

## **Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin School Board Report**

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### **Federal Impact Aid Application Assistance**

In January, Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin assisted in compiling data for the Federal Impact Aid Application. This process involved reviewing student records to identify students of Native American descent living on federal lands.

### **Ice Fishing Field Trip (January 9, 2025)**

Andrew Jackson's class participated in an ice fishing trip to Little Bowstring Lake, where students tested the decoys they had created in class. Seven students attended, and Toddie Wilson joined as a volunteer community expert, providing additional guidance and hands-on learning opportunities. The trip was a success, offering students both practical experience and cultural connection.

### **Lacrosse Program Continues**

The traditional lacrosse program maintained consistent practice sessions throughout January, keeping students engaged and reinforcing cultural connections through sport. The program continues to meet its goal of student involvement and participation.

### **Science Museum Field Trip (January 25, 2025)**

Andrew Jackson accompanied students on a field trip to the Science Museum, funded by the Blandin Grant. The trip included attendance at two Omni Max educational movies, followed by a meal at Benihana. A total of 28 students and 6 chaperones participated, making it a well-attended and enriching experience. Students traveled via charter bus, allowing for a comfortable and smooth trip.

### **MTSS Conference (Nashville, TN)**

The Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin Coordinator attended a conference on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) using the Character Strong Framework in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference provided valuable strategies that can benefit the district, particularly at the high school level. Some of these practices have already begun to be implemented to strengthen the school's MTSS framework and support student success.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Native American Heritage Night (February 11, 2025)**  
Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin will host Native American Heritage Night, featuring a meal provided to Deer River players courtesy of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Jim Michaud. The Leech Lake Honor Guard will present the colors, the Ogitchidaag

drummers will sing the flag song, and a traditional wooden stick lacrosse exposition will take place.

- **Bismarck Round Dance Trip (February 22, 2025)**

The school board previously approved the Drum and Dance Team's trip to Bismarck for a Round Dance. Hotel reservations have been made, and preparations are underway to ensure a successful trip.

- **9th Annual Ogitchiidaag Round Dance (March 1, 2025)**

The Ogitchiidaag Club will host its 9th annual Round Dance, the most well-attended event of the year. This community social event is open to all, and school board members are invited to attend.