

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AT DÁMBÜ TÄN

April in Review

Language Challenge: Bringing Southern Tutchone Home

This month in language and culture, we have been working with the phrase “Dazhän _____ch’e.” Which means, “This _____ is”.

Students have been applying their body part vocabulary to this sentence frame.

For example: Dazhän änach’i ch’e. This is my body.

Words we learned:

- änach’i - my body
- ätthì - my head
- ändāy - my eyes
- ädzāy - my ears
- ädhē - my mouth
- ätsí - my nose
- ägàn - my arm
- älà - my hands
- älà thāw - my fingers
- älà shu - my thumb
- ämbät - my stomach

Culture Week

Culture Week with YFNED was a blur of fun-filled activities.

We opened culture week with a waking-up-the-drums ceremony, featuring a beautiful song and drum smudging.

The sessions for the week included:

- Preparing dried meat
- storytelling
- trapping workshops and traditional tool introduction
- beading and dot-art painting
- handgames

Students were wonderfully receptive to everything offered. We are proud of how our students represented DTKK with guests.

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Drum Making

We were so lucky to have Chris Gleason and Darcy Carlick in for a week to make drums with us.

The kids worked on scraping hides, lacing with babiche, and tightening hides over the drum frames. These are the drums that we woke up to during culture week.



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Culture Week Pictures



Culture Week was so much fun. We are so grateful for our YFNED advocates!

