



Anishnaabe Kwewag Gamig Inc.



Follow up from October 4th—Honouring Women and Spirit Event.

AKG is happy to share this event was a success. We enjoyed seeing everyone and their smiling faces. AKG invited Knowledge holder, Kim Muskratt to bead with us. The community enjoyed creating a MMIWG2S Pin to wear. AKG would say Miigwetch to Kim for sharing her gifts with the community, and to the community for sharing all the laughs and conversation, but also Kathie Samis for making us a loving meal. AKG Staff spoke briefly about Honouring MMIWG2S but also empowering one another, leading your daughters, supporting your sisters and showing love & kindness for one another.

Honour Women and Spirit

Comments from the evaluations

- I enjoyed the conversation & teachings from Kim Muskratt. Chi miigwetch for all the gifts not just the door prizes and center pieces.
- Enjoyed the fellowship, craft & food. Equally wonderful.
- The atmosphere was friendly and welcoming. There was a good time by all.
- Laughter, Friendship, and Learning to bead.



Chippewas of Rama First Nation Health Fair

Staff attend Chippewas of Rama First Nation Health Fair on October 13, 2022. It was great to connect to the students from Mnjikaning Kendaaswin Elementary School and community members. Staff had the opportunity to network with their Health Team. Chi Miigwetch!



Anishnaabe Kwewag Gamig Inc.'s Fundraising Updates

Anishnaabe Kwewag Gamig Inc. would like to say Chi Miigwetch to everyone for their support with the Every Child Matters Fundraiser. We would like to say a special Miigwetch to Trail's End, Dream Catcher Convenience, Medicine Wheel, and The Squishy Goose for selling Raffle tickets for the Every Child Matter Draw. Justin's Pet Store and Danas by Tasha for fundraising Bandanas.

We extend a heartfelt Miigwetch to the individuals who purchased the Every Child Matters items. Anishnaabe Kwewag Gamig Inc. would like to share that we appreciate the your efforts to support the Shelter.



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Tips for Speaking with Kids About Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a significant day in the world's history. And with fewer survivors from the World Wars every year, it's even more important to remember the sacrifices people and communities made for us. Teaching those coming up about the importance of Remembrance Day will keep the memories of these soldiers and brave individuals alive now and into the future. Honouring Indigenous veterans is also an act of reconciliation, as many Indigenous veterans did not receive benefits or the same recognition from the government and mainstream society as non-Indigenous veterans returning from the Wars. Obviously, considering the graphic nature of war, it's also important to teach kids, for whom war is not an everyday reality, about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way.

Choose the Content You Discuss Wisely

The age of your child will ultimately dictate how you discuss the day. Younger children may be interested in why people wear the poppy for instance. It can be explained that wearing our poppy pays tribute to those who gave their lives because poppies grew on the battlefields, especially on the Western Front, before and after WW1. You can explain that it's worn on the left breast because it's closest to our heart.

Older children will likely have more questions about the history of the great wars and other present-day conflicts, such as issues they are seeing on the news and in social media like the war in Ukraine. Older children and teens have much more access to information in our age of technology, so open communication is more important than ever, so that they feel safe asking their adults important questions.

Have a discussion about the often-overlooked contributions of women, Indigenous Peoples, and other POC's who played an active role in the war efforts.

Talking about Family or Community History

Another great way to approach the day is to focus on a family or community connection. Speak with children about family members affected by the wars. Tell them what you know and where these family members travelled to. If you have pictures share them. You may even have a neighbour who served.

In Alderville you can even join in for the walk and the speaking event at the monument. You can discuss the history behind, *The Alderville War Monument*, originally built to honour the 33 Alderville men who enlisted for service during the Great War, including the 9 men who gave their lives. It now commemorates contributions made by this community during war and peacetime.

Watch Documentaries

This activity is perhaps best suited for older kids, but provide vast amounts of information that can springboard conversations. *Forgotten Warriors* is a short documentary which profiles Indigenous veterans from Canada who were denied equality after risking their lives in World War II.

Have a Conversation

One of the most effective and simplest ways to help children to learn more about the day is just to set aside some time to talk about the day and answer their questions.

Miigwetch to all those who serve.



Wrapped in Courage campaign brings attention to violence against women in Ontario. Throughout the month of November we encourage wearing a purple scarf to show support to survivors of abuse. The purple scarf is a symbol of the courage it takes to seek support and safety from violence.

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