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Like every battle we go into, we start with an honour song. Nanaskomin Mr Cardinal to help us start off in a good way.

MR. JORDEN THIESSEN APPOINTED PRINCIPAL OF THE FIRST NATION DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE

Kapawe'no Cree Nation - Kapawe'no Nehiyahk Life Long Learning is advancing rapidly and with the recent formation and launch of the First Nation Distance Learning Centre, we have made an addition to our Executive Management Team, through the appointment of Mr Jordan Thiessen, to the position of Principal at the First Nation Distance Learning Centre. Jordan joined our team earlier this year as Assistant-Principal and grade 6/7 teacher of Kapawe'no First Nation School and did an amazing job working with our students.

He is no stranger to working in the realm of high tech education as he has had numerous experiences in the past that paved his way to our school system. Growing up in Northern Alberta, (High Level) Jordan gained great knowledge from the his friends and Elders in his community that helped him to realize his passion for teaching.

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(L-R) Mr Boh Kubrakovich-Kiniw, Mr Cory Cardinal Sr, Mr Jordan Thiessen and Mr Bryan Richardson

Brothers enjoying time on the ice together and participating in athletics



Kapawe'no First Nation - At Kapawe'no Nēhiyahk School we believe in our students and our families attending our schools and the great accomplishments that they do. The McLeod brothers, Gabriel and Benny reside just steps from Kapawe'no First Nation School which is located near the beautiful Buffalo Bay of Slave Lake.

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FEBRUARY IS LEARN TO READ MONTH



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KAPAWE'NO
FIRST NATION SCHOOL

February is

**LEARN
TO READ
MONTH**



*"Once you learn to read,
you will be forever free."*

- Frederick Douglass



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Education Assistants taking steps to be certified in Level One and Two



The Education Assistant program started earlier this year focusing on the level one and two accredited certification.

The staff who are working at KFN Nēhiyahk School are participating in the program helping with planning, lateral kindness, student and teacher support tools, course support and development and many other great learning ways to help with daily tasks at hand.



Mr. Jordan Thiessen appointed Principal of the First Nation Distance Learning Centre ... from page 1

The last 6 years has seen Mr. Thiessen undertake a variety of assignments at an alternative school in Stony Plain. His background in creating innovative learning through the use of research based teaching practices, fits readily into the model of Kapawe'no First Nation's Life Long Learning way. He is passionate about doing education in new and better ways. He loves sports and is very excited to be a part of such a cutting edge system such as the one at the newly formed First Nation Distance Learning Centre.

Kapawe'no First Nation - the Elders Knowledge Council gathered for their regular meeting on Life Long Learning (LLL) to discuss creating terms of reference for the council, expanding LLL and knowledge within the nation, presentation by Senator Sol Sanderson on sovereign steps to life long learning and next steps on the K-12 School, FNDLC and the new Kapawe'no Collage.



From Our Hearts to Yours, Happy Valentines Day!



The canopy of tomorrow should never be shadowed by the rising sun of today.

Bryan Richardson

Olympian Long Jumper, Brian Thomas joins the KFN School Team



Understandably, a great school needs a great staff and Kapawe'no Nation continue to add to the list of A List staff coming to work in their school authority. Olympian Brian Thomas is the newest addition to the KFN School Authority staff. Affectionately nick-named Muskwa (Black Bear) this Olympic long jumper, has already had an amazing impact on the school's Quality Daily Physical Education program.

"He's amazing and has tons of knowledge in fitness, growth, and development," commented one student. Another stated, "his experience at the highest level possible, is a model for every student at our school and we love how intense and motivating he is." The students love their new gym teacher and he has an amazing way with kids, kind, caring and gentle. He brings out the best in our students, said Bryan Richardson, Education Director.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on the ceded territory of our Anishnabeg, Chippewa and Haudenosaunee people; he is the First Canadian born long jumper to jump over eight meters. Notably Brian became an Internet sensation when he fund raised by launching at full run to completely jump over his brother's Honda Civic. Brian last competed at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia representing Canada.

He graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education/Human performance. He is a three time All-American in the area of Track and Field. He is a bronze medalist at the Canadian championship which qualified him to represent Canada at the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta. Between the year's 1990-1996 he was ranked #1 long jumper in Canada. His personal best long jump is a resounding 8 meters 32 centimeters.

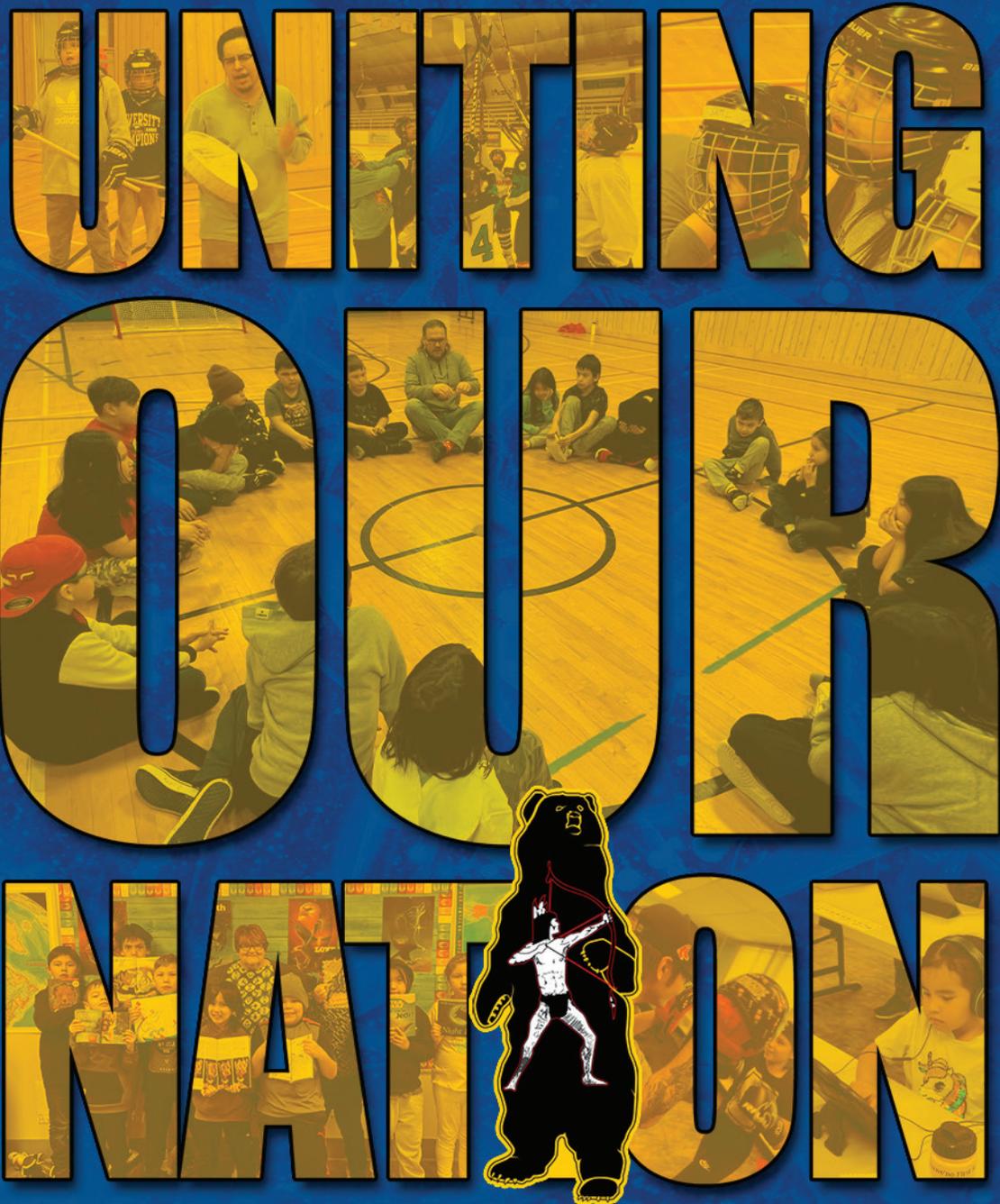
Having taught all over the world, he brings a worldly knowledge. Some places Mr. Thomas has been to are South Korea, the Palm Beach district school board in Florida where he coached track, baseball and soccer. He taught in Trinidad and Grenada both located in the West Indies, returning to Canada the last five years to teach at Columbus Academy and worked part time as a youth counselor at several group homes in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain.

"I am excited given the opportunity to showcase my athletic and interpersonal skills with the students and staff at Kapawe'no First Nation School", indicated Mr Thomas, A.K.A "Muskwa" the Olympian long jumper. Miyo kisikansihk kakiyaw!



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Asamak (Snowshoe) Club breaking trails at KFN territory

While in and around Kapawe'no First Nation and it's territory the Asamak (Snowshoe) club was out breaking trail for the obstacle course being built by the ODR. A great outing on the land for the students today. They managed to see Chief Syd Halcrow and Councillor Debbie Chalifoux before heading out on the trail.



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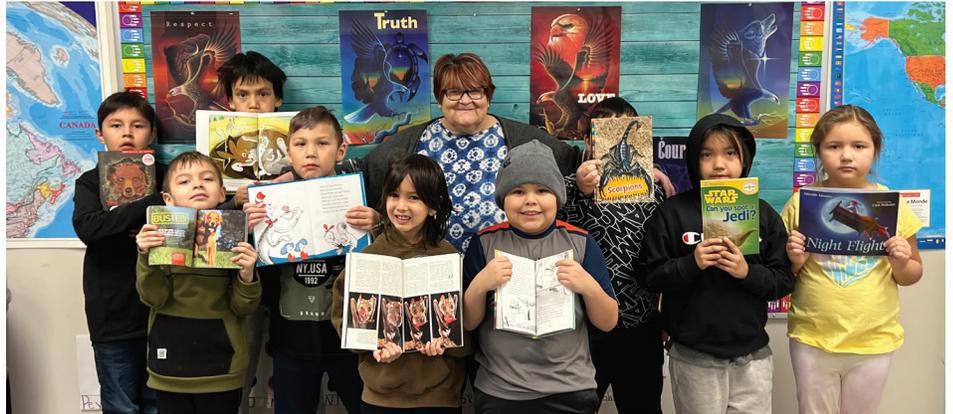
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February is Learn to Read Month

At our Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinhamâtowikamik (School) we are promoting and celebrating the hard work of our students with reading month. We pride ourself with the highest academic studies and support for our students.

Our teachers and their assistants work hard to assure our students receive the highest form of life long learning and achieve success. Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinhamâtowikamik (School) has a reading program everyday. Mikisiw Pisim (February) is the month of reading which excels our reading program. Everyday our students get a chance to read books in class. Hats off and Nanaskomintin to our great students for challenging us to stay consistent on our commitment to excellence at our Kiskinhamâtowikamik. Amazing to see our talented students reading!



KFN School promotes our Law teachings and outdoor activities



At our Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinhamâtowikamik (School) we continue to promote our LAW teachings and outdoor activities. Our Asamak (snowshoe) club was out (Nisto kisikaw - Wednesday) during lunch hour making tracks in the snow and having fun. "This is a amazing view of the bay from here", said one of our young students. Hats off to our students who enjoyed the weather today.



SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN SEVEN PRIORITY AREAS



IDENTITY

CULTURE AND OUR CREE LANGUAGE



LEARNING OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

SUCCESS

FOR EVERY CHILD



CROSS-GENERATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



RESILIENT

PEOPLE AND NATION

BALANCE

OF TECHNOLOGY



EMPLOYED AND SELF-RELIANT MEMBERS



Immersion throughout the day in learning Nēhinawēwin

Kapawe'no First Nation - Every morning in studio, on the bus to hockey and immersion throughout the day our learning of our Nēhinawēwin within our Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinahamâtowikamik. Mikisiw Pisim Tipakohp isko Mitahtaht - February 14th - 17th

- Tansi - hello
- Tansi kiya - how are you
- Namoya Nantow - I am fine
- Ekwa Kiya - And you
- Namoyah nantow nista - I am fine too
- Ekosi maka - until next time
- Miyo kisikansihk kakiyaw - have a nice day everyone

Tipahikan - Time of day

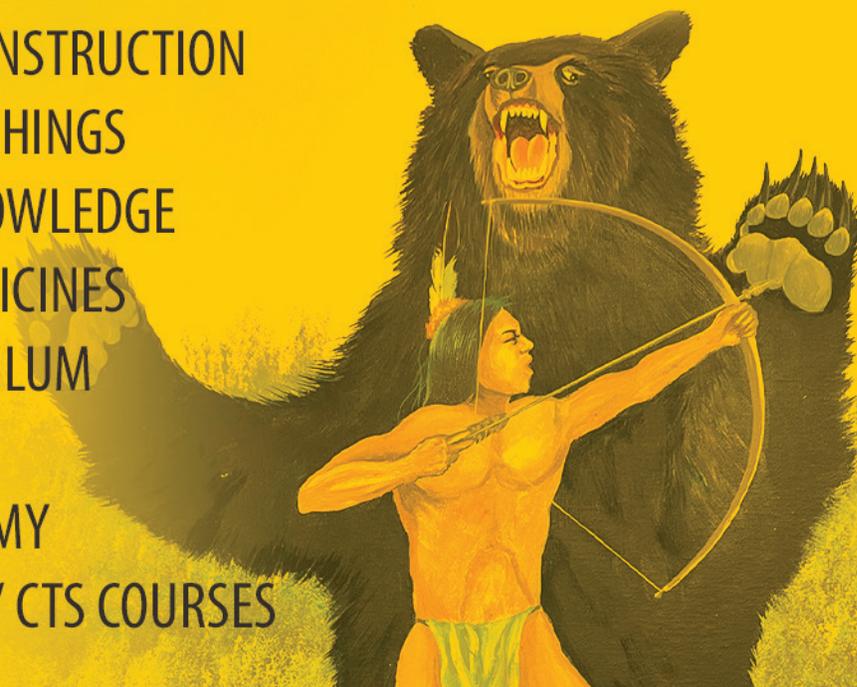
- Wanakwan - it is dusk
- Wapan - it is dawn

- Kisikaw - it is day
- Wapahki - tomorrow
- Kiksip - this past morning
- Kiksipayaw - its is morning
- Apihta kisikaw - it is noon
- Otakosin - it is evening
- Tipiskaw - it is night
- Otahkosik - yesterday
- Pon apihtatipiskaw - after midnight
- Tipiskohk - last night
- Tipiskaki - tonight



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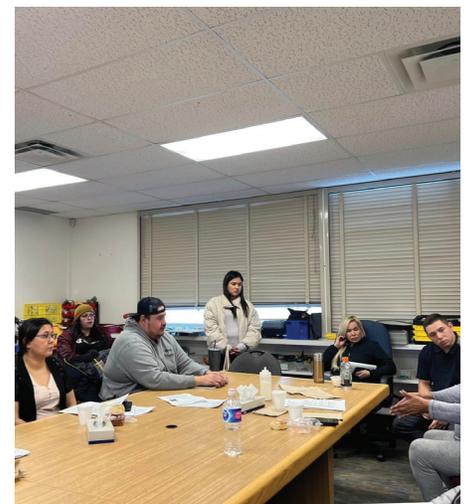
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Elder Knowledge Council inspires through Life Long Learning



Kapawe'no First Nation - Our Elder Knowledge Council has been in incredible since forming. Their support and unconditional love for life long learning inspires us all. Hands together for greatness to our Keepers. Nanaskomin and thank you.





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Sports Academy continue to promote values of working hard, learning hard and having fun

At Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinhamâtowikamik Sports Academy we pride ourselves of working hard, learning hard and of course just having fun. We believe in our students and their talents are amazing! Mr Sam Kachuk and his helpers continue to work hard with the students. It was a great and active day in Kapawe'no.



Lacrosse program through our Sports Academy is seeing baby steps in development

Our Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinhamâtowikamik (School) Lacrosse program through our Sports Academy is seeing baby steps in development. The sound of the drum has inspired our players and prepared them for battle today.

Our players worked on cradling, picking up the ball, shooting and just having fun! Hats off to our coaches today; Mr Brian Thomas, Mr Dustin Chalifoux, Mr Cory Cardinal Jr and Mr Boh Kubrakovich-Kiniw.



Brothers enjoying time on the ice together and participating in athletics *from page 1*

Every morning Gabriel and Benny will ask their teachers what the day unfolding involves. Strong students who believe in the value of sport they want to know what the day unfolding will be for the school's academic Sports Academy. Is it archery? Is it boxing? Do we get lacrosse today? Are we doing hockey or snow shoeing today? "All good questions," states Mr. Boh Kubrakovich, Superintendent of Schools. "I admire these boys and how involved they are in the process of their schooling. It's great to see at such a young age!"

Benny has participated in every academy sport and he has also included his participation in Mr Cardinal's morning drum group with the students during the Nehiyawewin instruction period. We will also catch



him saying words in Nehiyawewin in Mrs. Grey's class every day. His older brother Gabriel is also one of the students who plays them. His ability for athletics is certainly strong along side his academics which is as important. He's in Mr Thiessen's class and you will find him opening up Nehiyawewin with the opening prayer and speaking during the words of the week.

It was only weeks ago on-ice they were using skating aids by both players; now you can't stop them with control and skating the circles. Both brothers are an inspiration to many and us at KFN School. Keep up the great work Gabriel and Benny and Nanaskomin for inspiring that 'Athletics is the second part of Academics' at Kapawe'no Nêhiyahk School.

Honor song played opening Mikisiw (Great Eagle Month) at KFN

At our Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk School we opened the great eagle month - Mikisiw and like every battle we go into with an honour song.

Nanaskomin Mr Cardinal to help us start off in a good way. Students worked hard today learning cradling, scooping the ball in motion and running / cradling. Growth in numbers and excitement from our students continue.



Watch the video on Facebook by scanning this QR Code



KFN School Sports Academy is proud to officially launch the youth boxing program

Kapawe'no First Nation - The Kapawe'no First Nation School Sports Academy is proud to officially launch the youth boxing program through the Sports Academy. Everyday under the guidance of Mr Sam Kachuk, who is also one of our Education Assistants have started the daily workouts with our students.

Mr Kachuk is blessed with two other instructors / teachers Mr Brian Thomas and Mr Jordan Thiessen to assist him. The main program for our older grade

students is during the afternoon block on both Tuesday and Thursday along with Wednesday and Friday lunch hour program with our younger students. Hats off to our instructors and students!



KFN School is proud of you!

At Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinahamâtowikamik (School) we are celebrating the success of our Custodian Joseph Chalifoux; we are proud of your nomination and appreciate you and your staff's hard work and dedication!



Sports Academy is proud to continue its development on and off the ice with hockey

The Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinhamâtowikamik (School) Sports Academy is proud to continue its development on and off the ice with hockey. 'Building athletes who strives in academics and sport is what we are about'.

We continue to learn Nēhinawēwin to the rink and academics on the way back to school not missing a beat with school work. "Sport is truly the second half of academics. It has been great watching our talented Nehiyawahk prosper and advance with their skating and drive to learn", Boh Kubrakovich-Kiniw, Director Sports Academy. This is what it's all about! Ekosi Hiy Hiy.



Creo Willier inspires students through boxing

The Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinahamâtowikamik (School) is proud to add boxing to the Sports Academy giving students opportunities to excel in such a sport. Our lead for boxing academy Mr Sam Kachuk invited Creo Willier to help out at the school Friday February 3rd, he is a amateur boxer, with 11 fights.

He trains out of slave lake boxing club with the very honourable Coach Lee tanghe. He is a positive role model for all the children as he is a hard worker and a family man and puts god first in everything. Born and raised in the neighbouring Sucker Creek First Nation he is a blessing to have come help the children here at KFNS. He even gave a speech about how boxing has changed his life and kept him on the right



path and out of trouble.

His message to the youth was stay healthy and stay in shape, boxing is not only a combat sport

but a outlet for anybody to help themselves better their lives. His father is Carl Willier and his mother is Valerie Flett-Willier. Whom should be very proud they raised such a great man.

Amazing steps to our 'students first approach' in Life Long Learning at Kapawe'no with off-ice training



Kapawe'no First Nation - An amazing step forward with our Kapawe'no Nehiyawahk Kiskinahamâtowikamik (School) Sports Academy introducing off-ice training.

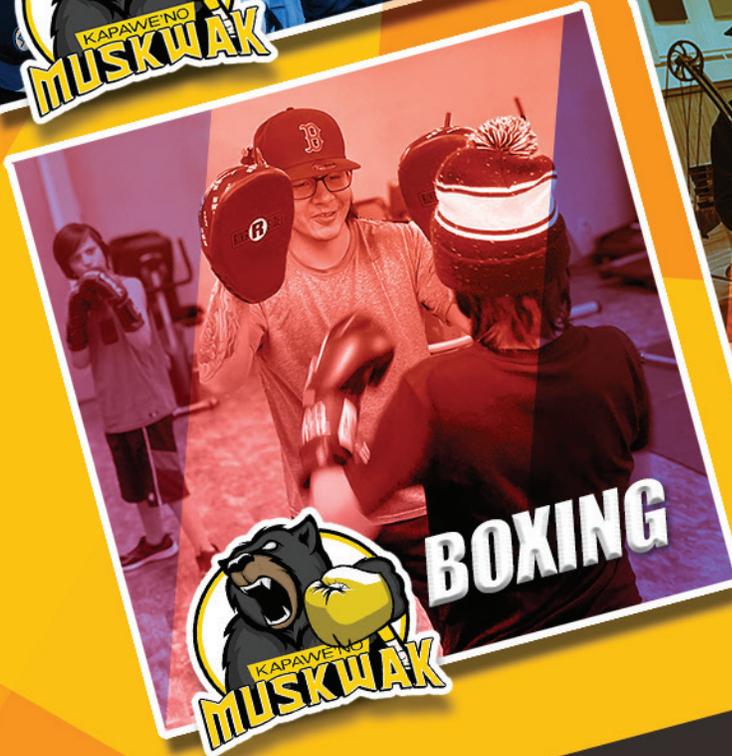
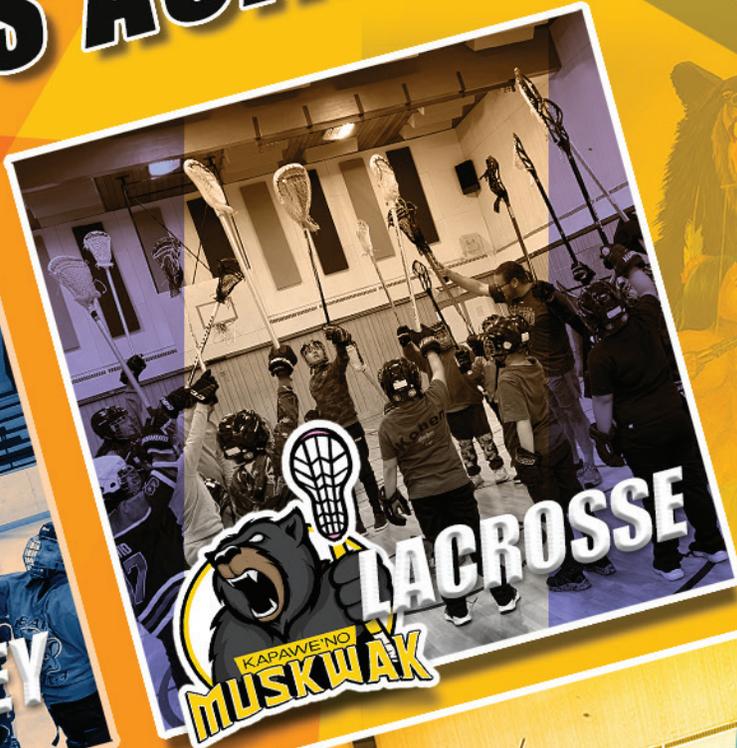
As much known, our afternoons are full with academics through athletics along with a lot of just having fun. Amazing steps to our 'students first approach' in life long learning at Kapawe'no! The first part of the off-ice session started with a beautiful sharing circle with the students sharing the Seven Sacred Nehiyawahk Laws and who they are as successful Muskwak. Amazing! Hats off to our students, amazing work along with our coaches; Mr Brian Thomas, Mr Dustin Chalifoux, Mr Cory Cardinal Jr and Mr Boh Kubrakovich-Kiniw.



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