

Project Intersect Classes here at Fond du Lac Ojibwe School have been very busy. Jen Lees and Ms. Jan's classes started off with the 7/8 grade having Danny Barney come in and demonstrate how to make ricing knockers. The students first watched as Danny showed them the steps and what tools he uses to make a good knocker. Danny explained that each set of knockers that he makes is always different because of the individual needs, such as length, width, etc. The students were very eager to start on their own, in which they were feeling a sense of ownership in something that they were able to make!



The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been just as actively involved! They began with their beading projects. Students were introduced with pony beads, stringing looms properly, and designing patterns. These students will be continuing with beading projects throughout the year, which will entail a large beaded quilt! Can't wait to see it! ☺ Both of these classes had the opportunity to have Danny Barney come in also and show his skills in making ricing knockers. The students thought it looked "fun" and "easy"; when it was their turn to try, it was a little harder than they thought!



On September 25, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade P.I students got the chance to visit the Savages Ricing Mill. The students were very amazed at how much work that goes into creating these machines to process rice! They kept asking... "is it done??" Branden Topping was our tour guide along with Tawny and Lea Savage assisting. After the tour, the students sat down and had some awesome wild rice hot dish that teacher Ms. Heidi made- umm MINO-PAGWAD!!



Ms. Dawn's Class beading

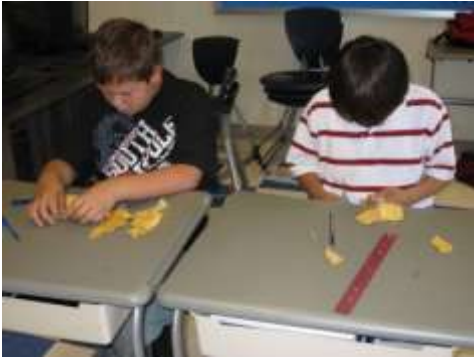


Ms. Josa helping organize the beading mess!!



Totally Focused!

Ms. Dawn's 5<sup>th</sup> graders begin working their pouches.



Janessa has a new way of using cedar with her headband.

On October 21- Ms. Mary Hermes came into the 7/8 grade and Ms. Dawn's 5<sup>th</sup> grade and worked on their Ojibwemowin skills. They played a couple of games using Ojibwe Language.



We had our first quarterly Project Intersect gathering on October 21 here at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School from 3:30-7:00 in the commons. We had two guest speakers- Ms. Mary Hermes and Mr. Todd Defoe. Mary spoke on a new software program that will be used for classroom and or computer labs to enhance the use of Ojibwe Language. We are looking forward to be a part of this opportunity. Mr. Todd Defoe spoke on Contemporary Native Art and the historical views of Ojibwe Culture and how it connects with today's contemporary artists.

Our teachers here at Fond du Lac Ojibwe School who are a part of Project Intersect are doing amazing work with their students and incorporating Ojibwe history, culture, and language throughout their lessons to enhance the skills in the standard base curriculum.