

Celebrating Our Roots

Nisicawâyasîhk Nîhitho Heritage, Language, and Culture (NNHLC) hosted a feast and open house for students and Citizens on December 10 at the multiplex.

It was a wonderful opportunity to join together and celebrate our Nîhitho heritage.

“Keeping our culture alive through storytelling, ceremony and daily language use builds resilience and unity,” said Wm. Elvis Thomas, NNHLC director. “Together we can honour our roots and ensure our traditions thrive for generations.”

The event included language and stories from Elders and community members, and a lesson in Cree syllabics. Everyone enjoyed a delicious feast, and all participants had a chance to win one of ten door prizes of \$500 each and a grand prize, which was a large screen TV.

Thomas provided an update from the NNHLC about accomplishments and future plans, including the dream of a museum and interpretive centre and further immersive language teachings/materials for the school curriculums.

Some of the projects the NNHLC has created include a

storybook series, teacher guides, billboards, websites and apps. Upcoming projects include dictionaries, activity booklets, culture camp, and more.

The NNHLC has many resources available for those interested in studying Nîhitho language, including a syllabics chart and a Nîhithowîwin Converter Tool, which provides instant translation between Roman text and syllabics.

Go to ncncree.com and search “Language, Heritage and Culture” to find out what’s available for your

language journey!

Thomas made sure to thank the Elders of NCN for



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