



BLUE THUNDERBIRD LAND-BASED TEACHINGS LEARNING CENTRE

Spring 2020

Newsletter



2,000 INDIGENOUS PLANTS

Although Covid-19 changed our course when learners went home, we kept our focus on land stewardship and ways to reach school and learners. Over winter, we sowed over 2,000 plugs with Indigenous grass and flower seeds. In Spring, they sprung! These plants will enhance cultural connections & biodiversity on site and on school yards.

TALLGRASS PRAIRIE RESTORATION

In May & June we experienced perfect conditions to seed Indigenous, Tallgrass Prairie grasses and flowers over 30 of the 49 acres. This seeding is done by broadcasting (scattering seeds) followed by "harrowing" (like raking) to incorporate seed into the soil, or by drill seeding (using a seeder to place the seed at a specific depth). Now, we hope for regular rain and start watching for germination!



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LEARNING AT HOME

Aki Centre jumped online to share activities and tips with learners on how grow vegetables seeds and sprouts, and to offer activities and resources to help us stay connected to nature while at home.

We opened our doors to distribute seeds, soil, and containers for seed starting at home!

Click on our social media links on page 1 to stay connected!

ADDING MEDICINES, DIVERSITY, AND SHELTER

Cultural Education learners influenced the land stewardship action plan for the area surrounding the Tipi and Sweat Lodge. They requested medicines that are used in ceremony, plants to beautify, and trees to create shelter from wind and privacy.

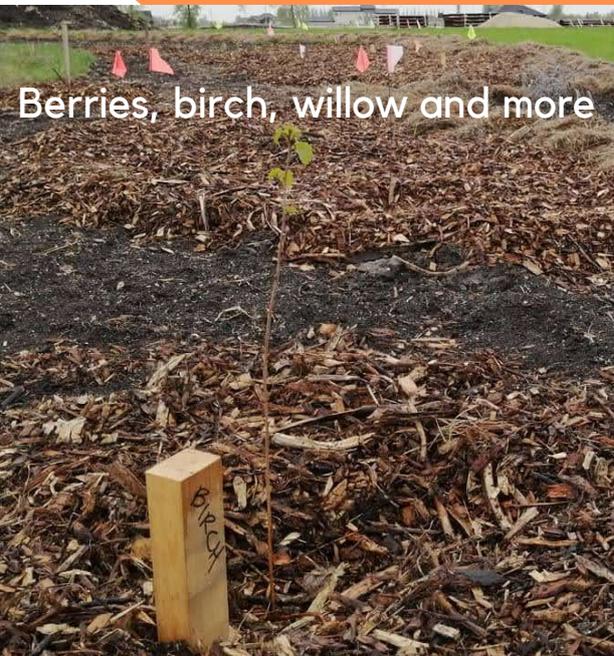
In spring, part 1 of 2 of our tree and shrub orders arrived! We had the joy of working with EAs to help plant 150 trees near the ceremonial spaces.



Sweetgrass



Sage



Berries, birch, willow and more

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