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INSPIRE MAMAWI LEADERSHIP EXPANDS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM, INSPIRES JOY

Janice Clark, MANS' Native Cultural Studies teacher, shares a moment of Fall Magic with her students in the outdoor classroom envision by the first Inspire Mamawi group of students.

The 2024 Inspire Mamawi Leadership-Summer team — MANS' first summer team—helped expand and give shape to the original vision by constructing a gazebo that will provide shelter during class and for recreational use.



HIGHEST EVER
ENROLMENT AT
MAMAWI ATOSKETAN

252 Students

2024 Junior Pow Wow Princess Daenerys Buffalo (Samson Cree Nation) is part of MANS' record-setting student body.



BRETTANY BUFFALO JOINS MANS STAFF

In the family tradition of serving her community in connection with MANS, Brettany greets parents and students and juggles the busy elementary reception/admin assistant role. The bonus: Brettany gets to spend more time with her four attending children.

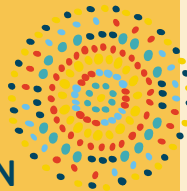
Brettany's uncle Don and father Wayne Abt pioneered the school's bussing service. Several of her siblings attended MANS, including Krista Abt, who attended Mamawi from Kindergarten through Grade 12, graduating with a perfect attendance record.

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Sean Saddleback student mentored youth attending the MANS-Inspire Mamawi Leadership-Summer workshop in June. He already has a job waiting at Bird Construction when he finishes his carpentry designation program which will be shortened by one year, thanks to MANS' Dual Credit carpentry program.

"THE SUMMER SIX" BREAK NEW GROUND WITH INSPIRE MAMAWI LEADERSHIP-SUMMER EDITION



The day after MANS closed its doors for the summer, a whole new educational experience began for the six students who applied, interviewed and were selected to be part of the first-ever Inspire Mamawi-Summer program. Four Dual Credit Carpentry students—Kascey Crier, Tashay Headman, Dallas Saddleback and Sean Saddleback—kicked off the summer schedule as peer instructors in a three-day skateboard carpentry class open to all Maskwacis youth.

After helping with Ermineskin's soccer camp, the whole team, which included Faye DeMontigny-Johnson and Kessalyn Strawberry, assisted with and ran events in Bowden/Foothills Camp, Six Mile Church, and Yellowknife.

The "Summer Six" finished Mamawi's new gazebo in October. They're also using the skills and teamwork they gained over the summer to plan events as leaders in the MANS Student Association.



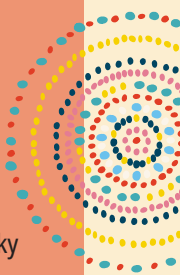
Kids Love Kids—A family of young goats provides amusement as well as support for students who need a break. Learning to care for the livestock is the icing on the cake, according to Chaplain Tsholo Sebetlela, who brought the four-legged kids to campus and became Top Shepherd of the little flock.

NEW LIAISON HELPS SENIORS AND ALUMNI PLAN AND FURTHER EDUCATION

Kim Harrington, high school vice principal, takes on the role of Further Education Liason, thanks to a grant from the Winnifred Stevens Foundation. Kim connects students and MANS alumni with after-graduation education opportunities.



TINY HOUSES: MANS CARPENTRY PARTNERS WITH VISE ENERGY



Upon learning of MANS' dual credit carpentry program, Vise Energy Services, contacted instructor Jonathan Belinsky to find out how it could contribute its expertise to the program. Belinsky described the Tiny House project he had planned to launch this year, and a partnership was born.

Tiny Houses have gained popularity as affordable compact housing, and are often built on a trailer base for portability. Vise will be making a trailer base on which the Tiny House will be built. Vise will donate the labour to fabricate the trailer, and MANS is raising money for the material.

Belinsky sees the Tiny House as an ideal project for a full-spectrum carpentry program: it allows students to work on all elements of home construction, and results in a saleable product. This can create a valuable, self-funded program component and a capstone learning experience for students.

MANS' carpentry students will be constructing one home this year.

