



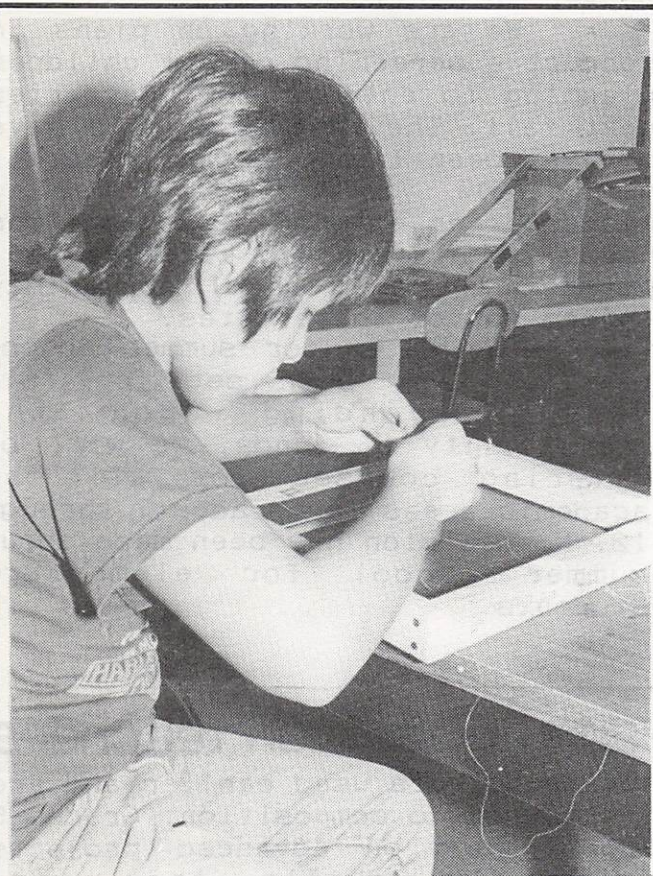
## Fond du Lac Ojibway School

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### Creative concentration

Concentration and steady hands enable Azhibik Aubid, fifth grade, to make progress on his beading project for Ojibway language and culture class.

### Incentive program starts

A new attendance incentive program was started recently. When every student of a particular grade is present during the 8:30 to 8:45 homeroom, each person in that grade receives \$1. Students receive the \$1 after homeroom attendance slips are turned into the office.

### Students tour Washington

This year's Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C. will be April 2-8.

Four students were chosen to participate based on good attendance, satisfactory grades and mature behavior. They are juniors Christine Knowlen and Melvin Defoe, and sophomores Tony Longclaws and James Couture.

This is the fourth consecutive year that students from FDL have participated in this program. Its purpose is to acquaint students with the functions of government and introduce them to the capital city.

A week of workshops, seminars, walking tours, and a day on Capitol Hill meeting with United States Representatives and Senators will be part of the students' itinerary.

Mary Cane, social studies teacher and Close-Up Coordinator, will be accompanying the students.

### Come to the POW WOW

The annual school pow wow has been set for April 7 in the school gym. There will be an afternoon session for the students followed by a potluck feast and then a grand entry.

Panji Gahbow, Ojibway language and culture teacher, is coordinating this event. Her teacher's aide, Delsie Day, is organizing the Oshkiniigikwe and Oshkinawe contest.

Everyone is invited to come and help staff and students celebrate and honor the seniors.



## From the Principal

by Phil Minkkinen

Once again the end of the quarter is upon us. Report cards will be prepared by teachers this week. Instead of mailing them to parents, as we have done in the past, we are trying something different. We want parents to come to school to get them and meet with teachers. We would really like to get to know you and for you to get to know us. These conferences have been set for April 6. The time for your conference will be sent to you at a later date. Hopefully, you all will be able to attend.

The school pow wow has been set for April 7, at the school gym. We will be having an afternoon session for the school students and anyone else that wishes to attend. The grand entry will be in the evening after the potluck feast. We invite you to attend this event. It always has been an enjoyable evening. There is no reason to believe this will be anything but that.

## INTRODUCING: Art, Ojibway, physical education teachers

This month we would like to introduce the art, physical education, and Ojibway language and culture teachers.

### ART

Dale Sautbine started teaching art to grades 7 through 12 in the fall of 1983. This year his curriculum was expanded to include grades 1 through 6.

The art curriculum was designed to be progressive, a building of skills, until, in grades 11 and 12, students are free to choose what art projects they would like to concentrate on.

In grades 1 and 2, Dale provides an introduction to the different aspects of art. The students experiment with different techniques used in the different mediums. Grades 3 and 4 build on

The Ojibway School has been nominated to participate in the BIA's Effective School Pilot Project. This program will enable us to provide additional training for staff and school board. It also will provide us with a considerable amount of money to be used for improving the quality of educational programs at the school. The announcement of the selected schools will take place at the spring meeting of the NISBA in Denver in April.

We are working on plans to conduct a screening of all children planning to enter our kindergarten next fall. The dates for this have not yet been firmly established. If you have a child entering kindergarten or know of someone who has a child entering kindergarten, please call the school so we may inform you of these dates.

The dates for summer school have not yet been set for this year. Depending upon the availability of funds, we will be offering courses for all the academic areas for grades 7 through 12. No decision has been made about summer school for elementary students.

the techniques used earlier and are introduced to composition. Grades 5 and 6 work on advanced projects using the skills they were introduced to in the lower grades.

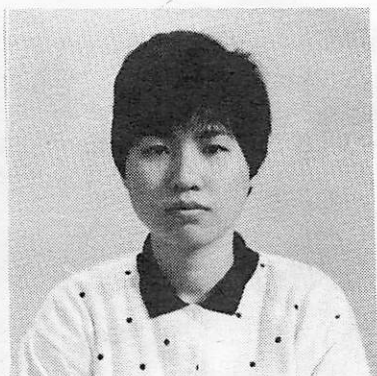
In grades 7 through 10, students learn more about design and are introduced to art history. They complete projects in drawing, painting, jewelry, fibers, printing, enameling, and crafts. Art is a year-long required class for these grades.

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## Japanese intern to join staff, share information

A Japanese intern, Teruyo Akiyama, will be joining the Ojibway School staff as of April 17.



Teruyo Akiyama

Though Teruyo will be based in the social studies room, it is hoped she will be utilized throughout both the elementary and high school. She has indicated on her intern profile that she would be able to teach about origami, old Japanese tales, children's songs, traditional toys, annual events, and Japanese language, culture, and traditions.

Teruyo will be staying with social studies teacher Mary Cane. She is 21-years-old, is employed as a clerk at a Seven Eleven in Tokyo, and is majoring in business at the Kanda Institute of Foreign Language.

## Summer work available through forestry center

Ojibway School students once again are able to take part in a unique program through the University of Minnesota and the Cloquet Forestry Center. One student from here and one from Duluth will be able to work at the Forestry Center for eight weeks during the summer. They will receive \$5 per hour. These students will be learning while helping to

cut trees and cleanup the woods.

There also is a program for students to work for the Forest Service in one of the national forests this summer. They would be doing similar types of work.

Hopefully students will take the initiative to apply for and follow through on these opportunities.

## German students visit school, learn about dance

Several students from Duisburg, Germany visited the Ojibway School March 28.

After sharing lunch, the Ojibway School students demonstrated Indian dance. Pete Gahbow, temporary teaching assistant, led the singers at the drum. The German students and their teachers joined in for a couple of

the dances.

Following the dancing, the visitors presented Principal Phil Minkinen with a souvenir plate and book about Germany.

These exchange students are spending three weeks attending school in the Duluth school system before returning to Germany.

## physical education, continued

understand competition as a way to have fun. Grades 5 and 6 work on basic team sports such as volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, and football. Grades 7-10 continue to concentrate on team sports, while 11th and 12th grade elective classes learn about life time sports.

Joe also teaches health to

grades 7-10.

In addition to his teaching duties, Joe is the athletic director, head football coach, and B-Team basketball coach.

Joe graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Superior with a physical education major and a minor in health education.

# Students challenge mind, body during Games

The 7th Annual Ziigwan Ataadiwin (spring games) were held on March 9.

Each grade (7-12) competed against each other in games that

matched intellectual and physical skills. There were 15 events scheduled throughout the day.

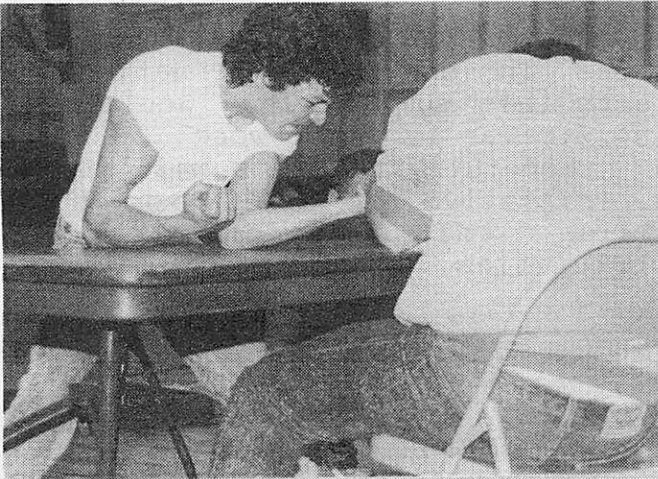
This year's games were won by the sophomore class.



Gail DuFault and Missy Greensky match wits during cribbage.



One of the more exciting events of the day is the floor hockey competition.



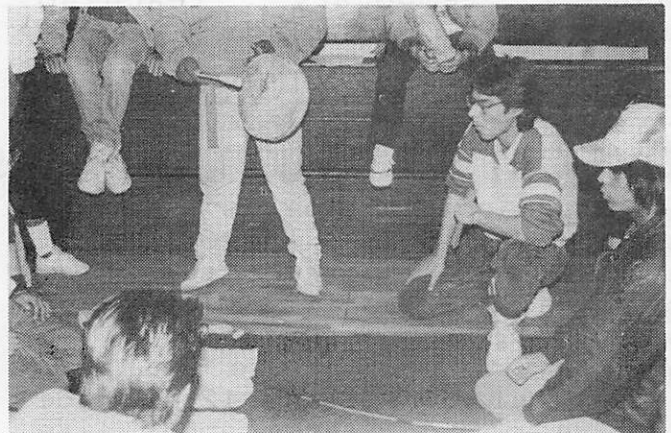
Though defeated in arm wrestling, Doug St. Germaine proved to be a challenge for Eric Berglund.



The final event of strength is the tug-of-war.



The Carol Beargrease sled dog race is always a favorite for spectators.



Dan Aubid and Rick Benjamin accept the challenge of the moccasin game.

## New school nurse promotes health at school, home

Margaret Thilmany, our new school nurse, is now available 20 hours a week. Her usual hours will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, or Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Margaret's goals include helping children stay healthy by learning to live healthy



Margaret Thilmany

lifestyles. It is important to realize that healthy children learn better. She also wants to stress that parents, guardians, and other family members are an important part of this health care.

Throughout the year, Margaret will be scheduling health days to observe the students. In April, there will be scoliosis screening for students in grades 4-8 and a mini-screening for students in grades 9-12. Letters will be going out to the families of those to be screened. She welcomes the help of any volunteers during health days.

Margaret has been a nurse for many years. She has worked in labor and deliver, postpartum, nursery, and in medical nursing. In addition, she has studied community health and the nursing of children. Some of her best experiences have come as the result of raising three children and being a volunteer in schools for 10 years.

## B.E.S.T. winners announced for January, February

Several students were recognized and rewarded under the B.E.S.T. Kid Program for the months of January and February.

The B.E.S.T. Kid Program is used to recognize good behavior and academic performance. Students selected in the first and second grades receive a prize. Students in grades 3 through 12 each receive \$25.

### January's B.E.S.T. Kids:

1st- Raven Boshey, 2nd- Steve Fosness, 3rd- Neil King, 4th- Josie Virnala, 5th- Azhibik Aubid, 6th-Becky Norton, 7th- Brad Northrup, 8th- Nikki Reynolds, 9th- Melody Diver, 10th- James Couture, 11th- Chris Knowlen, 12th- Jean Skinaway.

### February's B.E.S.T. Kids:

Kindergarten- Dora Topping, 1st- Billie Joy Whitewolf, 2nd- Chris Houle, 3rd- Jason Richard, 4th- Russell Savage, 5th- James Korby, 6th- Kim Bellanger, 7th-

Richelle Mullen, 8th- Nikki Reynolds, 9th- Dave Gitzen, 10th- Eric Berglund, 11th- Rick Benjamin, 12th- Jean Skinaway.



## Basketball

Boys' basketball coaches Dick Diver and Joe Curran and girls' coach Dale Sautbine were pleased with improved performances during the season. The boys' record was 7 and 9 and the girls' record was 5 and 12. Congratulations on a well played season.

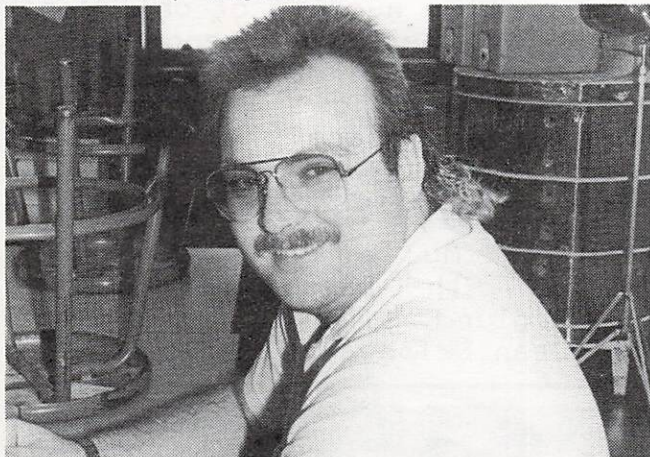
## teachers, programs, continued

In grades 11 and 12, the students are required to take one year of art. It is an individualized program and students chose their own projects.

Traditional Ojibway crafts, such as beading, are taught in combination with the Ojibway language and culture class.

In addition to his teaching duties, Dale has been the girls' basketball coach for 4 years, the volleyball coach for 2 years, and the yearbook advisor for 6 years.

Dale received his Bachelor of Science Degree in art education from Bemidji State University. He received his coaching certificate from there as well. He is currently working on his Masters in Art Education from the University of Wisconsin, Superior.



Dale Sautbine

### OJIBWAY LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Panji Gahbow teaches Ojibway language and culture to grades 1-12. Since starting at the Ojibway School in the spring of 1983, Panji has developed the curriculum to meet the needs of the students. She concentrates on basic language skills with most students, but does teach advanced conversational skills to more advanced students.

Ojibway Language is a required class for grades 1-10, and an elective for grades 11 and 12.

Besides teaching the language, Panji also has units on beading, cultural traditions, Indian legends, singing, and dancing.

In the spring, before the

annual school pow wow, she concentrates on beading, singing, and dancing. Pete Gahbow, her son, comes in to help teach the students about singing and drumming.



Panji Gahbow



Joe Curran

Panji graduated from Onamia High School and has supplemented her education with classes from St. Cloud State University, Bemidji State University, and the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Every year she attends numerous conferences, seminars, and workshops dealing with the teaching of Ojibway language and culture. She holds eminence credentials to teach from the State of Minnesota.

Panji also is involved with Free Flying Eagles, a group for chemically free teens from the Cloquet area and Duluth. Some students who are trying to become chemically free are also involved with the group which meets to share ideas, listen to speakers, and learn about their heritage and traditions. They also go on pow wow trips.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Physical education and health are taught by Joe Curran, who has been at FDL since the fall of 1986. This year, Joe's curriculum was expanded to include grades 1-6.

In grades 1 and 2, Joe concentrates on teaching simple game rules. He also works on following directions and helping students practice self-control. The 3rd and 4th grade classes work on interpersonal relationship skills. He wants the students to work unselfishly with teammates and to

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