



# M'CHIGEENG

## POLLS OPEN NOW!

March 2, 2024  
9 am to 8 pm

### CAST YOUR VOTE: POLLS OPEN MARCH 2nd 2024

**T**he moment we've been waiting for is almost here! On March 2nd, 2023, the M'Chigeeng community will gather to cast their votes on the Manitoulin Project Settlement. This historic vote marks a significant step forward in our journey towards reconciliation and justice.

The Manitoulin Project aims to address the mismanagement of trust monies by the federal government, seeking compensation for past fiduciary breaches. It's crucial that every member of our community participates in this decision-making process, as the outcome will shape our future and the future of

generations to come.

Your voice matters, and your vote counts. Join us on March 2nd to have your say on this important matter. Transportation will be provided for those who need it. Let's come together as a community to make our voices heard and ensure a brighter tomorrow for M'Chigeeng.

For more information and to arrange transportation, call Daisy: 705-377-5307 ext. 215.

Together, we can create positive change and build a stronger, more resilient community. See you at the polls!

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anii Citizens of M'Chigeeng, just a follow-up since becoming the New Fire Chief for M'Chigeeng Fire Department, it has been going very well, a little bit of a learning curve being on the administrative side but am a quick learner. This past year was the busiest for Fire calls for M'Chigeeng F.D. with a total of 29 calls. Since the new position, 40 homes in M'Chigeeng have been installed with Smoke/Carbon Detectors, and many more to come.

Our 1st Fire Prevention Week went very well, with 150+ students being educated in Fire Prevention. I also attended the Indigenous Public Safety Training/Conference back in September and that has been paying off with the networking connections made with Indigenous Service Canada and other Fire agencies in obtaining funds, ideas and successful training. We've been working with ISC on getting a new state of the art "Fire Station", our assessment has been approved and funded by ISC and is now in the planning stages, even reached out to Lafarge Canada in donating concrete for the build to help save costs and they agreed to work with M'Chigeeng.

The goal of the Fire Chief is getting a Full-time First Response Unit, this will help create more full-time jobs within the community and serve as an important service for M'Chigeeng. Miigwetch for your time in reading this, Take Care and Stay Safe.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please contact me via phone at (705)-348-8569 or email at firedept@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch,

Andrew M. Corbiere  
Fire Chief  
M'Chigeeng Fire Department

## Letter from the Fire Chief



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**HOME FIRE SAFETY**

- Test and charge detector batteries every 6 months
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Place at least 1 detector and fire extinguisher on each floor
- Have an emergency fire escape plan for your family
- Inspect fire extinguishers monthly for pressurization and replace if needed
- Check dryer vents and clean out lint filter after each use
- Double check all appliances are switched off after use
- Maintain electrical cords and unplug devices when they are not in use

# Lakeview School - Classroom Updates

## The Mighty Grade Twos! With Ms. Gratton and Ms. T.L.

We are moving and grooving into a new term of learning at Lakeview School! Here is a sneak peek of your child's learning.

**Reading-** Synthesizing/ Reading Strategy: Does it Make Sense? Does it Look Right? Does it Sound Right?

**Writing-** Procedural Writing and Graphic Organizers

**Math-** Strand: Data, Collecting Data, Displaying Data, and Interpreting Data

**Science-** Understanding Matter & Energy

**Social Studies-** People & Environments: Global Communities

**Visual Arts-** Elements of Art: Texture & Value

We really enjoyed this shout out by Lourdes Taukei. Lourdes was a Grade 9 student volunteer at our school, and she collaborated with us in our Grade 2 classroom. Here is what Lourdes had to say about our caring classroom community:

### The Fantastic Twos by Lourdes Taukei

This week I had the wonderful opportunity to help the Grade 2 class. It was such a vibrant space to be in and I made so many great friendships with the kids. My favourite memory from the week was going sliding outside with Johnny and Andralene. We had such a blast on the crazy carpets! Moving on I got to help teach this amazing group of kids in gym class. When I first met the Grade 2's I was shocked by how grown up all these bright and eager students looked. These past couple of days they have all shown me what it is like to be a young learner again, and how fun it is to be in Grade 2!

In other words, I would like to say Chi-Miigwetch to this amazing class, and their teachers Ms. G and T.L. They made this whole week a fun week for me.



**Peek into the classroom!**

Above left: Grade 2 working hard in their Writer's Workshop;

Above Right: Gr. 2's February Bulletin Board



## Grade 3 - Plenty to Celebrate!

In February, the Grade 3 students had a lot to celebrate! They participated in the Winter Carnival, 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day. We also explored Black History Month and discovered an overarching theme of inclusion. Students learned the difference between equality and equity. Equality being that everyone gets the same thing. Equity meaning that

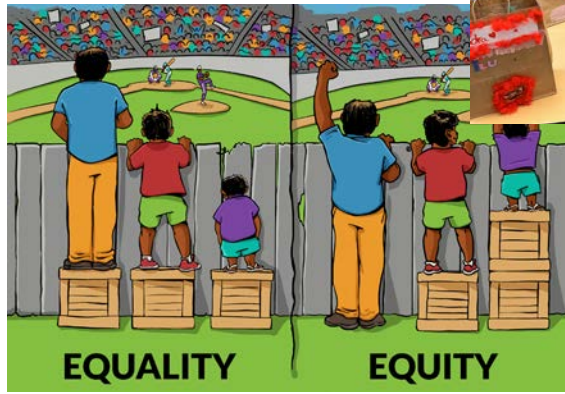


everyone gets what they need to succeed. In language arts, students started a novel study, Ice Island. In math, students started the Data Management and Probability unit. In science, students continue to explore different types of force. In social studies, students started to explore people in Ontario and the environment they work in. Great work Grade 3s! Everyone is very proud of you.



### Grade 3 - Plenty to Celebrate!

Check out some of the things Ms. Harris' grade 3 class has been working on!



## M'Chigeeng Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs

### March Daycare Reminders

#### CLOTHING

We kindly ask that your child is dressed in clothing that is appropriate for the season, outdoor play may sometimes prove to be messy and wet. Winter clothing needed; warm hat/toque, 2 pairs of mitts, winter boots, winter coat/jacket, snow pants, neck warmer (no scarf's).

Also, a friendly reminder to keep extra comfortable and seasonal clothing in your child's cubby/bin, including underwear, socks and 2-3 sets of clothing. Please replace any soiled items sent home the next day.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

If your child(ren) is experiencing any symptoms of sick health / communicable diseases; please keep them home until they are well enough to return to the Centre or have been cleared by the health clinic.

#### MARCH CLOSURES:

Friendly Reminder that we are  
**CLOSED FOR THE MARCH BREAK**  
(March 11-15),  
re-opening on Monday, March 18.

Good Friday Holiday – Friday,  
March 29

## Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs - Infant Room Newsletter

Ahnii, this month we are focusing on recognizing ourselves, colors, shapes, numbers and objects in Ojibwe.

We are building our strengths in Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Socialization, Senses and Building bonds/relationships.

Our speech is coming along as well as our improvements to hold onto crayons/markers ect.

Our infants have their own schedule during the day and we follow them to see what they would like to engage in.



## M'Chigeeng Economic Development Survey

HIAH Corp would love your feedback on M'Chigeeng Economic initiatives! Please scan the QR code or click on link provided for M'Chigeeng Business and Economic Development Survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Tvzs4BpShC>

# Employment Opportunities

Exciting Career Opportunities Await! M'Chigeeng First Nation is hiring for a variety of different roles within the community.

**A**re you ready to take the next step in your professional journey? Look no further than M'Chigeeng, where we're currently offering a range of exciting employment opportunities. Whether you're an experienced professional or just starting out, there's a place for you on our dynamic team.

From administrative positions to specialized roles in education, health, and social services, we have diverse opportunities available to suit a variety of skill sets and interests. Join us in making a positive impact on our community while advancing your career in a supportive and collaborative environment.

Don't miss out on this chance to be part of meaningful work that serves our community's needs. Explore our current job openings and take the first step towards a rewarding career with us. Visit <https://mchigeeng.ca/employment> to learn more and apply today!

## Registered Early Childhood Educator

*The Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisors and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, fostering development and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years of age.*

### Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment.
- Knowledge the Anishinaabe culture, history, and language or the willingness to learn.
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.



## Welcome Ashley Pitt, HR Manager!

Ashley comes from a background in Human Resources in various fields including Healthcare and Technical Services. As a current member of HRPA (Human Resources Professionals Association), she stays up to date with the latest changes and advancements in the dynamic field of Human Resources. Having recently moved to the area she's eager to contribute her skills and expertise to the community. She believes that Human Resources

is not just about managing people but also about building strong and thriving communities. Ashley is looking forward to being part of the community and make a positive impact through her work.

Embarking on this new chapter is a thrilling prospect for her, with her genuine passion about Human Resources and the positive influence it can have on both individuals and organizations.

# WE ARE HIRING

[mchigeeng.ca/employment](http://mchigeeng.ca/employment)



## Enaagdenjged

*M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an inspiring Anishnaabe Leader. With strong background in management, administration, and finance as the Enaagdenjged; along with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. Values and understands Anishinabek culture and is fluent in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset.*

*If you are results oriented, an analytical thinker and have a proactive approach, then you may be a great fit for this position.*

### Summary of Position

The Enaagdenjged works under the general direction of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief and Council; and shall, in every aspect oversee the administration and manage the operations of M'Chigeeng First Nation; and is the administrative lead and link between Senior Management and Chief and Council. Responsible to ensure the management, administration and delivery of all M'Chigeeng programs and services and that these needs of are met in an effective, efficient and timely manner. Ensures Anishinabek cultural practices are incorporated in daily interactions and program activities with focus on retention of Anishinabemowin (C&C 2030 Declaration goal of MFN being fluent in Anishinabemowin).

### Specifications

Preferred, University Degree with minimum of 5-Years direct management or direct work

experience.

Minimum, College Diploma with minimum of 4-Years of direct management or direct work experience. Understands Anishinabek culture and traditions and fluency of Anishinabemowin. Is compassionate, approachable and known as an upstanding and respectful role model. Ability to deal effectively with high pressure and challenging situations; proven competencies for managing information and people; decision-making and negotiating with high level officials and government bodies as a representative for Chief & Council. Ability to implement change management, risk management and quality assurance.

Interested applicants please submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WORK-RELATED REFERENCES (with contact information) & EDUCATION CERTIFICATION.

## Ready to start your dream job?

### APPLY NOW!

Submit your Cover Letter, Resume, and 3 current references to:

M'Chigeeng First Nation  
P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

[employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

or Fax 705-377-4980

## More Employment Opportunities Include:

- Shelter Workers
- Tutor Escort (Jordan's Principle)
- Culture & Language Facilitator
- Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor
- Community Energy Coordinator
- Custodian
- Education Finance Clerk



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**POKER**  
*Tournament*

March 30, 2024 - 1PM  
M'Chigeeng Community Complex

**\$50 ENTRY // UNLIMITED RE-BUYS //**  
**3 TABLES OF 10 // 15 MIN LEVELS**

Call to book your seat: (705) 377-5833



# RHS

## REGIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

Phase 4 is scheduled to launch in 2023/2024

The First Nations Regional Health Survey (RHS) is the first—and only—national health survey created, conducted, and carried out by First Nations people for First Nations people.

Now in its fourth phase, results from the RHS have been used to support policy and programming at the community, regional, and national level.

Rooted in Traditional and western understandings of health and well-being, the RHS gathers information from First Nations people living on reserve and in Northern First Nations communities.

The RHS is carried out by the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC), a non-profit First Nations organization that has been doing surveys on reserve and in Northern First Nations communities in collaboration with its Regional Partners since 1997.

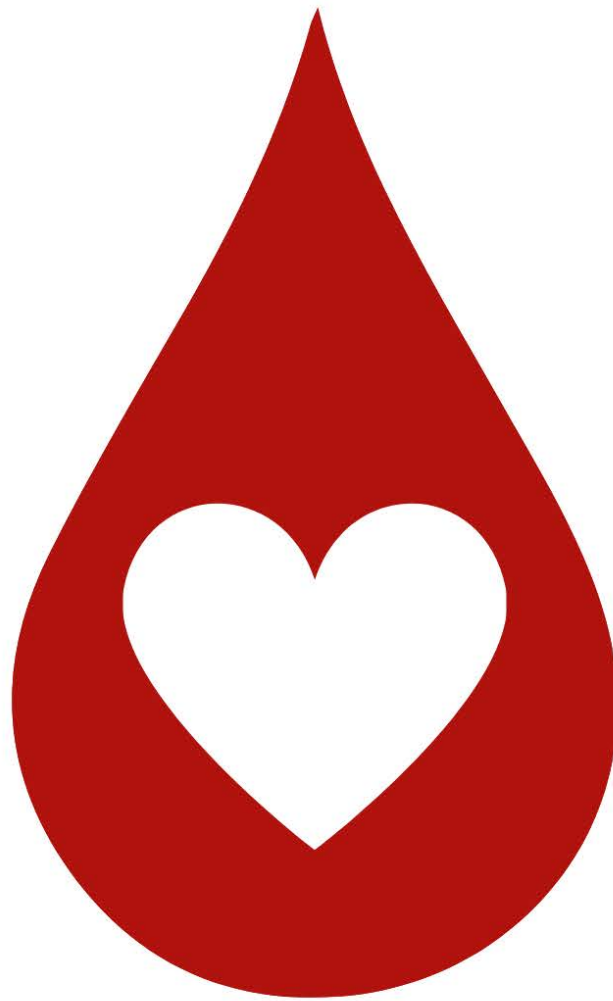


First Nations Information Governance Centre  
Le Centre de gouvernance de l'information des Premières Nations



For more information, visit [www.fnigc.ca](http://www.fnigc.ca)

# M'CHIGEENG LABWORK



## M'CHIGEENG HEALTH CENTRE LAB

To book an appointment  
for labwork please call  
705-377-5347

**Appointments are strongly encouraged** to avoid long wait times. If you do walk in, please expect that there may be a wait

**Tuesday & Thursday  
8:30am-10:30am**

**Don't forget to bring your requisition or ensure it has been faxed to the Health Centre**

Please note lab requisitions are only valid for 1 year, if your requisitions is over 1 year old please request a new one from your provider.





**Zaagtoodaa Anishinaabemowin**  
Let's Love Our Language

# Anishinaabemowin Teg

Presents the 30th Annual In-Person Conference  
**Kewadin Casino - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**  
**Thursday - Saturday, March 28 - 30th, 2024**  
9:00am - 5:00pm

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## M'Chigeeng First Nation Elders 60+

If interested in attending,  
please contact Joleen Secord  
(705) 377-5362 ext 241  
or email [joleens@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:joleens@mchigeeng.ca)

M'Chigeeng will be covering the cost of registration, bus to Kewadin, meals and accommodations. Space is limited - first come, first serve.



# March 2024-Naabdin Giizis (Snow Crust Moon) MFN Elder's 55Plus Events Wellness Centre

Name Giizhgad	Shkwaaname Giizhgad	Niish Giizhgad	Zozep Giizhgad	Spinigangwang	Jiibato Giizhgad	Manii Giizhgad
					1 BMO Trip 10am Quilting 1pm	2
Meals on Wheels are available Monday-Friday \$5.00 each. Participants requiring transportation should call ahead to book a seat and speak with Carmen Debassige Admin Assistant or Angela McGraw-Corbriere Community Wellness Support Worker Wellness Centre Phone: (705)377-4240						
3	4 Watercolor Paint Club Lynzii Beam Paints 6pm	5 Nutrition Bingo 2pm	6 Ride to Tim Hortons 9am Freshmart Grocery Trip 1pm	7 Learn To Crochet with Lynzii 1pm	8	9
10	11 Lil NHL Begins March Break Begins	12	13 Freshmart Grocery Trip 1pm	14	15 BMO 10am Haircuts with Jenn 12:30pm \$35.00	16
17	18	19 Nutrition Bingo 2pm	20 Freshmart Grocery Trip 1pm	21 Learn To Crochet with Lynzii 1pm Birthday Supper 5pm	22 BMO Trip 10am Quilting 1pm	23
24	25	26 Prize Bingo 2pm	27 Freshmart Grocery Trip 1pm	28 Española Shopping Trip 8am	29 <b>Good Friday Office Closed</b>	30
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