

Kevin Belmore Art Print fundraising and FOW Donations to the KZ Lodge program at Hammarskjold High School

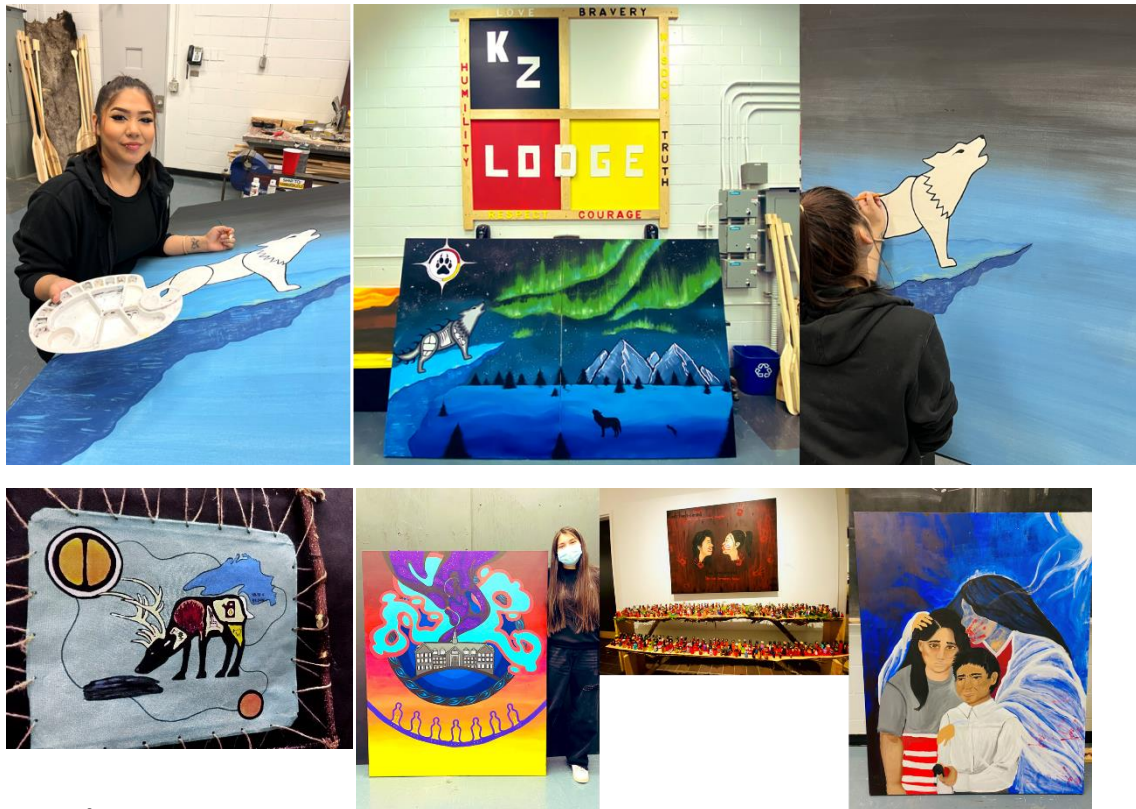


Our friends at Wabakimi Provincial Park suggested the [Wabakimi Art print proceeds go](#) to the **KZ Lodge program at Hammarskjold High School** in 2024; to which our Board of Directors gladly agreed.

Additional Donations may be made to the Friends of Wabakimi and we'll pass those funds along. <https://friendsofwabakimi.wildapricot.org/Donate!>

Or Cheques may be addressed to: Hammarskjold High School
Notes/Memo: KZ Lodge (please let them know FOW is in support)

Mailing address:
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KZ Lodge

The KZ Lodge is an Alternative Secondary School Program offered in a mainstream school setting. However, it is designed to incorporate specialized programming related to Indigenous land-based learning and life skill building.

The program's main goal is to provide added support to Indigenous youth by providing a soft landing that helps ease their transition into a mainstream secondary school setting. The KZ Lodge is focused on providing programming to students in grades 9 and 10. However, the lodge has recently expanded to include students in grades 11 and 12 working towards earning technology credits. Some key areas of focus for the program include: fostering student creativity, encouraging critical thinking, helping students connect to their culture, and exposing students to real-world connections, technologies and careers.

Other program goals for the KZ Lodge classroom include creating a welcoming, culturally respectful and inclusive learning environment in the classroom. As well as integrating culturally relevant curriculum and community-based partnerships. KZ Lodge continues to work in partnership with the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, Matawa First Nations, Roots to Harvest, Smart Modular Homes, Elders and Knowledge keepers, Thunder Bay Police, Ministry of Natural Resources, and Lakehead Social Planning Council.

KZ Lodge Experience

- Building traditional
- Snowshoes with elders
- Building canoe paddles
- Wild Rice Harvesting
- Butchering/skinny wild game
- Medicine wheel gardening
- Teepee Lodge building
- Parks Ontario Trips and Education
- Forest Firefighting Training
- MNR education
- Tree Planting

Students gain valuable hands-on skills, while also discovering what it takes to pursue different careers in related job sectors. Students often work towards Green Technology Curriculum, which aims to connect students to Forestry & Natural Resources, Horticulture, Agriculture and more. The KZ Lodge also exposes students to different green industries that exist in Thunder Bay and communities throughout the Northwest Region.

Examples of Green Technology programs/activities in the KZ Lodge

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Land-Based Programming

- Canoe instruction and certification
- Wild rice workshops
- Hunter safety training
- Dog sledding
- Traditional medicine education
- hikes
- Traditional drum making
- Traditional hide tanning activities
- Great Lakes fisheries and ecosystem management - Fish hatchery trips
- Chainsaw safety

- Elder talks
- Construction & welding activities, exposure to trades
- Traditional cooking/ceremonies
- The KZ Lodge alternative program
- aims to engage class students in memorable and meaningful landbased

learning experiences encompassing Indigenous perspectives, values and practices.

The program delivers curriculum in local outdoor settings, uniquely to help honour Indigenous values and ways of learning.