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Registration is now open for the following programs:

- **Grade 1-12 and adults welcome**

Classes will begin virtually on December 11, 2021, and will run on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m until May 28, 2022. In order to participate in a virtual program, students will need to have access to a digital device and the internet.

Out-of-province students or those who are on a Student or Visitor Visa will be required to pay fees to the WRDSB. If you are currently a fee-paying international student in your day school, please contact the WRDSB Enrolment/International Student Intake Officer at 519-570-0003 x 4350.



**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
& WRDSB CONTINUING EDUCATION**

ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Maatookiidaa Anishnaabewin (Let Us Share Our Way of Life)

The Waterloo Region District School Board is currently accepting registrations for the Anishinaabemowin Language Program.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CONTINUING EDUCATION
519-885-0800**



Nikki Shawana, Wasnoode Kwe

Nikki Shawana, Wasnoode Kwe, is from the Odawa nation, Eagle clan. Her roots are from Wiikwemkoong, Manitoulin Island, however, she grew up in Southern Ontario. Nikki currently resides and raises her family in Norfolk County.

Nikki started Pow Wow dancing at an early age as a way to keep connected to her Anishinaabe culture while growing up in an urban setting. As a teenager she quickly found herself as a role model for other youth in her community that wanted to learn more about their culture.

For the past 20 years, Nikki has been educating others about Indigenous culture and Anishinaabemwin language through performances, workshops, classes and speaking engagements at various schools, community organizations and special events throughout Ontario and New York State. Currently, Nikki is in her second year of the Teacher of Indigenous Language as a Second Language Program at Nipissing University. She is passionate about learning Anishinaabemwin as a second language and helping others get started in their language learning journey. Nikki is excited about teaching Anishinaabemwin in an engaging way and being part of a wonderful opportunity to offer this Indigenous language virtually to students. Aambe Anishinabemdaa! "Let's speak the Anishinaabe language!"

SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

ZAAGIDWIN

To know LOVE is to know peace. Love unconditionally; you must love yourself in order to love others.

CHIPITENDAAGZIWIN

To honour all of creation is to have RESPECT. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

GWEKAADZIWIN

HONESTY in facing a situation is to be brave. Always be honest in your word and in your action.

DIBAADENDIZIWIN

HUMILITY is to think things through carefully and to know your place. To be humble about your accomplishment is to be strong. You are equal to others, but you are not better.

NBWAAKAAWIN

To cherish knowledge is to know WISDOM. Knowledge will come through observation, application, hard work, and dedication.

ZOONGDE'EWIN

COURAGE is to face life with integrity. Let nothing stand in the way of doing what is right.

DEBWEWIN

To know all of these teachings is to know TRUTH. It is always easiest to speak truth. Do not deceive yourself or others.