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MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL

TAKING INDIGENOUS YOUTH TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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HIGHEST-EVER ENROLLMENT, SURGE IN CTS

Despite COVID obstacles, more students than ever before are enrolled at MANS:

- **10% increase in high school enrollment**
- **33 off-reserve Indigenous students**
- **Highest-ever overall enrollment for school: 232 students K-12**

"We're excited to see this growth," says Principal Michael Willing, who assumed his position in August.

CTS/Industrial Arts classes also have record enrollment and are filled to capacity. Males dominate Welding this year, but Construction Technology is evenly split between male and female students.

Get the new principal's take on the coming year in *Principal's Update* video at mans1.ca and catch *The Construction Tech Experience* video too.

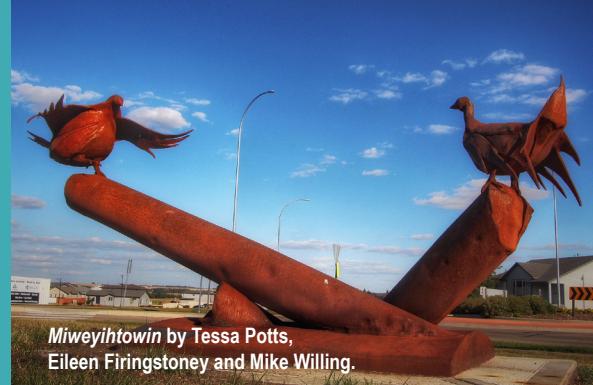
GARDENING CLASS SEES BIG PAY-OFF



Students harvest kale and tomatoes.

Despite a lack of summer rain and weeks of exceptionally high temperatures, the garden planted by Kim Herrington's six gardening class students produced bountifully. Over 150 lbs. of tomatoes were picked by excited students in the high school-wide harvest effort, and many quarts of tomato sauce and vegetable soups were prepared by students in food classes for MANS' lunch program.

More on the gardening class and its community supporters at mans1.ca News.



Miweyihitowin by Tessa Potts,
Eileen Firingstone and Mike Willing.

COMMISSIONED SCULPTURE AND MANS ARTISTS ATTRACT NEW INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE

Miweyihitowin is one of only two student sculptures selected for an international welded art show. To view the catalogue of the 2021 International Institute of Welding Welded Art Photographic Exhibition, go to bit.ly/3sTxwGr.

2021 VALEDICTORIAN SCORES MULTIPLE FIRSTS

Top of MANS Class of 2021 Kaylie Okeymow broke new ground as a cultural ambassador at Burman University's celebration of Canada's first Truth and Reconciliation Day. Kaylie shared bannock and pride in her Maskwacis roots with her fellow freshmen and other BU students. Kaylie's 2021 graduate classmates Ivory Threefingers and Amelia Louis plan to join her at BU next year.



Construction teacher (now principal)
Mike Willing
with some
experienced
Construction
students
in the new
Agri-Barn.



NEW BUILDING ON CAMPUS: AGRI-BARN

Using computer drafting technology, MANS' first Construction Technology class took on the challenge of designing a building needed for the expansion of MANS agricultural program this Spring, and milled \$5,000 worth of lumber from reclaimed trees—enough to construct the 12'x20' structure plus Construction class projects for the next three or four years. More at mans1.ca News.

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LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

Photo by Dean Ward Highview Photo



Joshua's always had dreams.

As a 10-year old walking MANS' halls, the son of now Chief Vernon Saddleback, Samson Cree Nation, Joshua dreamed of graduating from MANS (then terminating at Grade 9). He dreamed of excelling in high school and at athletics, and going on to university—which he did.

Now Joshua wants to help the next Indigenous generation get a healthy start in life.

Joshua wants his girls and other Res kids to have the special MANS experience, and he's pitching in to help ensure that their MANS education includes something his didn't: a level outdoor playing field.

Because a level playing field isn't just a luxury dream. It's a way to change the course of a life.

Help MANS kids build skills, character, and a healthy, brighter future.

**Support the MANS 2021
"Level the Playing Field" Year End Appeal
to build an athletic field.**

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To hear Joshua's perspective on MANS and why he's sending his girls here, go to the Video section of mans1.ca.