

March 23, 2023 – Onaabani-giizis (Hard Crust on the Snow Moon)

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Boozhoo Oshki Families!

Welcome Spring ! I hope Spring arrives to Grand Portage soon ! When OPCS staff and students return to school from Spring Break and the time is right, we will be tapping some Sugar Maple trees at Wabaan. If parents would like to help us on one or more of these days, we would certainly appreciate the help! We can use extra eyes, ears and hands to help. Let Ms. Jeana, Ms. Clearwater or Ms. Carmen know if you are interested so we can let you know when and what we need.

It is also very important to make sure your student comes to school with the proper outdoor gear every day. When going to Wabaan they continue to need a warm coat, boots, snow pants, hat and mittens. It is often muddy up there and tennis shoes are not acceptable. Thank you for supporting us in this!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24 No School Staff In Service

March 27-31 No School Spring Break

April 3 School Resumes!

April 7 No School Good Friday

April 10 No School Staff In Service

Our Breakfast and Lunch Menu is posted on our website www.oshkiogimaag.org

Job Openings: We have the following Openings at OPCS

Please see our website for the FULL Job Description of these openings, feel free to pass this information on to friends or family that may be interested. Miigwech.

Full-Time Paraprofessional

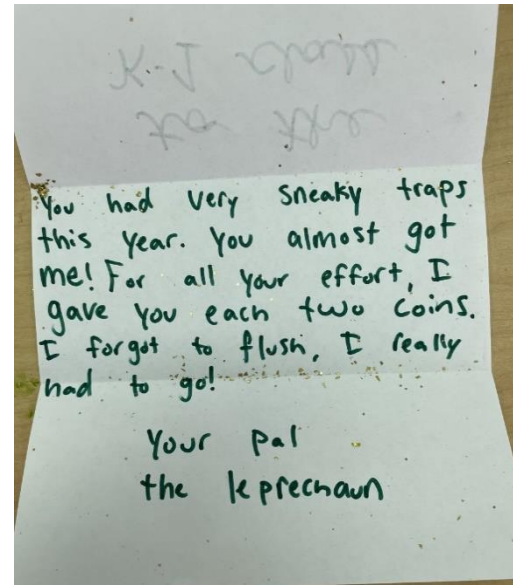
Full-Time Home/School Liaison

Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher starting 2023-2024 SY

News from Ms. Jeana's Kindergarten and 1st grade Class

During the month of March, we started reading buddies with the 2-3 class. Every Monday they get paired up with a new buddy and they read books from their book box. The kids really enjoy reading with their reading buddies each week. Tess came in to teach us about the first moon (Snow Crust Moon). They learned the history of sugar bush. They tried maple candy and maple granola. The kids really enjoy learning about the different moons and trying different types of food. Since it was St. Patrick's Day, the students made leprechaun traps. There were five groups of three. They had to work as a team to come up with a trap. We didn't catch him this year, but maybe next year! Since it is now spring, we will be starting to plant different seeds. Before we do that, we will be doing a plant unit. Learning all about the different parts of the seeds and plants. We had some special guests come from all over the world. There were about ten people from ten different countries, and they came in to talk a little about their

country. Before they came, in class we learned about each country's flag and the animals that live there. It was a fun March!



News from Ms. Clearwater's Second and Third Grade:

In March we began our "Reading Buddies" with Ms. Jeana's classroom. We started by reading Dr. Seuss books! We made a snack of "green eggs and ham" as a treat. Traveling to the North Folk House was a fun field trip. We watched the movie all about Grand Portage. We were able to see our family, friends and familiar sights in the movie! Our class and Ms. Livingston's third grade class from Sawtooth Elementary worked together to make wooden canoes just like in the movie "Paddle to the Sea." Mr. Karl Koster from the Grand Portage monument talked to us about how the birch bark canoe is made and was used on the long journeys throughout the Great Lakes. Ms. Susan showed us how to collect spruce sap. We used a mixture of bear fat, sap and charcoal to practice patching a piece of birch bark! Our class was so fortunate to be visited by ten foreign journalists! It was very exciting to hear about their work and their countries. We each chose one journalist to write a letter to! In math for St. Patrick's Day we made mini ladders for the Leprechaun to be able to climb up our classroom tree. Everyone got mini marshmallows and toothpicks to make their ladders with. We then had two groups given the same amount of large marshmallows and skewers...the groups then set about to make their Leprechaun trap to put on the tree! The Leprechauns left a small spoon, an old-fashioned car, a grinder coffee pot, a shovel, a tiny basket and a LUCKY GOLD treat!



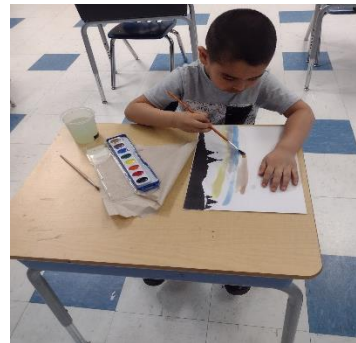


Ojibwemowin with Ms. James

All classes have been focused on learning about **Iskigamizigan** (Sugar Bush) this month. We have studied the sugar making process. We have learned about the **Ininaatig**, (Sugar Maple Tree) and other trees we can harvest for sap.

This month, we have focused our **Ojibwemowin** on all the items we use at the **Iskigamizigan**. For example: **Negwaakanan** (taps), **Mashkimodan**(bags), maple sap, maple sugar. In addition, we are learning Ojibwemowin verbs for: gather, pour, boil, etc. The students are all having a great time learning a catchy song called [Ziinzibaakwadoke \(Sugar Making\)](#) . We hope to use the Ojibwemowin we learned this month when we visit the **Iskigamizigan** next month.

Lastly, we have been experimenting with watercolor painting. The art theme is usually connected to storytelling time. Students are showing their talents!



OOCs students harvested lettuce on 03-22-23 from the deep winter greenhouse! It was distributed at the ENP for anyone that wanted some.

