Post-Secondary Students:

Remember, if you have sent your application to the Ontario College Application Service or the Ontario University Application Service, you will be reimbursed for the application fees, once you bring in your "Acknowledgement Letter OR copy of your OCAS/OUAC receipt" and have completed your Garden River Application for Post-Secondary Educational Assistance. For those of you that sent your OCAS/OUAS application before February 1st, you should start receiving correspondence from the colleges/universities anytime now.

Please make sure that you read each letter carefully....depending on covid restrictions, you may receive an invitation to attend their information sessions in-person which will include a tour of their facilities or they will need more information from you before they can make their final admission decisions...most importantly though, there will be deadlines to respond by and to accept your offer of admission.

Each school will be trying to convince you that their school is the best....you will need to do your homework -- this means researching your choices to ensure that your time at college/university will be both an enjoyable AND rewarding experience for you. As I am sure most of you know, each school has a reputation for certain types of programs - make sure you check out the program credentials along with the school credentials. Ask about or look for information on the availability of things like support services, campus life/activities, student residences for new students, accessibility by public transportation, etc., etc.....(visit the school web-sites for e-tours and basic information).

NEW TO POST-SECONDARY: VISIT YOUR POTENTIAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TO HELP MAKE YOUR FINAL DECISION

When you have received correspondence from all of the schools you applied to and prioritized/narrowed down your choices, you can then arrange and confirm a date/ appointment for an in-person campus visit or virtual orientation sessions *that most schools have prepared for "potential students". This is an excellent opportunity to "experience" your new school.*

Remember that according to the GRFN Post -Secondary Operating Guidelines and a s a ***n e w t o p o s t - s e c o n d a r y applicant/ student*, you are eligible for one trip** to a prospective college or university to help you finalize your decision. Once you have decided which school you would like to visit, ***you must submit a copy of the official "Campus Visit" invitation and itinerary.*** According to the length of the pre-arranged visit, you will **receive return bus fare, student rates for meals and accommodations**. Remember, this is an excellent opportunity to help you make an informed decision about your new school. In order to access this financial assistance, you must have submitted your **GRFN Application for Educational Assistance**.

This is an excellent opportunity to help you make an informed decision about your new school.

Even though you will have a lot of different opinions/suggestions from your parents, older brothers/sisters, your friends, your guidance counsellors, and so on, *ultimately*,

this education plan & career decision is YOURS to make and YOU have to want it yourself to help you be successful !!

Please do yourself a favor and do your homework on where you would like to attend college or university and what program best meets your plans for your career plan so that you can make an informed decision.

Once this process is done, naturally, each school will be requiring you to respond to their "offer of admission" and make your final decision!

WHEN YOU START RECEIVING CORRESPONDENCE from the schools that you applied to, *ALWAYS* make sure to check for:

- Are there deadlines to respond by?
- Do they require a "confirmation fee"
- to be paid by a certain date?
- Do you have to send more info?
- Are there any entrance tests to write?

NOTE: I do not receive any documentation from the school directly during the application process. You are responsible for making sure I am kept informed at all times by sending me copies of your official information.

IF THERE ARE ANY FEES that must be aid to secure your seat or to apply for residence, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU SEND A COPY OF YOUR INFORMATION TO MY OFFICE QUICKLY SO THAT I CAN PROCESS AND MAIL THE PAYMENT BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

Please be advised that this office is not responsible for payment of any late fees or loss of seat due to late payments if you did not send me the documentation.

Please know that if you ever need any assistance or if you have concerns about your education and plans, or you just want to chat about them, please contact call to set up an in-person appointment or email or send a virtual meeting request to amjones@gardenriver.ca

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HOW DOES A DREAM GET OFF THE GROUND?

You can call them hopes, goals, or aspirations, but we carry a dream with us wherever we go. Everyone from the tiniest newborn child to the oldest person alive has one. And, the wonderful thing about them is that no ONE dream is more important than another.
Big or small,
young or old,
EVERY DREAM
is worth building on.
MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DREAMS.
(Royal Bank Financial Group)

Resource Centre aka GRFN Public Library

Anishinaabemowin Word for the Month:

jakibii'iganaak
(wag)
(dabber)

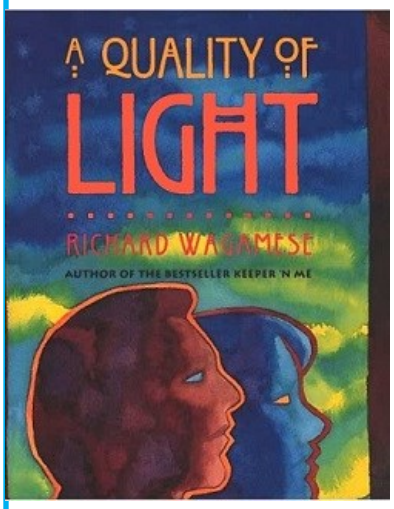
Books are Our Friends Book Club

A monthly art book club to create junk journals, art books, memory keepers.

Hard cover books are available in the library for usage.

For those who enjoy creating with paper, paint, ink, stamps, old cards, ribbons, string, glue, scissors, modge podge, embroidery, cardboard, card stock, construction paper, markers; to cut, glue, tear, sew, layer, paint, stamp, erase, mark, mar, alter, mutilate to create something new, by embellishing, enhancing, redecorating, embossing or simply to make fancy. **Contact Irene at irene.gray@gardenriver.ca for more information—mark email: Books are Our Friends.**

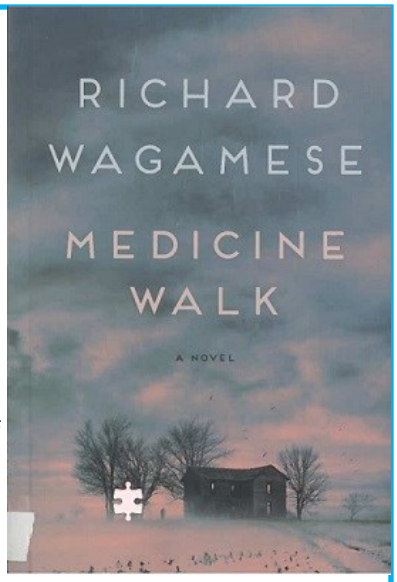
Books of the Month—available for borrowing



A Quality of Light—Richard Wagamese

My life as a Kane was lit in the indigos, aquamarines and magentas of a home built on quiet faith and prayer. But Johnny changed all that. Where I had stood transfixed by the gloss on the surface of living, he called me forward from the pages of books, away from the blinders that faith can surreptitiously place upon your eyes and out into a world populated by those who live their lives in the shadow of necessary fictions

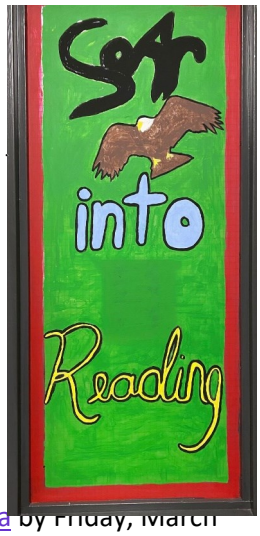
Medicine Walk—Richard Wagamese



When sixteen year old Franklin Starlight is called to visit his estranged father, Eldon, he finds him decimated after years of drinking. What ensues is a difficult journey through the rugged and starkly beautiful backcountry of the B.C. Interior and a vivid journey together into the past. Eldon relates to Frank the desolate moments in his life, and the times as well of happiness and hope, and he tells of sacrifices made in the name of love. In doing so, he offers his son a world the boy has never seen, a history he has never known.

GRFN Library Window Contest

I want to give 3 GRFN band member artists who are newly started (age doesn't matter) to showcase their painting art work on one of 3 library windows.



To Enter:

Must be a GRFN Band Member
Must be local (on or off reserve) to be able paint the window
Must be submitted on 8.5 by 11 size paper
Must be family friendly images/wording

Pick a theme:

1) Library related,
2) Culture related or
3) Combination of both.

Email images to: irene.gray@gardenriver.ca by Friday, March 11, 2022 by 12 noon.

Include:

- Name, age, address, email, band number, and theme.
- A brief write up of the artist - who are you.
- What artistic style do you like and why.
- Future goals in your artistic exploration.

Judging will by Facebook voting - only images will be posted with no names.

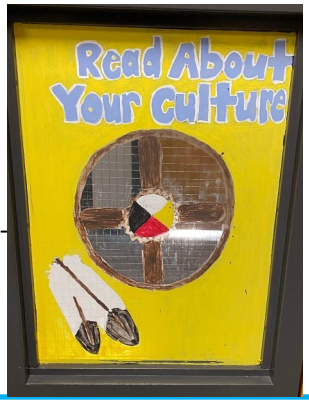
- Judging will start Friday, March 11, 2022 at 4 pm. and continue until Friday, March 18 at 12 pm - 1 week of voting
- Must be a Resourcie Centre Facebook Friend to vote
- One vote per friend

3 windows - 3 winners

- 1 big window - 1st place (approx. 1.5 foot by 4 foot)
- 2 smaller windows - 2nd & 3rd place with 2nd place picking their window first. (One facing main hallway, the other facing AIM Classroom) (1.5 foot by 2 foot)

Winners:

- Winners will be notified on Monday, March 21, 2022 by email in the morning.
- Winning Images will be posted on Resourcie's Facebook wall on Monday, March 21, 2022 in the afternoon.
- Must paint the winning image
- Arrangements will be made with the winners to come in and paint their windows.
- Acrylic paints to be used only.
- Images will stay on the windows for a minimum of 6 months and then another contest will be held.



Attention Members

Effective April 1, 2022 The Garden River Recreation Centre will be transitioning to a Software System that will allow us to track our members more efficiently. All current and existing memberships will be honored until this date. Effective April 1, 2022 all members that are currently using the facility will be required to purchase a membership going forward. Memberships purchased between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 will be honored provided the member can provide receipt showing proof of purchase. In addition, the Garden River Recreation Centre will be having a membership sale on April 1, 2022. Stay tuned for more information regarding that.

As we transition into a new software system for the facility we are also excited to announce that 2022 will bring a variety of new cardiovascular and strength training equipment into the Fitness Centre. The equipment has already started to arrive and more will be coming within the next few months.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this time as we are transitioning into making changes here at the Garden River Recreation Centre. Thank you all for understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call our staff at (705) 946-4006.

MEET THE TEAM

CHRIS MORETTIN – RECREATION COORDINATOR

Chris recently joined our team as the Recreation Coordinator. Chris is busy planning programming for the community, and ensuring that the fitness room is in tip top shape for all of our clients. If you're looking to book the gymnasium please reach out to Chris and he can get you booked in.

CECILIA HOLZWARTH- FITNESS ROOM ATTENDANT

You can find Cecilia at our front desk selling memberships, answering phone calls and ensuring that the fitness room is sanitized properly. Cecilia also assists with programming. Stay tuned for upcoming postings regarding the softball league.

ZAC ZEPPA- FITNESS ROOM ATTENDANT

Zak can be found in the fitness room supervising the weight room. He's also available to answer any phone calls, address any concerns and sell you your memberships. Zak is going to be assisting with the 3on3 Basketball league. For more information regarding this please check our social media pages.

HAILEE JONES- FITNESS ROOM ATTENDANT

Hailee can also be found in the fitness room ensuring that everything is in good condition for our clients. She can take your gymnasium bookings, and sell you your memberships.

Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart:

The Do's and Don'ts of Your Septic System

Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:

septicsmart
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Protect It and Inspect It:

Do:

- Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

Think at the Sink:

Don't:

- Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
- Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
- Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.

Do:

- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
- Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
- Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

Don't Overload the Commode:

Don't:

- Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.

Do:

- Dispose of these items in the trash can!

Shield Your Field:

Don't:

- Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
- Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.

Do:

- Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

Don't Strain Your Drain:

Don't

- Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.

Do:

- Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
- Become more water efficient by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.

For more SepticSmart tips, visit: **www.epa.gov/septicsmart**

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Mino-dibishkam noongom, Mino-dibishkam noongom, Mino-dibishkam (birthday person's name)! Mino-dibishkam noongom!

Happy 6th Birthday,
Miss Sloane Payment ,
March 17,
St. Patricks Day.
Love, Daddy, Papa &
Gramma .
🥰

Birthday Wishes for the month of March

Raghan Pichette
Ashley Boissoneau (Belleau)
Forrest Jones
Tim Pine
Rose Pine

From Trixie's Gang

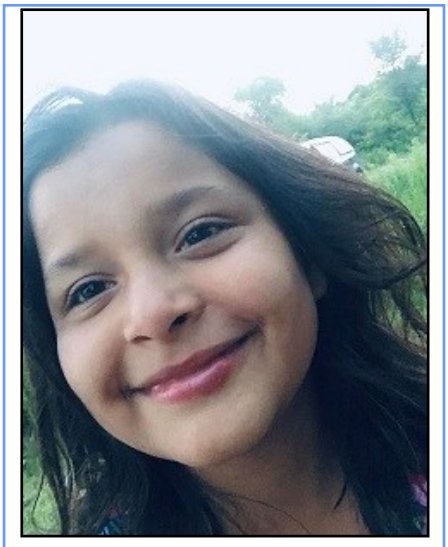
Happy birthday to our Mom/ Gramma/GG to Stella Jones

March 7

Happy Birthday Drew Jones

March 9

Love Auntie Anna & Uncle



Her 9th trip around the sun 🌞

Happy Birth Day Langston 🎉
We love you so much

Love: mom &dad , Journ , Jacob , Kionna & Misko

March 14

Happy 40th Anniversary

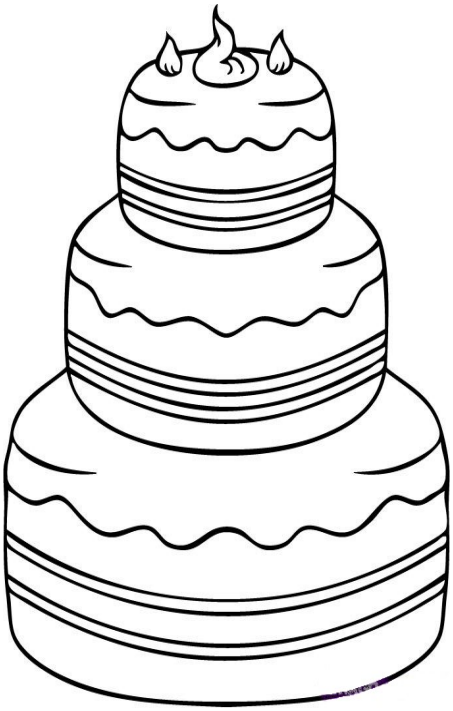
I would like to wish my partner, best friend, husband and adventure seeker in life, a wonderful 40th Wedding Anniversary! It seems but a mere dream that time has passed since we first met more than 40 years ago and tied the knot! We have been blessed with a daughter and two sons, Melissa, Daeson & Darcy -Wade. Even more exciting is the Creator has blessed us with our little baseball team of 4 grand boys : Kieran , Kellan , Leo & Luca!

We couldn't be more grateful for these gifts and we love our boys and children unconditionally.

I would also like to thank all of our family members on both sides, our parents and siblings who have been with us throughout all these years supporting our marriage journey!

G'Zaagin my love Darcy ... Miigwetch
(February 26, 1982)

Cake waiting to be decorated!



Public Works

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Garden River First Nation Landfill is not open to the public.

The Garden River First Nation Transfer Station located at 216 Noonday Drive is OPEN.

Tuesday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Wednesday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Thursday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Friday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Saturday– 9am-5pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)

CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAYS.

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MIIJIM GAAMIG

Hours of Operation

Monday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday – CLOSED
Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday – CLOSED
Friday – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED (12:00 – 1:00 pm)

Food Bank access is limited to **one** visit per month

For Further information, please contact Michelle @ MIIJIM GAAMIG (705) 946-6300 Ext.# 227

Food and Monetary Donations are always greatly appreciated

GRFN version of kind things to do in times of Covid

1. Donate your guc native content books to GR's library
2. Donate non-perishable food items/ money to the Miijim Gaamig Food Bank
3. Give some homemade soup in mason jars
4. Hold the bingo hall door open for someone
5. Shovel a driveway/path to the door
6. Drop off snacks for the snow plow drivers
7. Compliment a neighbour/coworker
8. Bake cookies for the lands & resources office/transfer station
9. Clear the snow off the car next to yours
10. Tell C&C about an awesome employee/volunteer/community/ band member
11. Call your parents/grandparents/ kids/grandkids
12. Make someone laugh, share jokes, funny stories
13. Drop off one of those big Tim's coffee and supplies to a gathering
14. Use the share shed at the transfer station for donating guc household items
15. Pay for $10 gas for someone at either Big Arrow or Perrault's gas bar—tell them it's for someone only getting $10 or under (not even sure if that can be done—find out-let me know)
16. Ask an Elder if they need help around their home/groceries dropped off
17. Drop off craft supplies for a family with young ones
18. Make anonymous Timbit drop off at the band office
19. Read a children's book on video – send it to your nieces/nephews/grandkids
20. Read the GRFN community newsletter to an Elder

Healthy Snack Ideas

For Youth Ages 13 to 24 years

Offered on the second last Thursday of Each Month on Zoom

Thursday, March 24th, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Receive an incentive each time you participate! There's also a monthly draw for a Snowflakes of Fun package; the more sessions you attend, the more chances to win!

Contact Colleen ccrowley@grcfs.ca or Jordie jthibault@grcfs.ca to register each month during the week of the program, between Monday & Thursday by 12 pm.

Off reserve members are also encouraged to participate! Only out of town participants can register early for programs, in case supplies need to be mailed.

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Zoom Into the Fit Zone

Youth ages 10 to 12 years, meet at the FIT ZONE using ZOOM technology. Receive an incentive each time you participate! There's also a monthly draw for a "Snowflakes of Fun" package; the more sessions you attend, the more chances to win!

When: Monday or Thursday, 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Facilitated By: Colleen Crowley, Child & Family Services

Weekly Sessions Include:

A Variety of Physical, Emotional, Intellectual & Spiritual Health Topics; Laughter's the Best Medicine; Circuit Training for Youth Group; Games/Activities Practising Gratitude

And More!!

Email ccrowley@grcfs.ca to register each week. Get the Zoom Code and Password you need to join, when you register. Off reserve members are also encouraged to participate! Only out of town participants can register early for programs, when program supplies need to be mailed.

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Mental Wellness

Mental wellness is a balance of the mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional. This balance is enriched as individuals have: ***purpose*** in their daily lives whether it is through education, employment, care-giving activities, or cultural ways of being and doing; ***hope*** for their future and those of their families that is grounded in a sense of identity, unique Indigenous values, and having a belief in spirit; ***a sense of belonging*** and connectedness within their families, to community, and to culture; and finally, ***a sense of meaning*** and an understanding of how their lives and those of their families and communities are part of creation and a rich history.

First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum FrameWork
January 2015

G'NAADMAAGOOM

Garden River Child and Family Services VIRTUAL Program Calendar

March 2022

Phone: *(705)450-5071*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Please Note: Virtual program participants will not be let in to Zoom more than 5 minutes after program start time	**1** **KM/JP – Let's go Fishing** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Hopscotch (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KH- 7 Grandfather Teachings** 6:00 (Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12yrs)	**2** **KM/JP – Bear for Breakfast** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Self Care (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**3** **KM/JP – Rock Painting (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**4** **KH- Leprechaun Puppets** (LA) **FFC** 12:00 **AC/MH- Fridays with Mic & Ash: Kids Jeopardy** 4:30 (7-9yrs) 5:15 (10-12yrs) **AC- Funtivity: Create a Family Tree** (LA) 12:00 (10-12yrs) **MH- Funtivity: Create a Family Tree** (LA) 12:00 (7-9yrs)	**5/6** **Family Skate**- Saturday Mar. 5, 2022 6:00 @ Echo Bay Sportsplex
7 **AC/MH- Mondays with Mic & Ash: Values** 5:15 (7-9yrs) 6:00 (10-12yrs)	**8** **KM/JP – Handprint Shamrock** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Shape Search (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KH- Body Positivity** 6:00 (Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12yrs)	**9** **KM/JP – I love you with my Heart** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Under the Sea (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**10** **CC- Zoom into The Fit Zone** 4:30 (10-12) **KM/JP – All About Green (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **JT- The Importance of Sleep** 6:00 (13-24yrs)	**11** **KH- Rainbow Activity** (LA) **FFC** 12:00 **JT- My Family Tree** (LA) 12:00 (13-24yrs) **AC/MH- Fridays with Mic & Ash: Virtual Science Experiment** 4:30 (7-9yrs) 5:15 (10-12yrs) **AC- Funtivity: Acrostic Name Poem** (LA) 12:00 (10-12yrs) **MH- Funtivity: Acrostic Name Poem** (LA) 12:00 (7-9yrs)	**12/13** **Family Skate**- Saturday Mar. 12, 2022 6:00 @ Echo Bay Sportsplex
14 **AC/MH- Mondays with Mic & Ash: Body Positivity** 5:15 (7-9yrs) 6:00 (10-12yrs)	**15** **KM/JP – Frame Decorating** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Shape Search "Square" (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KH- Domestic Violence** 6:00 (Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12yrs) **JT- Mindfulness** 4:30 (13-24yrs) **AC/MH – Kids in the Kitchen** 1:00	**16** **AC/PS - Family Culture Night: Dream Catchers** 6:00 **KM/JP – Nose to Toes** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Anishinaabemowin: 1-5 (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**17** **CC- Zoom into The Fit Zone** 4:30 (10-12) **KM/JP – Creating Patterns (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **JT- Being a Positive Influence on Others** 4:30 (13-24yrs)	**18** **KH- 4 Leaf Clover Activity** (LA) **FFC** 12:00 **JT- My March Break Adventures** (LA) 12:00 (13-24yrs) **AC/MH- Fridays with Mic & Ash: Spring Safety** 4:30 (7-9yrs) 5:15 (10-12yrs) **AC- Funtivity: Spring Word Search** (LA) 12:00 (10-12yrs) **MH- Funtivity: Spring Word Search** (LA) 12:00 (7-9yrs)	**19/20** **Family Skate**- Saturday Mar. 19, 2022 6:00 @ Echo Bay Sportsplex
21 **CC- Zoom into The Fit Zone** 4:30 (10-12) **AC/MH- Mondays with Mic & Ash: Medicine Wheel** 5:15 (7-9yrs) 6:00 (10-12yrs)	**22** **KM/JP – Make a Family Sign** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Shape Search "Triangle" (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KH- Blended Families** 6:00 (Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12yrs)	**23** **KM/JP – Circle, Circle who do you hide?** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Paper Plate Animals (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**24** **CC/JT- Healthy Snack Ideas** 4:30 (13-24) **KM/JP – Styrofoam fish (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**25** **KH- Flower Wreath** (LA) **FFC** 12:00 **JT- Anti-Bullying** (LA) 12:00 (13-24yrs) **AC/MH- Fridays with Mic & Ash: Spring Yoga** 4:30 (7-9yrs) 5:15 (10-12yrs) **AC- Funtivity: First signs of Spring** (LA) 12:00 (10-12yrs) **MH- Funtivity: First signs of Spring** (LA) 12:00 (7-9yrs)	**26/27** **Family Skate**- Saturday Mar. 26, 2022 6:00 @ Echo Bay Sportsplex
28 **CC- Zoom into The Fit Zone** 4:30 (10-12) **AC/MH- Mondays with Mic & Ash: Looking After the Environment** 5:15 (7-9yrs) 6:00 (10-12yrs)	**29** **KM/JP – Puppet Play** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Shape Search "Rectangle" (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KH- Single Parenting** 6:00 (Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-12yrs)	**30** **KM/JP – When will it be Spring?** 4:30 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs) **KM/JP – Paper bag puppets (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)	**31** **CC/JT- Youth Culture Night** 4:30 (13-24) **KM/JP – Anishinaabemowin: Fish (LA)** 3:00 (Parents/Caregivers & 0-6yrs)		**(LA) = Learning Activity**

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

To continue practicing safe social distancing - All programs will be on a virtual platform.

Off reserve band members are encouraged to participate!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM

Please email or call Staff running the program to register!

*****REGISTER WEEK OF SCHEDULED PROGRAM OR BY NOON DAY OF PROGRAM*****

PROGRAM INCENTIVES/DRAWS

PROGRAMS – Participants will receive an incentive for every program they attend.

FAMILY FUN CHALLENGES – Every family that participates will receive an incentive.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES (LA) – Each family that participates in the Learning Activities will receive an incentive

MONTHLY DRAW – Participants will receive a ballot for each Program, Challenge, and Learning Activity they attend; these will be entered for a chance to win a "Snowflakes of fun" package.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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JP – Jennifer Pine – jpine@grcfs.ca/ 705-542-9200

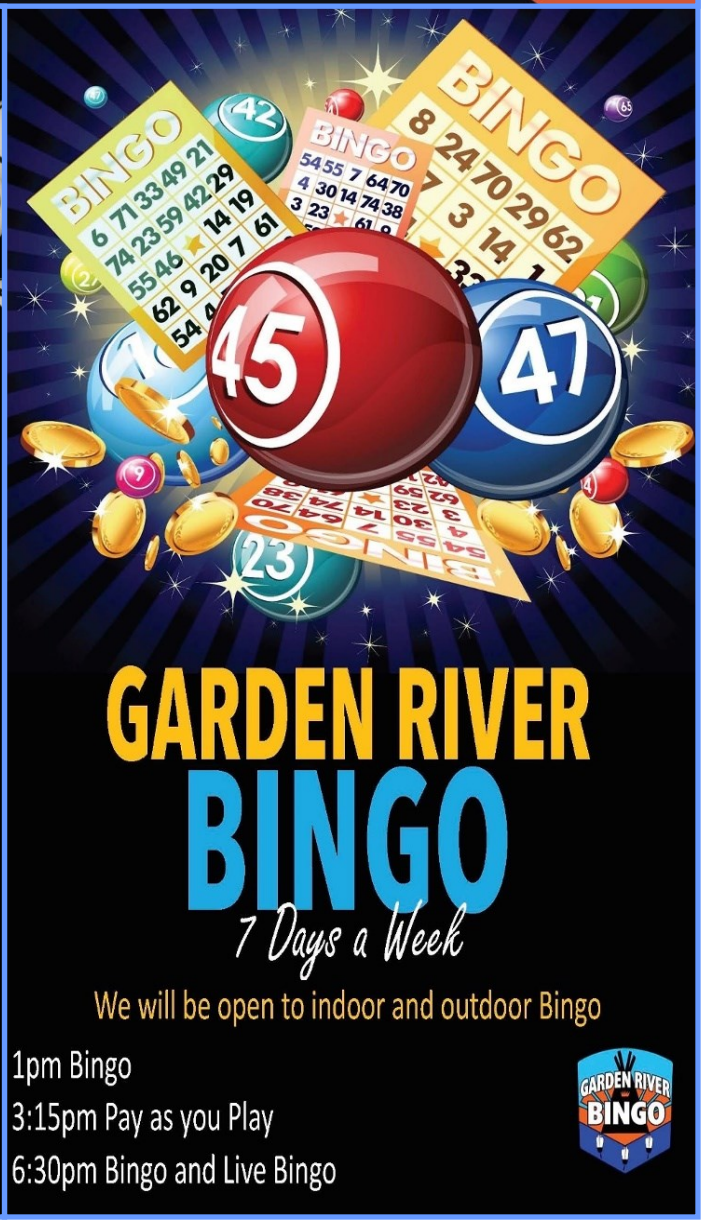
KM - Kelly Musgrove – kmusgrove@grcfs.ca/705-987-1645

Did You Know . . . As of December, 2021 there are 3185 total number of registered citizens with Garden River First Nation. This number includes all births and new registrants.

GRFN Bingo

Live Bingo
Every Night at 6:30pm
www.gardenriverbingo.com/live-bingo
Play in the comfort of your own home

GARDEN RIVER BINGO
CANTEEN MENU
11:30AM - 7PM DAILY
CHEESEBURGER
Fries/Soup $10 Poutine$12 ..... $8.00
CHICKEN FINGERS
Fries/Soup $10 Poutine $12 ..... $8.00
CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP
Fries/Soup $10 Poutine $12 ..... $8.00
SMALL FRENCH FRY $4.00
LARGE FRENCH FRY $6.00
SMALL POUTINE $6.00
LARGE POUTINE $8.00
ONION RINGS $5.00
BREADED RAVIOLI $5.00
SOUP MADE DAILY $4.00
20 Syrette Lake Road, Garden River, ON P6A 6Z3
(705) 253-8718 Ext. 226


GARDEN RIVER
BINGO
7 Days a Week
We will be open to indoor and outdoor Bingo
1pm Bingo
3:15pm Pay as you Play
6:30pm Bingo and Live Bingo

MARCH 18, 2022
MINI MONSTER

12:45PM
3 X$1000

1st Special, 2ND special, Teepee, Jackpot full cards worth $1000

FULL INDOOR CAPACITY

6:30PM LIVE
4 X $1000

ISET

Are you interested in Driver's Training?

YOUNG DRIVERS

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE –

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOU SPOT!!

When: March 5- 6, 2022 & March 12-13, 2022 (2 weekends)

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm (two 15-minute breaks and half an hour lunch)

Where: GRFN Recreation Centre Gymnasium

ISET Program REQUIREMENTS

- Garden River First Nation Band Member
- Experiencing a barrier to employment
- Unemployed/Underemployed

Must be 16 years +

CONTACT OUR TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION and to see if you're eligible for this training opportunity – Like us on Facebook at GRFN Employment and Skills Development

Lee Ann Gamble
Employment Counsellor
(705) 256-5413 Ext. 4
lgamble@gardenriver.org

Darryl Williams-Jones
Youth Employment Counsellor
(705) 256-5413 Ext. 3
dwilliams@gardenriver.org

Community

Aaniin der!!!

My name is Kimberly Pelletier. I am the Traditional Helper / Trainer at the Dan Pine Healing Lodge.

Please message me at kpelletier@grhc.ca if you want a March calendar. I have been out of the office for most of February but I should have that ready by Wednesday.

You can also add me on FB Kimberly Pelletier Sadidjiwegjig.

Dan Pine Healing Lodge History

Dan Pine Healing Lodge in Garden River was a vision that was 35 years in the making and built in 1992which was completed in 1993. The lodge is a place to "Bring the people together. Let them gather and they will know what to do." Dr. Daniel Erskine Pine, Shingwauk, 1900-1992.

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LEAP
LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Effective January 10, 2022 – To support Ontarians through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the OEB is once again temporarily increasing the flexibility of LEAP:
LEAP applicants no longer need to be in threat of disconnection or have been disconnected, but they still need to be in arrears and at or below the income thresholds
The limitation on receiving LEAP only once per year is waived, but the total amount received by a household may not exceed the maximum grant amount for the year
In addition, the maximum value of grant amounts this year is increased to $1,000 ($1,200 for customers with electrically-heated homes).

In order to qualify, your household income has to fall below a certain limit.
The amount of income it takes to qualify depends on two factors:
1) How many people live in the house 2) Your combined household income
For example, a home with four people and an annual after-tax income of $37,000 would be eligible for a LEAP Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) grant. This chart shows if you are eligible.

Household after tax income ($)	Number of people living in home						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Less than 28,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28,001 - 39,000			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39,001 - 48,000					✓	✓	✓
48,001 - 52,000							✓

For more information or to sign up contact Kristy Sayers Energy Advisor at 705-946-6300 Ext.241 or ksayers@gardenriver.org

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GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION
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CALL OUT FOR APPLICANTS

POW-WOW COMMITTEE MEMBER

***Garden River Members ***

Summary of Function:

The Garden River First Nation is seeking a representative to sit on the Garden River Pow-wow Committee.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Participate in all the planning and overall organizing of the pow-wow
- Participate as a volunteer to the committee
- Participate in the fundraising initiatives
- Ensure all safety measures are adhered to
- Ensure Code of Conduct of Garden River First Nation is followed

Qualifications and Assets

- Must have some knowledge and experience with pow-wows, traditions, language, and culture
- Experience with planning and organizing an event
- Knowledge of fundraising
- Knowledge of organizing a community event
- Candidate must be a Garden River First Nation Band Member
- Candidate must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be flexible and commit to attend meetings- 6-10 hours/per month (times may vary)

Interested applicants can email or drop off their resume and a letter of interest that will outline any previous experience and/or skills that would be beneficial for this committee by **March 11th, 2022.**
Please ensure **POW-WOW COMMITTEE 2022** is noted in the email or envelope.

Address the envelope **"CONFIDENTIAL"** and submit to:
Human Resources
Garden River First Nation
7 Shingwauk Street, Garden River, ON P6A 6Z8
Email: employment@gardenriver.org
Fax: 1-705-945-1415

Date Posted: March 1st, 2022

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

RE: Indian Day School Class Action Settlement

Deadline to submit claims for compensation is July 13th, 2022.

Background:
The Federal Court approved a nation-wide class settlement to compensate ***Survivor Class Members*** from harms suffered ***while attending an Indian Day School that was run by the Federal Government.*** This Class Action will be handled by the Law Firm Gowling WLG.

There are five levels of compensation based on the level of harms an individual experienced. To be eligible for this compensation you must have attended at least one of the identified Indian Day Schools listed on Schedule K during the time it was operated and/or controlled by the Federal Government. Please note the two Garden River Day schools are identified below as per schedule K.

Prov.	School Name	Name Variants	Opening Date	Closing or Transfer Date	Location	Religious Affiliation
ON	Garden River (AC)	Garden River Protestant	1868	Sept. 1, 1967	Garden River Indian Reserve	Anglican Church
ON	Garden River (RC)		1875	June 30, 1969	Garden River Indian Reserve	Roman Catholic

What Does this Mean for Class Members?
To get started, Survivors can complete the Claim Form available online at www.indiandayschools.com or can pick up printed claim packages at two locations:

1) Garden River First Nation Band Office (front desk)
2) Garden River Wellness Centre (front desk)

If you would like a copy dropped off or mailed, please contact **Selena Belleau** at the Wellness Centre by phone at 705-946-5710 ext. 267 or email sbelleau@grhc.ca to make arrangements.

Community Visits:
If you would like an appointment with Johnathan Whonnock, Resolution Cultural Health Support Worker or Ava Hill from Toronto Council Fire please contact Selena Belleau. They are able to assist our elders and community members who still may be looking for help to complete their forms and/or also help persons who can apply for a deceased family member. **You can schedule an appointment on March 9th and 10th (Wed. and Thurs.) and the week of March 14th-17th (Mon-Thurs.) Free of charge.**

What are the Next Steps?
The completed Claim Forms can be submitted to the Claims Administrator in the following ways:

To: Indian Day Schools Class Action Claims Administrator, c/o Deloitte

- **By Mail:** PO Box 1775, Toronto, ON, Canada, M5C 0A2, or
- **By Fax:** 416-366-1102, or
- **By Email:** indiandayschools@deloitte.ca

If you are applying as representative for a deceased family member, you will need to provide the following:

√ Forms filled out/all boxes to be checked accordingly
√ Letter of appointment as Administrators/Powers of Attorney
√ Death Certificate
√ Will/Approval of Will
√ Photo I.D of deceased or Sworn Declaration (as proof)
√ Signed by a witness

Legal and mental health supports available for Class Members:
After waiting many years for justice and recognition, the opening of the Claims Process is a major milestone in many Survivors' lives. To assist people in the process, a number of supports are available for Class Members:

- **Claims Process and legal support:** For any questions about the Claim Form or Claims Process, Survivors can call 1 (888) 221-2898. They will be given the option either to seek support from the Administrator on submitting a Claim, or legal support and help filling out the Claim Form from Class Counsel.
- **Mental health counselling and crisis support** is available to Class Members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Hope for Wellness Hotline at 1-855-242-3310 or online at www.hopeforwellness.ca. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut, on request.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Indian Day School Class Action Settlement you can visit the Indian Day School website at www.indiandayschools.com or call 1-844-539-3815.

Meegwetch,

Chief Andy Rickard

Did You Know . . . That Chief and Council have approved guidelines for being Chief and Council?

Onaabdin-giizis

Snowcrust moon

March 2022

Garden River First Nation
Mission Statement

In the spirit of our ancestors and our Treaty, we endeavour to conduct ourselves in a manner that is consistent with the Seven Grandfather Teachings given to us by the Creator. We envision a harmonious community that is built on mutual respect that maintains a healthy balance through prosperity and well-being. Through these actions we intend to create a self-sustaining community that fulfills the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all members.

N'bwaakaawin– Wisdom

Zaagidwin—Love

Mnaadendmowin– Respect

Aakdehewin—Bravery

Gwekwadziwin—Honesty

Dbaadendizin—Humility

Debwewin—Truth

Chief Andy Rickard	Community Trust, NSTC, Robinson Huron Treaty Trustee
Councilors	**Portfolio**
Tim Johns Jr.	Community Safety, Educational Programs, Infrastructure, Social Services
Darwin Belleau	Administration, Business, Infrastructure, Lands & Resources
Brandi Nolan	Administration, Business, KGPI, Lands & Resources, Nogdawindamin
Cindy Belleau-Jones	Business, Governance, Infrastructure, Membership, Nationhood, NSTC, APS
Dan Tice	Community Safety, Governance, Social Services, KGPI, Business
Trevor Solomon	Community Safety, Administration, Lands & Resources
Chris Thibodeau	Business, Lands & Resources, Social Services
Tyler Pine	Education, Governance, Nationhood
Kassidy Armstrong	Community Safety, Governance, Indigenous Women Anti-Violence Task Force, Nationhood
Chester Langille	Community Safety, Education, Nationhood
Albert Williams	Administration, Infrastructure, Social Service
Karen Bell	Educational Programs, Infrastructure, Nationhood, Environmental Committee

April 2022 Newsletter Submission Deadline: March 25, 2022

Garden River First Nation Community Newsletter Contact Information

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Resource Centre Coordinator
Garden River Education/Recreation Centre
48 Syrette Lake Road
Garden River, ON P6A 7A1

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