

Kendomang Zhagodenamonon Lodge



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Kendomang – Knowledge

Zhagodenamonon – the Seven Grandfather Teachings

Lodge – a place where we meet; where we are in our lives

“the more knowledge we have about the Seven Grandfather Teachings,
the more successful we will be at overcoming our fears and challenges”

Elder Gene Nowgesic



Turtle Island
and the Creation Story
is where we begin our
teachings and our
program

Anishinaabeg gikendaasowin

Akinomaage – We draw laws from our environments, we draw analogies from there and we can distinguish from there. "Aki" is earth, "nomaage" is to take directions from it. "Akinomaage" is a sense from learning from the land.

Niizhwaaswi Mishoomisag

The Seven Grandfather Teachings provide the focus for our Lodge.

The Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Center provided this beautiful carpet that sits in the center of our space and serves to constantly remind us to think about doing our best to follow the guiding principles of Love, Honesty, Humility, Courage, Wisdom, Respect and Truth.







Left to right – Great Grey Owl, Crow, Turkey Vulture, Rough Legged Hawk, Partridge wings









MONTH • MOIS

OCTOBER

SUN • DIM	MON • LUN	TUE • MAR	WED • MER	THU • JEU	FRI • VEN	SAT • SAM	NEXT MONTH • MOIS PROCHAIN
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			KINGFISHER FIELD TRIP ALL DAY		WALK THE PATH per 4		2
		TBIFC-per 5		OPEN GYM (LUNCH)			3
7	8 AAACK! NO SCHOOL 	9	10	11 SIBLEY FIELD TRIP ALL DAY	12	13	4
		TBIFC-per 5			WALK the Path per 4		5
				OPEN GYM (LUNCH)			6
14	15	16	17 DEER HIDE FLESHING	18 MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY SOAK HIDE	19 SOAK HIDE	20 Anemki Wajiw Powwow FWFN	7
		JUNIOR RANGERS PER 4 TBIFC-per 5			BUY OUT - PER 4 WALK the Path per 4		8
				OPEN GYM (LUNCH)			9
21	22 SOAK HIDE HIDE SCRAPING	23 TREE NURSERY KAKABEKA FALLS HIKE/TRAD. TEACHINGS	24 WALK THE PATH MASK MAKING PUMPKIN / PINATA CARVING CONTEST	25	26	27	10
		SOAK HIDE TBIFC-per 5		P. CARVING / PINATA CONTEST OPEN GYM (LUNCH)	DEER HIDE WALK the Path per 4 P. CARVING / PINATA		11
			31 HALLOWEEN BDAY of the Month Party DEER HIDE STRETCH & DRYING ALL DAY 	1 DEER HIDE 2 P.M. SEW HIDE TO POCKET	2 DEER HIDE -SMOKE?		12
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Jarred's BDAY

Jonathon's BDAY

Anemki Wajiw





Kingfisher Outdoor Education Center – a reconstruction of a Wolf







One of the students shared with us the story, while on a nature hike/medicine walk, of the Tamarack Tree and the Chickadee



Harvesting Chaga
A powerful medicine that
is often used to make a
healing tea





Sleeping Giant Provincial Park



Field trips are an integral part of getting out on the land. We have partnered with a grade nine geography class to build relationships between students (Indigenous and non Indigenous), share cultural knowledge and teachings and to learn about career opportunities at each of the locations we visit.

At the park, we planted some White Spruce trees to reforest a high traffic area following a hike













Traditional Waawaashkesi (deer) hide tanning

















Measuring the deer brain
before applying it to the
hide.











The process of stretching and drying the hide takes a minimum of 5 hours of **CONSTANT** work. Using the poles, the deer hide is stretched and pushed on until it is warm and dry to the touch.









Waawaashkesi -



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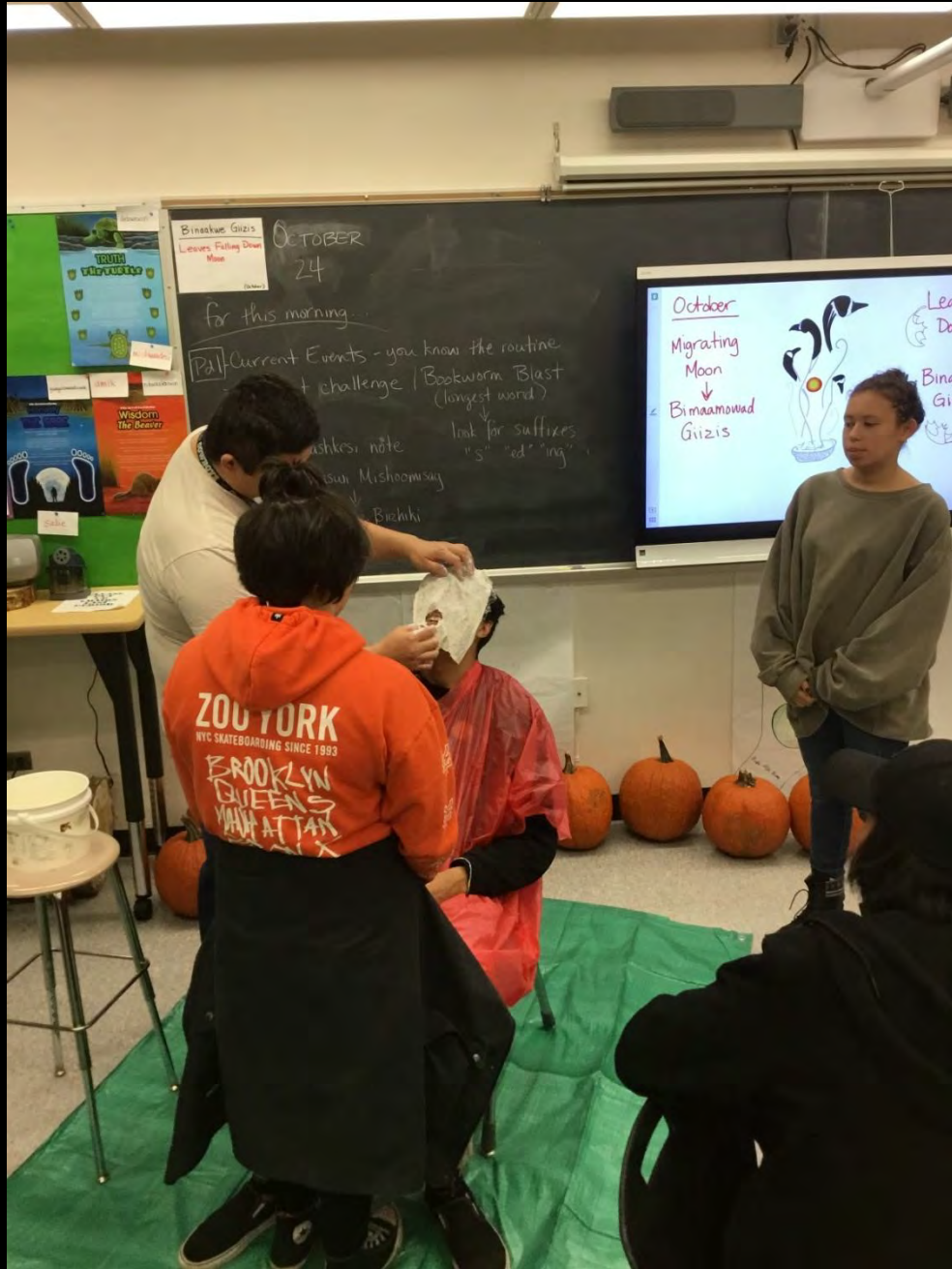
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Walk the Path

Training is another partnership the lodge has made with the Ojibway language class. Every Friday afternoon the two classes meet to learn about traditional teachings, cultural practices, Anishinaabemowin, all while building relationships in the school.











Traveling with the grade 9 geography class to learn about reforestation, job opportunities and the process of growing White Spruce and Jack Pine trees



Kakabeka Falls



While at Kakabeka Falls, the students of the Lodge and the geography class shared a lunch and a campfire (their favourite part), learned about invasive species, went on a hike/medicine walk, and shared teachings about the importance of protecting Nibi (water)



















Teachers Lisa MacLeod and Melissa Roberts, spent a snowy afternoon gathering the trees that would be needed for a joint activity involving setting up a prospector tent loaned to us by the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Management crew.

















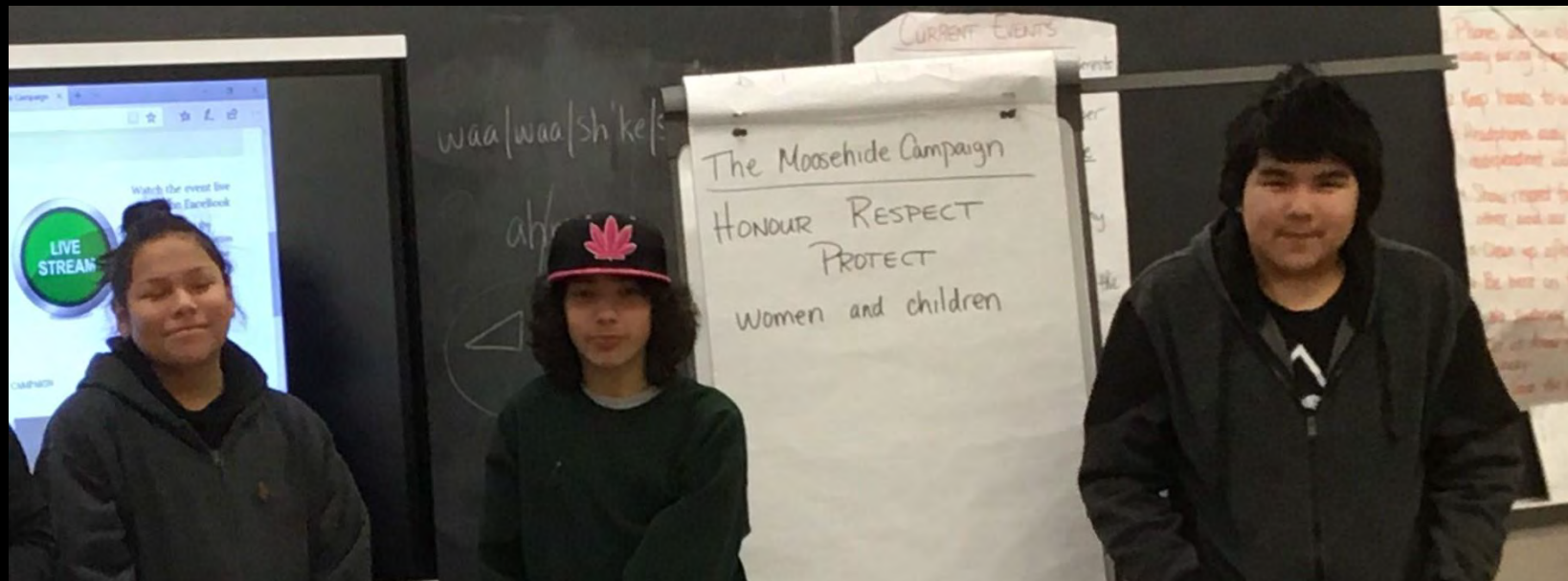
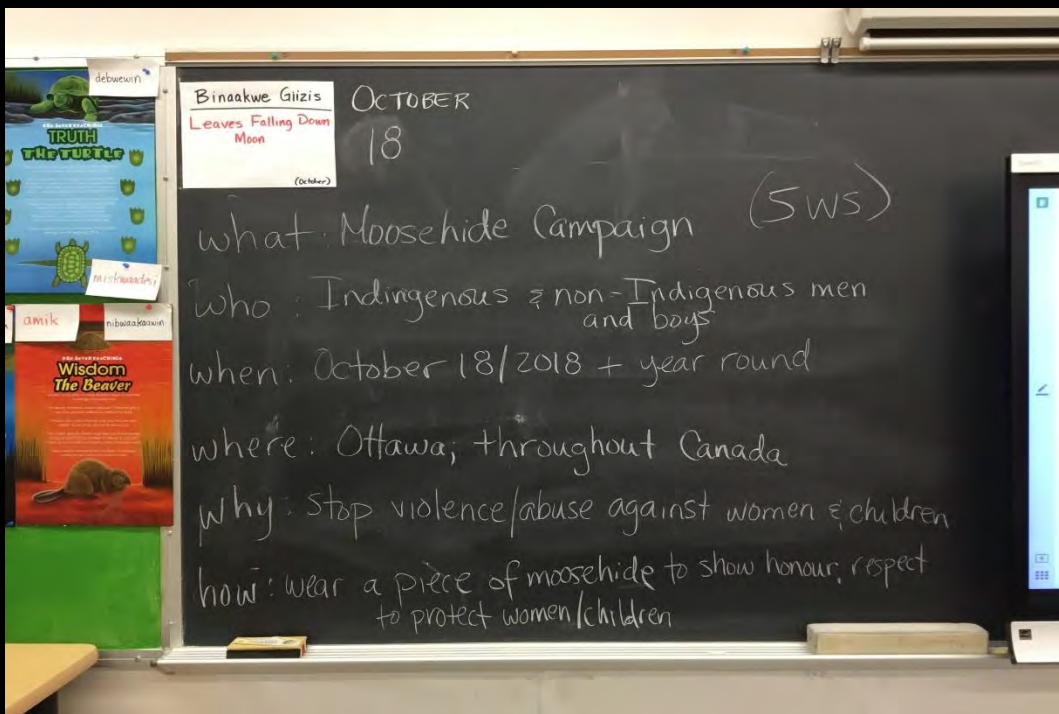


Students hand decorated these coffee mugs which were then filled with candy and tea bags. The mugs were distributed to Elders in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (Big Trout Lake).



Cedar Tea is always simmering for any and all students and staff.





Moose Hide Campaign



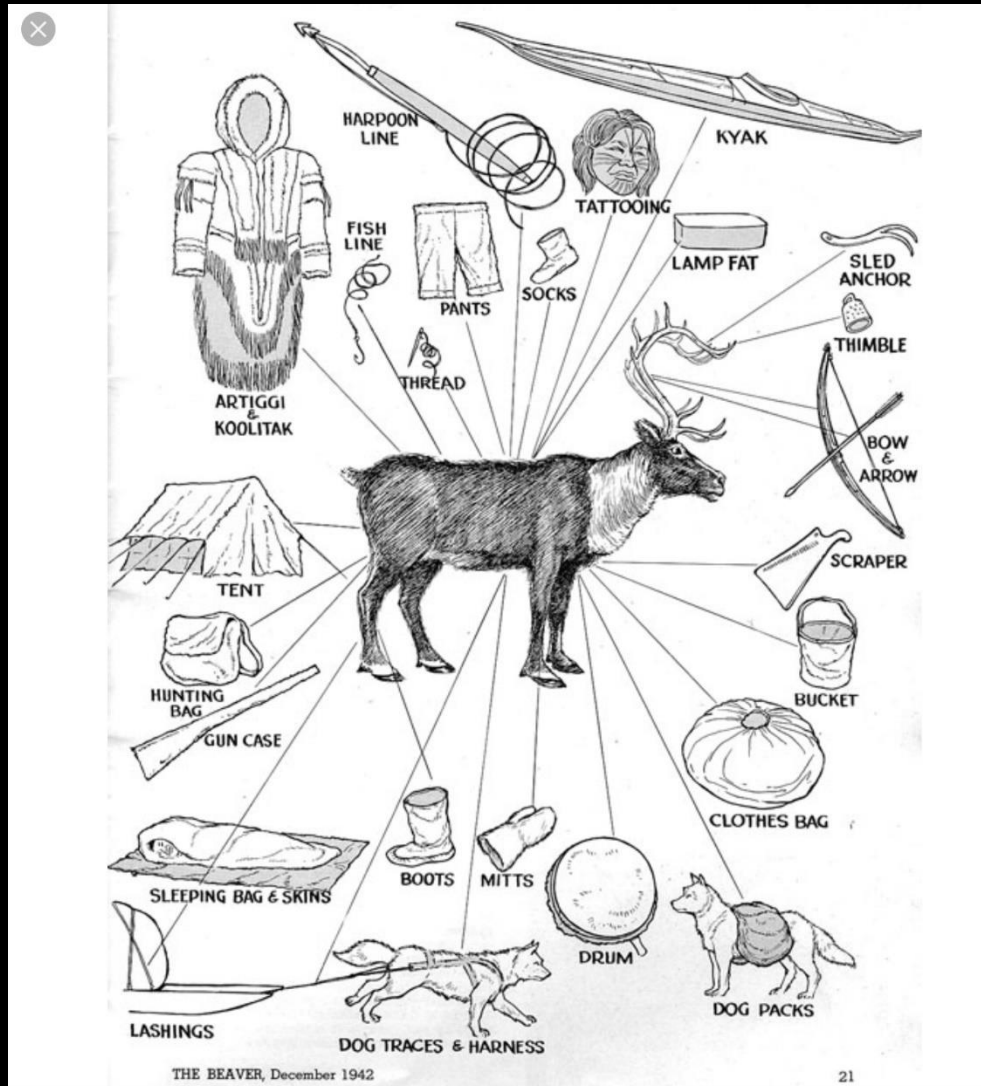
A group of walkers from Norway House, Manitoba stopped by to share stories and information about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Center activities include beading, painting, working with birch bark, storytelling, drumming and singing





A field trip with the grade 9 Geography class to the Ministry of Natural Resources Forestry tree farm to learn about and then find Caribou tracking collars.











Uprising: The Power of Mother Earth

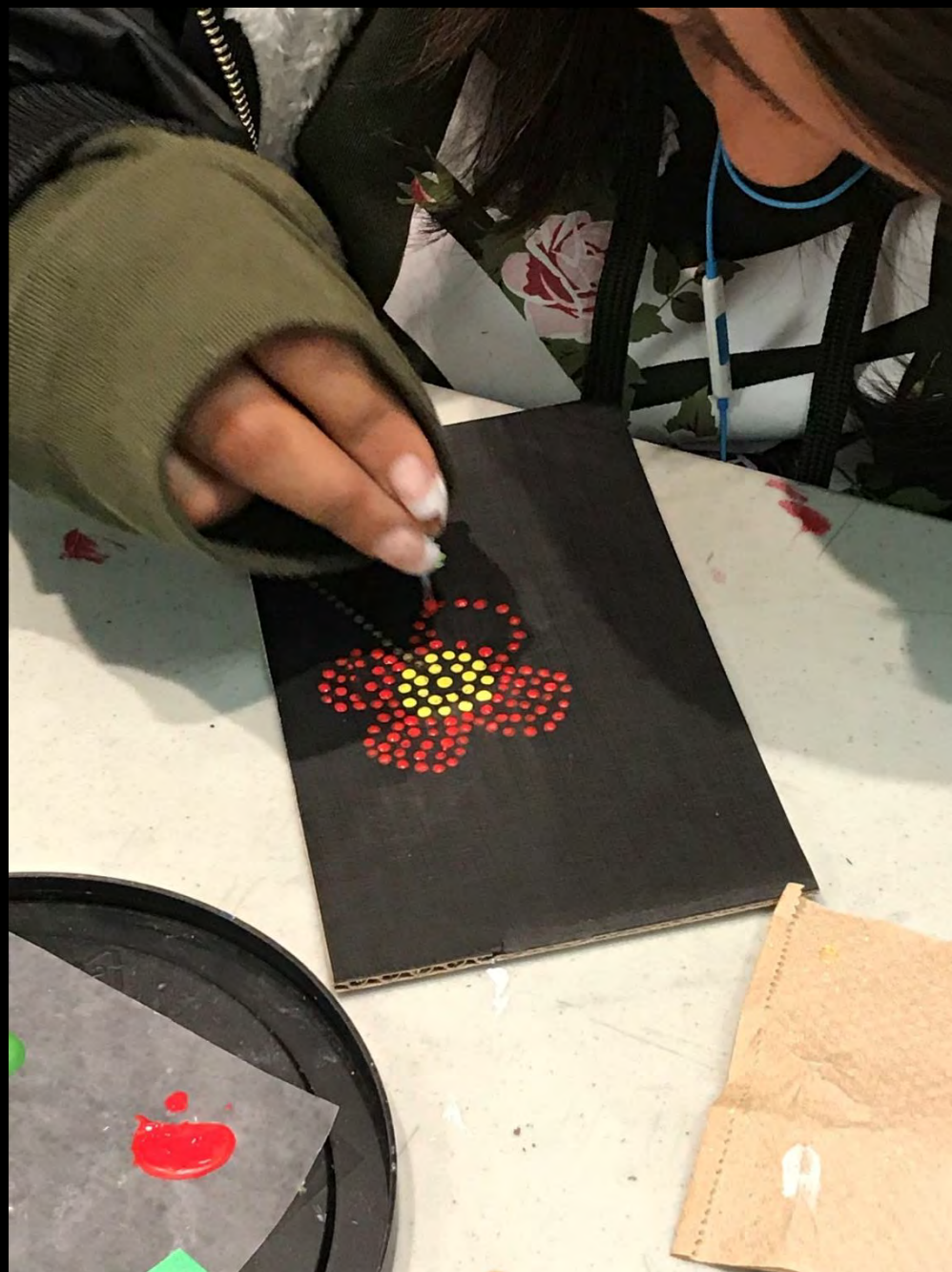
Thunder Bay Art Gallery





Painting using pointillism or dot style like Christi Belcourt









Living art



Hand feeding
a Nuthatch

Back in the classroom, students continued to work on creating a piece of art in Belcourt's style. Art appreciation, reflection and analysis of Anishinaabeg works of art is ongoing.



Beaded Dragonflies and Teachings



Table top teepee lights with Sharon Johnson





Learning to tie Turkey feathers with Mark Kendall of the Canadian Army and Canadian Junior Rangers leader



ENCOURAGING WORDS IN OJIBWE

Ginibwaakaa
You are smart

**Niminwendam
omaa ayaayan**
*I am happy
you are here*

Giwiidookaage
You help people

Gidapiitenimin
I value you

Gigotaamigiz
*You are a
good worker*

Gidapiitendaagoz
You are important

Gidebweyemin
I believe in you

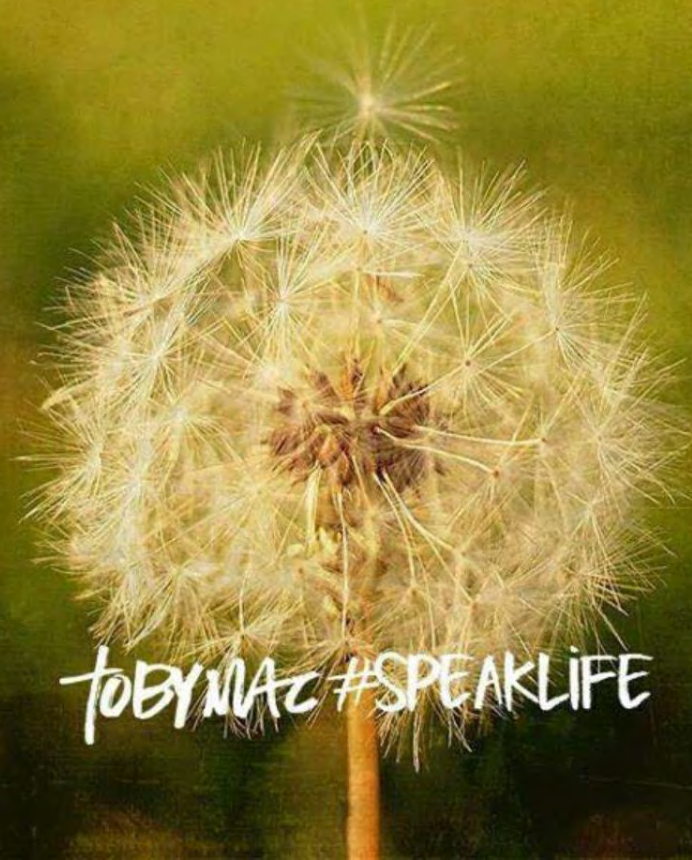
**Ginitaa-
bizindam**
*You are a
good listener*

"Healing Prayer for the Water"
Painting by LeAnne "Kalihiwiyosha" Thompson
www.inkdropgallery.com/kalihwiyosha

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SUDDENLY
ALL MY ANCESTORS
ARE BEHIND ME.
"BE STILL" THEY SAY.
WATCH AND LISTEN.
YOU ARE THE RESULT
OF THE LOVE OF
THOUSANDS"

**SPEAK WORDS THAT REBUILD THE
TORN DOWN PLACES IN OTHERS**



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