

# Na'teliaq



March 2020

## Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey hosts annual symposium



Every March, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey hosts their annual Strategic Planning Symposium. The symposium provides an opportunity for communities to come together to share the work they have been doing over the past year, and also to plan for the next year.

The theme for the symposium this year was, "A decade of action. Building a strong nation through language and culture."

The event kicked off with an opening prayer from Beverly Jeddore, the honour song from Michael R. Denny, and welcoming remarks from the Chair of the Board of Directors, Chief Leroy Denny.

This was followed by a keynote address from Dr. Bernie Francis, who spoke about the importance of remembering the stories of our elders and acknowledging them for what they have given us.

Participants were also thrilled to see the work being done by CMM during a presentation given by Tim Bernard and Gerald Gloade. They showed plans for the future site at Debert and also presented an elder's video which will be available to the public in the near future.

In keeping with our theme on language and culture, we offered language-based activities during our break times to keep people engaged and learning. We had activities such as the Potlotek youth presenting the games that they use in school, Yolanda Denny and Patricia Denny presenting our apps and books, and Beverly Jeddore teaching the Ko'jua. Everyone who completed all of the tasks during the break times were given a chance to win a prize.

# Symposium 2020 (continued)

During the evening of Day 1, we were treated to some great entertainment by Morgan Toney on the fiddle and his accompanist Brian Keith Mullins on guitar. Their performance was followed by Emma Stevens and Carter Chiasson.

On day 2 of the symposium, Tex Marshall presented the work that has been done to date on NAIG. Although we have recently received notice that NAIG has been rescheduled to 2021, the work done so far has been tremendous and everyone is looking forward to next summer.

Over the course of the 2-day event, Directors of Education from each community were given an opportunity to present what their community has been doing. It was amazing to see all of the wonderful work being done in schools and communities across the province!

We were very fortunate this year to have the Red Road Youth leaders join us. They had their own sessions which included goal setting and BOKS training, but it was great to see them around as they joined us for meals, breaks and the evening entertainment.

They also had the opportunity to work with Janean Marshall, Lulan Wells and Lottie Johnson to make medicine bundles and learn about the teachings around them. "The purpose was of the workshop was to provide our youth with the skills to make medicine bundles on their own and understand the purpose behind the contents," explain Janean Marshall, Student Services Coordinator. "Myself and our elders had beautiful moments with our youth and their insights into what it's like for them being a young Mi'kmaw person. Their humour sincerity and candidness made for a very powerful session. Our communities are truly blessed with these youth and their parents have a lot to be proud of."

It is always great to have our communities come together for this event where we get the chance to share and learn from each other. As always, we would like to thank our leadership who continue to support this event each year, as they demonstrate their commitment to raising the bar and providing the best education for our students in all of our communities.





# School News

## ABMHS

Students from ABMHS had an opportunity take a tour of CBU in early March. They began their tour by visiting Unama'ki College and got to see all of the historic artifacts such as baskets and quill work that are on display. Janice Basque met the students at the Mi'kmaq Students Centre and let them know about the many programs and scholarships that are available. She also showed them how students are able to access the resources through the centre and how that will assist them with their studies.

The next stop was the Business centre where they met with Nina Kent, the business program supervisor. She explained the business program and provided resources to any students who are planning to take the program. During that presentation, students also had the opportunity to explore "career cruising". This was a 45 minute session that allowed students to explore career options that suited their current interests and lifestyles.

The tour ended with a trip to the library which was followed by lunch in the cafeteria. The students who attended enjoyed the day.



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Even though schools have been shut down since mid March, teachers have been reaching out to their students through many inventive ways. Some schools have been using google classroom, others have been using other electronic platforms that they already had been using such as Seesaw. Others are reaching out via their Facebook pages or through email in order to try to engage their students. Everyone is doing their best with what they have to work with and everyone is missing seeing their students face to face.



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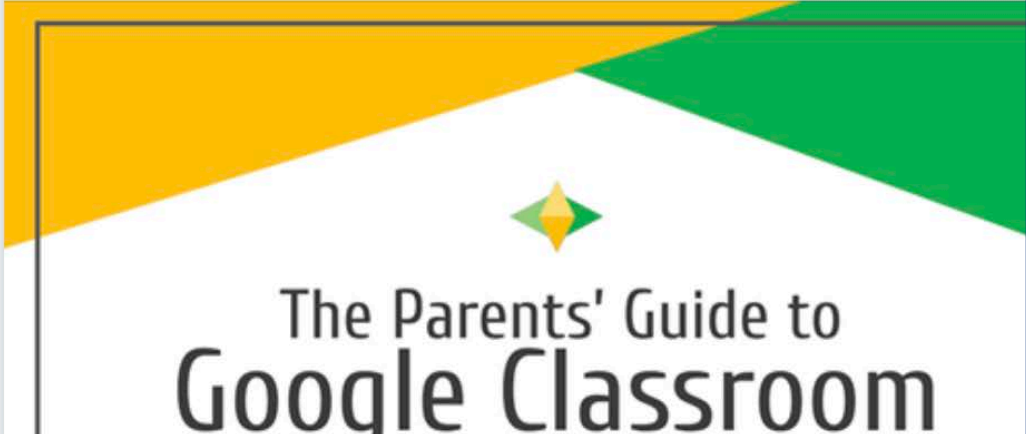
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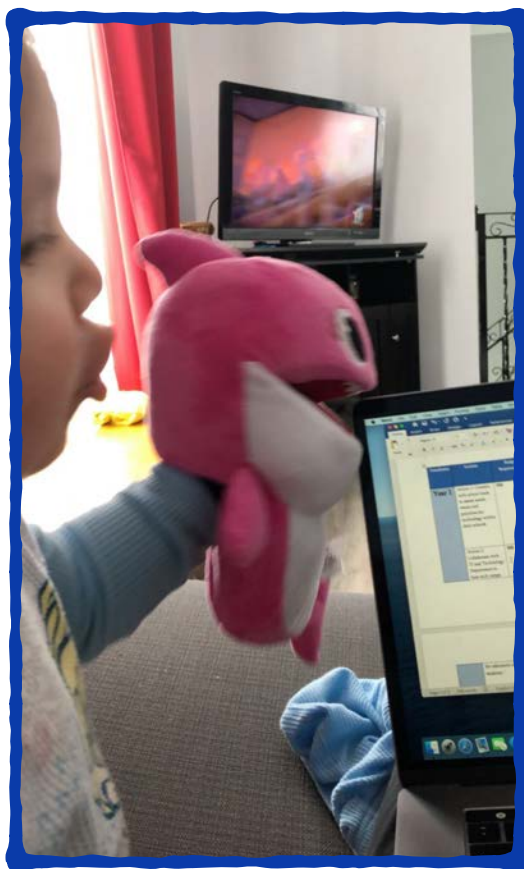
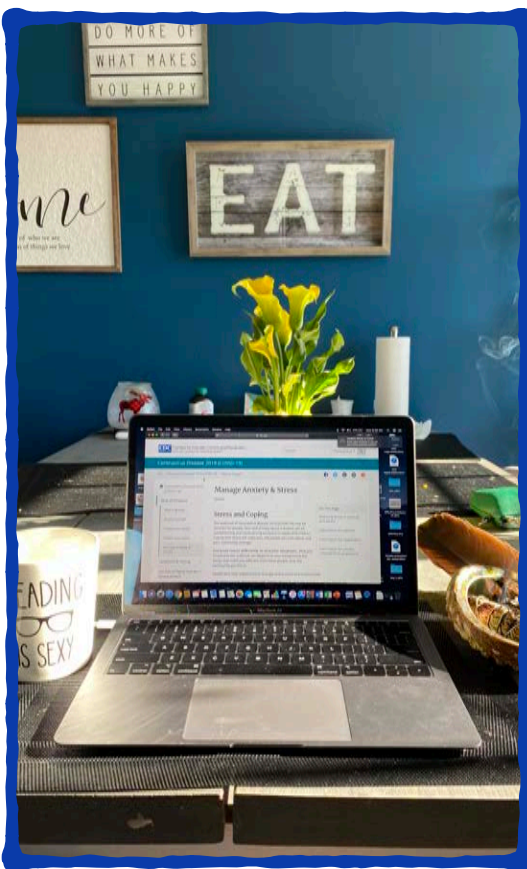
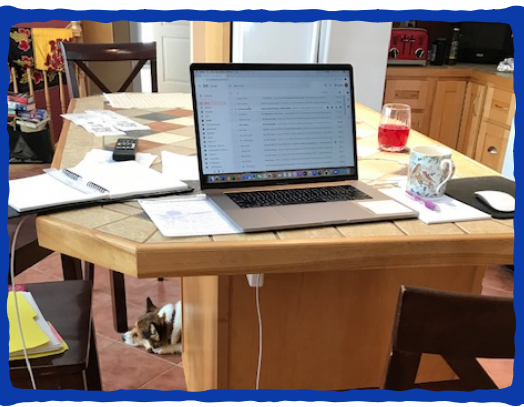
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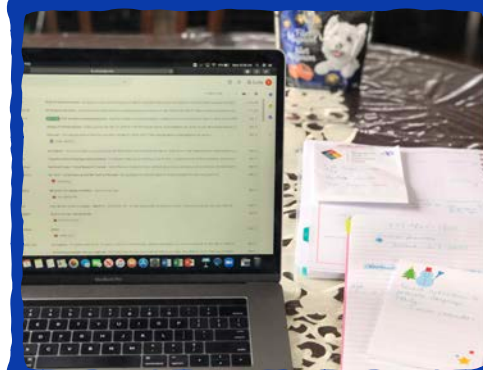
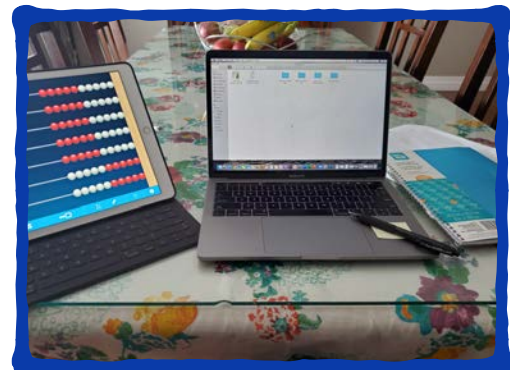
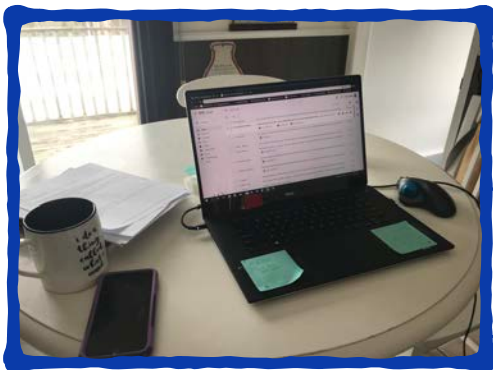
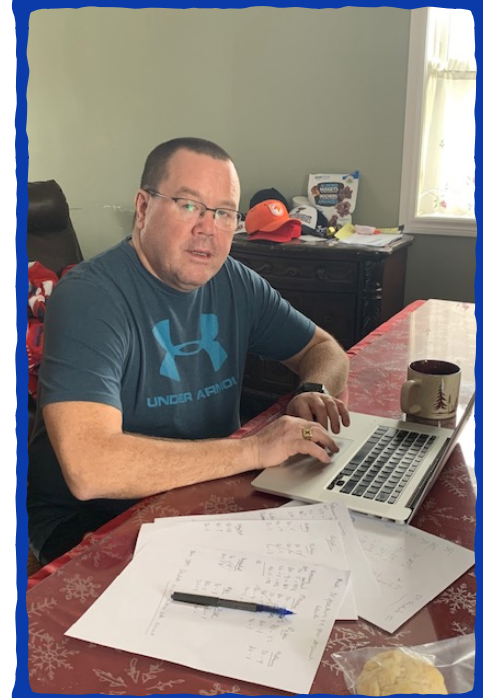
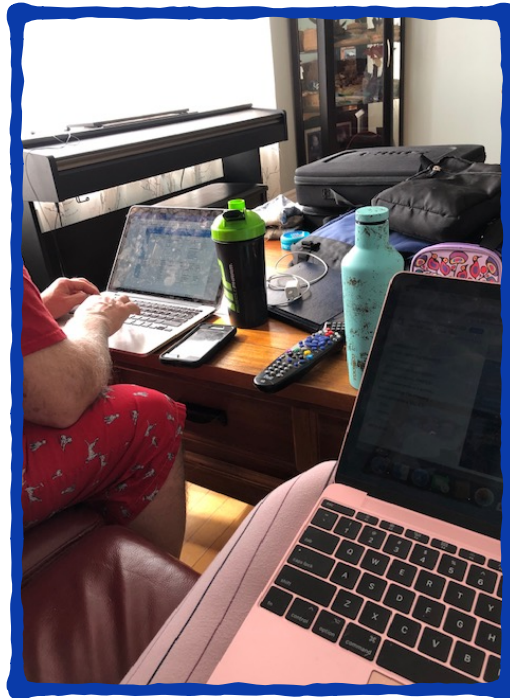
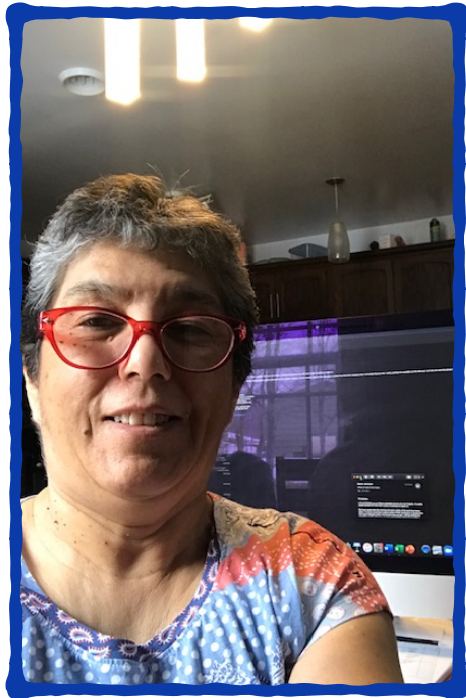
# Working From Home

Through all of the uncertain times, the staff at MK are all trying to support our students, teachers and communities in new and innovative ways. If any of our educators have any questions we are all just a phone call, email or zoom meeting away!





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Have an event or story idea you'd like to see in the April newsletter? Contact Shara  
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