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# Education

## *From the desk of the Director of Education*

### **Boozhoo Everyone:**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Andy Graham and I am the Director of Education for Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation. I am very excited to be part of such an amazing team here in the community. I have been working in Education for over 30 years and, until recently, was Director of Education for Bimose Tribal Council. While working at Bimose Tribal Council, I developed a close connection with the community and was very pleased to be selected as Director of Education. I look forward to implementing the vision of the First Nation for life-long learning.

As you may be aware, the Education department has expanded over the past few months. This is largely due to the successful proposals that we have submitted for new program funding. Through the Ontario Ministry of Education, the community has been able to access additional program funding. Under the Early Years Initiative, the First Nation has received a one-year funding agreement to implement a program for children ages 0-6 and their families that will focus on enhancing language learning and traditional teachings. We also received funding for one year under the Indigenous Language Initiative to run similar programming for youth from JK to Grade 12. This program also provides funding for weekly family language classes. We are still awaiting word from Indigenous Services Canada on other proposals and initiatives.

Over the next few months, the Education Department will be working on the development of a 4 Year Education Strategic Plan. The development of this plan will involve community discussion so that we can get solid feedback and direction from the membership. The first step in the process involves a survey that will be sent out to all community members. We hope to receive valuable input so that we can begin to develop the overall objectives and outcome for our programs and plan.

If you need to contact me, please feel free to call me at the Band Office at extension 261 or by email at: [andygraham@tbaytel.net](mailto:andygraham@tbaytel.net). **Miigwetch, Andy**

*For More Information:*



The Education Department is pleased to introduce >>>

# The Traditional Early Years Program

- Land-based programming designed for LDMLFN members and their families with a child/children 0-6 years of age
- Participate in traditional Anishnaabe indoor and outdoor activities at a variety of locations within LDMLFN territory
- Programming will be designed based on interest and ability of participants to live, learn and share in the beauty of our Indigenous culture
- Food, transportation, and accommodations provided

## **TYEP Information Event – Come out and meet the Team:**

- Tuesday, June 12, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Maple Tops Activity Centre, 24 Court Street South
- Fun for all ages, food, refreshments, and a door prize!



## **For more information:**

Pls contact Dawn Aho  
Traditional Early Years  
Programmer (TEY) at  
[dawnaho@tbaytel.net](mailto:dawnaho@tbaytel.net).



## **Caregiver Circles**

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to attend these circles. Held monthly, the Caregiver Circle is a time of sharing and reflection about parenting and nurturing a child.

If you are interested in participating, please call Rikka at (807) 622-9835 Ext. 232 for more information.

**FRIENDLY FAMILY FUN!!!**

## **Language Bowl**



**EACH TEAM MUST HAVE AT  
LEAST ONE STUDENT ON THEIR  
TEAM!**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A  
STUDENT LIVING IN YOUR  
HOUSEHOLD... a NIECE,  
NEPHEW, OR GRANDCHILD (who  
is a student) still works!**

**PRIZES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>  
PLACE WINNERS!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
Rikka at 807-622-9835 Ext. 232  
or email [rikkaberkan@tbaytel.net](mailto:rikkaberkan@tbaytel.net)  
MIIGWETCH!**

# EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATIONS:

*Call for Grade 8 and Grade 12 Graduates and Call for Bimose Student Recognition Award Nominees.*

## **LDMLFN – Casino Rama Elementary and Secondary Graduation Awards:**

The Casino Rama graduation awards are given to LDMLFN band and community members that successfully complete Grades 8 and 12.

- Grade 8 students are eligible to receive \$150.00
- Grade 12 students \$350.00

If you know of a student who is graduating Elementary or Secondary school in June 2018, please see info below on how to nominate them for an award.

**In addition, Grade 12 graduates will receive an additional Bimose OSSD Graduate award in the amount of \$50 and a plaque.**

## **Bimose Student Recognition Awards:**

*Deadline: June 7, 2018*  
LDMLFN Elementary and Secondary students (JK-Grade 12) can be nominated for the following awards:

- Best Achiever Elementary
- Most Improved Elementary
- Best Achiever Secondary
- Most Improved Secondary
- Anishinaabe Role Model Elementary
- Anishinaabe Role Model Secondary

One student will be selected for each category and each student is limited to one Bimose Student Recognition Award. Bimose Award winners will receive \$50 and a plaque.



**Q:** *How do I nominate a student?*

**A:** To nominate a student, please write a short paragraph stating why you are nominating the individual for an award. Additional documentation such as school report cards, awards, etc. will assist in the selection process. Please forward the nomination along with any supporting documentation to Rikka Berkan by email: [rikkaberkan@tbaytel.net](mailto:rikkaberkan@tbaytel.net) or send to LDMLFN, 1100 Memorial Ave, Suite 328, Thunder Bay, ON. P7B 4A3



## *Well Done Students!*

*It's that time of year again and soon our youth will be done with their studies and off for the summer! LDMLFN would like to take this opportunity to say "well done" to our children and youth! Please find information regarding two separate Education Awards that are available through our First Nation and Bimose Tribal Council which recognize the achievements of our Elementary and Secondary students.*

## **Student Summer Jobs**

We have received funding for 3 Summer Student positions in the Education Department. If you are a returning high school or post-secondary student (15-30) and interested in applying, please check out the job posting at <http://lacdesmillelacsfirstnation.ca/pages/view/employment-opportunities>



# Education Department

## Summer Calendar



Lac des Mille Lacs  
First Nation  
EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

# LOGO CONTEST

*As the Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Education department grows, it is important to present a positive image to the community at large. We need your help to do that!!*

*LDMLFN Community Artists and Graphic Designers are invited to produce a logo and enter it into the contest.*

*Logos must be able to be reproduced digitally and reflect our Department's commitment to educate our children in our ways, our knowledge and our teachings.*

**Entry deadline:  
June 30, 2018**

Prize for winning Entry:  
Apple Watch or iPad

*Please contact the Education office at 807-622-9835 ext. 232 for more information.*

### June 12

Traditional Early Years  
Information Event  
Maple Tops Activity Centre  
24 Court St South  
(4:00 – 7:00 pm)  
Fun for all ages, food,  
refreshments, and door  
prize!

### June 16

LDMLFN Pow Wow  
Education Tent  
**Science North** will join us  
for a day of Science  
Activities for the kids.  
Plenty to see and do!

### June 17

LDMLFN Pow Wow  
Education Tent  
**Family Language Bowl**  
Drop in with your family.  
Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
place Teams.

### June 16-17

LDMLFN Pow Wow  
**Education Tent**  
Come meet the Team!  
Learn more about the  
TYEP, CEP, and other  
programs.  
Crafts and prizes for the  
kids!

### July & August TBD

Traditional Early Years  
Program Activities

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Language Activities  
LDMLFN Band Office

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Caregiver's Circle  
LDMLFN Band Office

**For updates please  
check our website**

<http://lacdesmillelacsfirstnation.ca>