

We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are gathered on Treaty one land, les terres sur lesquelles nous sommes rassemblés aujourd'hui font partie du territoire traditionnel des personnes Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, et Déné, et de la patrie de la nation métisse de la Rivière Rouge.

We stand with the Indigenous community and commit to building an ongoing process of reconciliation, collaboration, and resurgence. Nous restons déterminés à travailler en partenariat avec les Premières Nations, Inuit et Métisses dans un esprit de vérité, réconciliation et collaboration.

## <u>Friday Announcements – December 19</u> <u>Day 4</u>

Our community land acknowledgement today is from Mrs. Annell's grade 9 Advocacy class (Reader = Henry Hlaing) We recognize that we are guests here on Treaty One land; as people who have either walked this land since birth, or have immigrated here to build a new home, we all share a commitment to learn more about this place, its waters, its peoples, and its stories. Our intent is to honour what our ancestors have built and ensure their legacy of stewardship is not wasted.

We are especially thankful for the waters that sustain both this land and our bodies. Water is life, and these waterways have been central to life here for millennia. We aim to visit them with a new intention: not just to see them, but to listen. As we walk along the banks of our city's rivers, we can reflect on the generations of Indigenous Peoples, including the Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Ininew (Cree), Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the Métis Nation, whose identities and survival are intertwined with these waters. Our actions to conserve water become a direct honouring of that relationship.

Each one of us is a small part of a much larger story; this land is the foundation of our future and we know it's our job to take care of it.

Our next Cultural Credit outing will take place in the new year on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for our Indigenous Games gathering which will be held at the AKI center. Sign-up is limited to 20 students so please see Mrs. Landry in Learning Support 104B to sign-up and if you have any questions regarding the event.