## L'Anse Area Schools November 2024 Employee of the Month Austin Keranen



Austin has worked at L'Anse Area Schools since the spring of 2023 starting out as a long-term substitute science teacher while he worked toward earning his secondary teaching certificate. Austin earned his certificate in the summer of 2023 and made the wise decision to continue his teaching career at L'Anse Jr/Sr High School. Austin was nominated for Employee of the Month because he is very passionate about science. He is always looking for different ways to help students learn and have fun while doing so. Austin takes pride in his work, he volunteers for extra duties, and he has the ability to connect science to real world issues making it hands-on, relevant and personal to students. His goal isn't to create scientists in the traditional sense, but to create thinkers, problem solvers, and lifelong learners. We greatly appreciate having Austin as a part of the team at L'Anse Area Schools!