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NBISIING SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - April & May 2011

APRIL UPDATES

- April 4th** The **Aboriginal Mentorship Initiative** with the leadership of O.P.P. Sergeant George Couchie provides for several of our senior students the opportunity to participate and gain knowledge of policing and fire management practices. Some of the excursions featured for the students to attend are policing, fire services, emergency management, corrections, and the Ontario Police College. Miigwech, to Sergeant Couchie for his dedication and service to our youth.
- April 9th** We're almost ready to take flight! The **YMCA Trip Fundraiser** and Indian Taco Dinner was a great success. To everyone who generously participated in supporting this fun event, Chi Miigwech. The winners of the draw prizes were: June Commanda – Air Hockey Table and Wooden Deacon's Bench; May Bob – Beaded Vest; Donna McLeod – Inflatable Basketball; and Raven Pretty – Easter Basket.
- April 16th** The North Bay Indian Friendship Centre has invited the students here at Nbisiing to attend an evening Sweat. Contact Alex Armstrong at Nbisiing for further details.

UPCOMING APRIL & MAY EVENTS

- April 18th** The "**Iron Chef**" competition that was held at Northgate Mall, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. was attended by our Hospitality student Tia Mackey. Tia and other competitors from high schools within the area cooked up a storm! Some of our students and staff were there to cheer and offer support to Tia's culinary expertise. Way to go Tia!!
- April 18th** As part of the **Aboriginal Mentorship Initiative**, 12 of our senior students along with O.P.P. Sergeant George Couchie went to tour the Fire Services, Ontario Fire College, in Gravenhurst.

April 20th The grade 9 and 10 students attended Memorial Gardens where **Explore the Trades** provided an opportunity for students to visit and explore unlimited career possibilities for their future career consideration.

April 21st **EARTH DAY at Nbsiing Secondary** will honour Mother Earth having students and staff alike getting outdoors in the fresh air to clean-up our natural environment.

EASTER HOLIDAYS



April 22, 2011 to April 25, 2011



Back to school



on Tuesday April 26, 2011

April 26th Staff and students of the Drama and Music courses will be visiting the **Capitol Centre** to have a “behind the scenes” tour which includes the operation of the sound and lighting systems, and overall backstage environment.

April 27th You are invited to **Parent’s Night and Free Barbecue Supper**. Included free with the meal are student **Mid-Term Reports** for all to digest with GUSTO!!

April 28th Once again, **Nbsiing Secondary School** in partnership with the North Bay Indian Friendship Centre will provide an evening Sweat in conjunction with programming at NBIFC and the Grade 11 Native Studies Program.

May 1st Departure date for the **YMCA Youth Exchange Program**; they leave at 4:45 a.m. We wish them all a safe journey and enjoyment while they are away visiting Indian Brook, Nova Scotia. They will be returning home on May 7th.

- May 6th** Several of our students will be attending “**Kendasswin Day**”, Aboriginal Day at Canadore College. Our students will have the opportunity to meet with an Elder who will share teachings about nature and further enjoy an outdoors traditional meal.
- May 12th** **Culinary Boot Camp** at Canadore College will be attended by 24 Nbisiing students. Not only are the students taught how to prepare a complete meal using state-of-the-art kitchen equipment, but after much chopping, mixing, and sweating over a hot stove, they also get to enjoy eating their delicious culinary creations. Culinary Boot Camp is sponsored by the Nipissing Parry Sound Regional Planning Team, “**School College Work Initiative.**”
- May 22nd** **Nbisiing Secondary** will be hosting the students of the YMCA Youth Exchange from Indian Brook, Nova Scotia.
- May 25th Our annual **Feast of the Drum** Ceremony.

NBISIING TIDBITS AND NUGGETS

Students are having a **Penny Drive Challenge** until May 29th in which they are collecting for the Japan Relief Fund. The school Wiigwaams, Shkode Gekek, Giimaa Clan, Thunder Chiefs, and Nish Lightning have been earnestly bringing in their hard-earned pennies and other coins (toonies and loonies) to raise dollars for this urgent need. Everyone’s generosity is appreciated. Chi Miigwech.

Nbisiing’s Hospitality Class under the tutelage of Mrs. Lily Armstrong is offering affordable and delicious homemade lunches to all students, staff and the general public. Hours of business: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

A Little Thought to Ponder: “It’s nice to be important, but it’s important to be nice.”

A gentle Reminder to visit our Web Site at: <http://www.nbisiing.ca> for more detailed school events.