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Finally, Graduation!

School Board Chairperson Sandi Savage addressed the 1989 graduating class during ceremonies May 31. Before receiving their diplomas, the graduates Lonnie Bighead, Carl Boyd, Gail DuFault, Tim Jackson, John LaPrairie, Gladys Martin, Jennifer Martineau, Mike Petite, and Jean Skinaway listened to other speeches by Principal Phil Minkkinen, RBC Chairperson Robert Peacock, Education Director Don Wiesen, and special guest Larry Aitkin.

B.E.S.T. winners announced for April, May

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

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.

April's B.E.S.T. Kids:

1st- Jessica Torres, 2nd-Steve Fosness, 3rd- Janelle Petite, 4th- Josie Virnala, 5th- Corem Soman, 6th- Donna Norton, 7th- Mark Bird, 8th- Nikki Reynolds, 9th-Melody Diver, 10th- Tony Longclaws, 11th- Chris Knowlen, 12th- Jean Skinaway.

May's B.E.S.T. Kids:

1st- Dan Fairbanks, 2nd- Dale Hovis, 3rd- Monroe Skinaway, 4th-Russell Savage, 5th- Azhibik Aubid, 6th- Robie Fairbanks, 7th- Richelle Mullen, 8th- Nikki Reynolds, 9th-Dave Gitzen, 10th- James Couture, 11th- Chris Knowlen, 12th- Jean Skinaway.

Chapter | Program to go schoolwide

by Mike Rabideaux, Chapter I Eng.
The Chapter I Program at the
Ojibway School will expand its
services to all students in the
1989-90 school year. In the past,
students diagnosed as needing
support in Reading, Language Arts,
and Math were served, but this

coming year the Chapter I Program will become a schoolwide program which means that all students in all areas of academic need will become eligible for supplemental support. The students will be identified for support through a continued on page 2



From the Principal

by Phil Minkkinen

The school year has ended, teachers are cleaning up and inventorying their rooms. Janitors are cleaning up in anticipation for the summer programs. The office staff is busy preparing for my departure for the summer. Needless to say there is a flurry of activity in the school.

A few things need to be announced to all parents. First, the RBC has hired Mr. Tom Peacock as the Ojibway School's new superintendent. He will receive his Ph.D. from Harvard University in June and will start here on August 1. He spent the last year as the high school principal at Willow River, Mn.

Second, summer school will begin on June 19. We will be having programs for all grade levels. The high school students will be having two week sessions, four days per week, five hours per day. Each subject area will be offered for the high school. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday, except for the July 4th week, which will run Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The school day will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m.

Chapter One, continued -

variety of methods including CAT scores, teacher and parent referral, or by the students themselves.

The focus of the program will be to teach students more effective thinking skills. We will concentrate on refining the three basic steps of higher order thinking skills: acquisition of information; organization of information; and the evaluation of information. Critical thinking and critical reading are the corner stones to a successful education.

Parental involvement is another area of great concern that we will be addressing. It has been

The schedule is as follows:

Session 1-June 19 through June 29 Science Communications

Session 2-July 3 through July 13 Social Studies Art

Session 3-July 17 through July 27
Math
Ojibwe Language
Phy Ed

The elementary schedule will have two sessions of three weeks, four days per week, five hours per day. The schedule is as follows:

Session 1-June 19 through July 7
Grades 1 though 6
Students will receive
instruction in reading,
math, language arts.

Session 2-July 10 through July 27 Students entering Kindergarten and Grade 1

A notice will be sent to the parents of the students we are recommending for the summer programs. There will be room for approximately 45 students in each program. If you wish to have your child in either of these programs, you need to contact the school for enrollemnt information. A busing schedule will be prepared soon.

found that when parents take an active interest in their child's education, the student is much more successful in school. Kids need support, they need to feel important about themselves and their education, and they need to hear how important they are from all school personnel and parents.

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Awards Programs honor outstanding students

Certificates, medals and many words of congratulations were exchanged during the Junior and Senior High School Awards Program May 24. and the Elementary Awards Program May 26. Junior and senior high school awards included:

OJIBWAY LANGUAGE AWARDS

7th grade - Richelle Mullen 8th grade - Nikki Reynolds 9th grade - Mel Diver 10th grade - Tony Longclaws 12th grade - Jean Skinaway

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

8th grade - Chandra Mullen 9th grade - David Gitzen, Mel Diver 10th grade - James Couture 11th grade - Chris Knowlen 12th grade - Jean Skinaway

JOURNALISM AWARDS

Jean Skinaway Chris Knowlen

CHAPTER ONE ENGLISH AWARDS

Outstanding Achievement - Nikki Reynolds

Writing Awards - John Fairbanks
Gladys Martin
Scott Blacketter

Computer Whiz-Kid - Becky Reynolds Essay Writing - Brad Northrup Reading - Leah Fairbanks

SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

(JoAnne Wisniewski) Reading Program

Gold - Bonnie Bellanger
Junior VanNett
Silver - Cheyenne Thompson
Bronze - John England
Mike Petite
Russell Diver



Charlie Karp presented senior Jean Skinaway with the USAF Mathematics and Science Award.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

(Mary Huard)

Achievement - John England Rick Benjamin

Service - Junior VanNett Citizenship - Bonnie Bellanger

MATHEMATICS AWARDS

7th grade - Richelle Mullen Brad Northrup

8th grade - Nikki Reynolds

9th grade - Mel Diver

Top Junior High Student - Mel Diver

10th grade - Eric Berglund James Couture

Tony Longclaws 11th grade - Chris Knowlen

12th grade - Jean Skinaway

Top Senior High Student - James

Couture

SCIENCE AWARDS

7th grade - Richelle Mullen 8th grade - Nikki Reynolds 9th grade - Mel Diver

10th grade - Tony Longclaws

Missy Greensky 11th grade - Chris Knowlen 12th grade - Jean Skinaway

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

7th grade - Richelle Mullen 8th grade - Lori Northrup

9th grade - Mel Diver

10th grade - Tony Longclaws 11th grade - Chris Knowlen

12th grade - Jean Skinaway

STUDENT COUNCIL AWARDS

7th - Richelle Mullen, Ira Aubid 8th - Lori Northrup, Chandra Mullen

9th - Mel Diver. David Gitzen

10th- Spud Fairbanks, James Couture continued on page 4



Mel Diver again received the Student of the Year Award.

outstanding students, continued

11th - Chris Knowlen, Mel DeFoe 12th- Lonnie Bighead, Jean Skinaway

CLOSE-UP AWARDS

Melvin DeFoe Chris Knowlen Tony Longclaws James Couture

SPECIAL WORLD GEOGRAPHY AWARD

Becky Reynolds Chandra Mullen Lori Northrup

ART AWARDS

7th grade - Brad Northrup 9th grade - Mel Diver 11th grade - Rick Benjamin 12th grade - Jean Skinaway

FOOTBALL AWARDS

All Conference - John England Special Recognition - Jerrad Ojibway, Eric Berglund Most Improved - Don Petite Most Valuable Player - John England Honorable Mention - Chad Lewis

BOYS BASKETBALL AWARDS

Junior Varsity James Tallwhiteman, Ira Aubid, Rick Benjamin, Eric Berglund, Dave Gitzen, Doug Misquadace, Morrin, Junior VanNett, Thompson, Spud Fairbanks Chad

Varsity - Tim Jackson, Russ Diver, Dan Aubid, Lonnie Bighead, John England. Pat Houle

Honorable Mention- Dan Aubid Most Improved Player - Dave Gitzen Most Valuable Player - Ken Morrin

VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

Jean Skinaway, Lisa Northrup. Melody Diver. Shannon Mullen, CHandra Mullen, Bonnie Bellanger, Nikki Reynolds, Becky Reynolds, Richelle Mullen

Most Improved - Shannon Mullen Most Valuable Player- Jean Skinaway

GIRLS' BASKETBALL AWARDS

Jean Skinaway, Lisa Northrup, Mel Diver, Shannon Mullen, Chandra

Mullen, Becky Reynolds, Richelle Mullen, Bonnie Bellanger, Lori Northrup, Kim Bellanger

Most Improved - Lisa Northrup Most Valuable Player - Mel Diver

TRACK AND FIELD LETTERS

David Gitzen, Mel Diver, Dan Aubid. James Couture, James Tallwhiteman. Ira Aubid

Most Improved - David Gitzen Most Valuable Player - Ira Aubid

HONOR STUDENTS

A Honor Roll all year- Mel Diver B Honor Roll all year - David Gitzen. Tony Longclaws, Eric Berglund, Chris Knowlen, Jean Skinaway

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Absent 4 days all year - Chandra and Shannon Mullen Absent 3 days all year - David Gitzen and Lisa Northrup

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Lisa Pincombe presented the 3rd and 4th graders with awards during the elementary program.



elementary students The celebrate the end of the year with a field day full of indoor and outdoor games.

outstanding students, continued

Absent i day all year - Nikki Reynolds Present every day - Mel Diver

RICHARD G. DREW CREATIVITY IN SCIENCE AWARD - Chris Knowlen

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE AWARD - Jean Skinaway

MAPLE SYRUP RAFFLE Bonnie Bellanger Becky Reynolds Merlin Sherer

ZIIGWAN ATAADIWIN 10th grade class

STUDENT OF THE YEAR 10th grade - Mel Diver

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

to teacher's aide Bev Gitzen for all of her help with the seventh and ninth grade class fundraisers

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE AWARDS

Mathematics - Sharon Smith Super Story Writer- Tabletha Wiesen

> Sheila Kennebeck Brooke Blue

Art Proficiency - Chris Houle Reading Award - Janee DuFault

Marella Martineau

Raven Boshey Jessica Torres

Leah Savage

Felicia Martineau

John Korby Josh Baker

Clock Watcher Award - Billie Joy

Whitewolf John Korby Justin DeFoe

Hardest Worker Award - Joshua Baker

Steve Fosness Outstanding attitude-Danny

Fairbanks

Cheerfulness Award - Jessica Torres Globetrotter's Certificate - Jaimie Petite

Fawn McMillen

THIRD GRADE AWARDS

Curiosity - Wesley Sanford Achievement - Mike Martin

Participation - Monroe Skinaway Sweet Tooth - Candice DeFoe Spelling Proficiency-Lannesse Baker Best CAT Test Taker- Kenny Skinaway Nicest Smile- Neil King Janelle Petite

Love - Bryan Basto Cleanliness - Robyn Blue Hardest Worker - Jason Richard Robyn Blue Neil King

Lannesse Baker

Cheerfulness - Janelle Petite Writing - Jason Richard Lannesse Baker

Reading - Bryan Basto Mathematics - Jason Richard Neil King Lannesse Baker

FOURTH GRADE AWARDS

Attendance - Josie Virnala Computer Operator's License - Ken Fosness

Art Proficiency - Victor Kennedy Spelling Proficiency- Josie Virnala Jodie Lewis April Korby

Best Dressed - Emily Soman Hardest Worker - Phil Savage Josie Virnala Emily Soman Russel Savage

Cheerfulness Award - April Korby Writing Award - Victor Kennedy Reading Award - Jossette Martin Jana Martineau Phil Savage Josie Virnala

Mathematics - Josie Virnala Russell Savage

FIFTH GRADE AWARDS

Future Artist - Tony Robinson Sweet Tooth - Danielle Martineau Coolness Under Pressure-Corey Soman Cheerfulness - Ann Martin Outstanding Attitude- Azhibik Aubid Clock Watching - James Korby Writing Award - Lilly Blacketter

SIXTH GRADE AWARDS

Class Giggles - Donna Norton Good Girl - Sarah Fairbanks Clumsiness - Cristal Lewis Hardest Worker - Travis Blacketter

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Class Clown - Jeff Boshey Top Speller - Becky Norton Congeniality - Emma Skinaway Nicest Smile - Wanda LaClaire Ceativity - Kimberly Bellanger Computer Whiz-Kid - Robie Fairbanks Reading Award - Linda Martin Procrastinator's Award-Jeremy Hovis Mr. Know-it-all - Shayne Thompson

PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT HEADSTART

Cristal Lewis Travis Blacketter Kimberly Bellanger Wanda LaClaire

Track team competes at Districts

The FDL Track Team competed in the District 26 Track Meet on May 25.

grader Tenth James Tallwhiteman finished 8th in the 3200 meter run, ninth grader Mel Diver finished 8th in the women's discus and eighth grader Reynolds finished 9th in women's discus.

Prom royalty crowned





Dining, dancing, royalty, speeches were all part of Junior/Senior annual Prom Spring Banquet on May 12.

Lisa Northrup crowned Lonnie Bighead and Jean Skinaway king and while Tony Longclaws queen Chris Knowlen were prince princess.

Headstart graduation honors students, staff











Headstart Graduation was full activities including presentation of certificates of participation to the 3-year-olds, a mini pow wow,

action songs performed by Headstart children, and a procession of the graduates prior to receiving their diplomas.