

A.P. ekwa Counselling Update

Tansi Kâkiyaw,

December is already upon us and where has the time gone? These past few weeks have been quite busy. Thank you to the parents who came out for Parent/Teacher night! It was pleasure to meet and chat with some of you! December will be another busy month with the excitement of Christmas is coming soon! You can see and feel it in the school. Take a look at our calendar for the upcoming events that we have planned. I wish you all a restful holiday with your loved ones and we will see you in the new year! Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**Ekosi pitama,
Mrs. Alison Robles-Torres
Assistant Principal**

Tansi Kâkîyaw,

Tis the season to be Jolly....

Let's start by introducing our new counselor who has started here at the school; Jenine Fehr. We are very fortunate to again have two counselors at the school to meet the needs of even more students. This month is jam packed with fun activities and the Christmas break is fast approaching. Christmas time is one of those tricky times of year where we are often filled with joy and gladness, laughter and friends. However, Christmas can also be a time of great grief for families. Remembering those we have loved and lost can be difficult over the Holiday season. Grief is tricky. It comes and goes like waves and can take a long time. Children grieve too. They feel the sensation of loss in their bodies, even when they are too young to articulate these emotions with words. If you or someone in your life is grieving this holiday season, remember the waves of grief are difficult; but normal and necessary. If you are struggling and need support please reach out. Here at the school I can help connect you with a service that can be of support if needed. If you have a child needing support as well, We are here to help.

There is also a new suicide crisis line across Canada- **988**. You can call or text this number 24 hours a day for help and support for yourself or a loved one.

Merry Christmas!

Hai hai,

**Counsellors,
Tammy Auten-Dye ekwa Jenine Fehr**



Nehiyawewin ekwa Sesawiwini(PE) update

Tânsi Kâhkîyaw,

We are learning about Winter and everything associated to Winter. We have been busy learning about Pipon. Pipon is a fun time of Winter activities and gathering with family. We made lanyards and dreamcatchers to learn to make them as gifts, and we will be learning about snaring rabbits, and identifying tracks of different animals. We will also be learning Christmas songs in nehiyawewin and going snowshoeing for land-based learning before our Christmas break! We look forward to a joyous new year filled with Legends. Legends are a part of our history and it is important we pass these lessons down to our students.

Ekosi pitamâ, Kihwâm mîna.

Theresa Charles
Elementary Cree Teacher

ekwa

Christina Buffalo
Jr. High Cree Teacher

Tansi Kâkiyaw,

On November 17-18, 2023, Our Junior High Girls Volleyball Team travelled to Amiskwaciy Academy in Edmonton to compete in the BATTLE OF THE BANDS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT. Teams from Treaty 6-7-8 were present.

First game against Fort Vermillion losing, 25-20, 25-16.

Second game against Alexander losing, 25-18, winning 25-9 and winning 15-8.

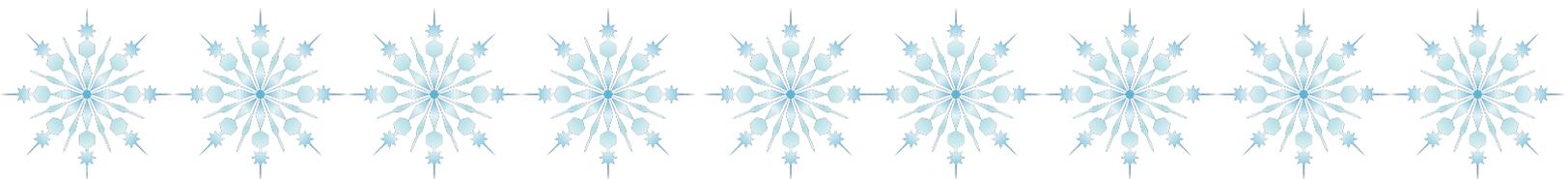
Third game against Enoch winning, 25-20, 25-11.

Quarter Final game against High Level winning, 25-22, 25-15.

Semi-Final game against Fort vermilion losing, 25-21, 25-23, to put us out.

The girls really enjoyed the weekend and had tons of fun. They enjoyed travelling to the malls, Kingsway and West Edmonton Mall to do a bit of shopping and food court eating lol. The school, community and myself and our special guest coach/wife Gina Longjohn are very proud of you.

Tim Longjohn
Phys. Ed Teacher



Calendar



Poni Ayamihew kisikaw Sunday	peyak kisikaw Monday	niso kisikaw Tuesday	nisto kisikaw Wednesday	newo kisikaw Thursday	niyanan kisikaw Friday	nikotwasik kisikaw Saturday	
					1 Monthly Assembly	2	
3	4	5 Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt Day Cozy Christmas socks or slippers	6 Winter Wonderland - Wear blue + white 	7 Dress like a snowman or wear white 	8 PD Day - No School Mad about Plaid	9	
10	11 Shine bright like a light - wear lights, glitter, etc. 	12 Rudolph Red - Wear Red! 	13 Santas Workshop Wednesday - Dress as elves! 	14 100% That Grinch! Wear Green! 	15 Festive Friday - Wear anything Festive! 	16	
17	18 Christmas Concert @ 1pm 	19 Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt Day Sleigh Rides 	20 K4/ K5 Last Day Wear an x-mas hat or accessories	21 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day 	22 PJ Day Last Day Gr. 1-9	23	
24	25 Kise Manito Kisikāw 	26	27	28	29	30	
		Christmas Break Students return: Jan 8, 2024					31

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Parent information



Dress Warm!

Don't let the weather catch you unprepared!
This is just a friendly reminder that Awasisak/
Oskayak need to come to school properly
dressed for the weather.

As the weather gets colder, we will be going
outside at recess unless it is -20.



DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Starting on December 5th, for 12 days of Christmas all staff and students are welcome to participate in the following dress up days!!

<p>5</p> <p>COZY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>SOCKS OR SLIPPERS</p>	<p>6</p> <p>WINTER WONDERLAND</p> <p>WEAR BLUE AND WHITE</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SNOWMAN DAY</p> <p>DRESS LIKE A SNOWMAN OR WEAR WHITE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>MAD ABOUT PLAID</p> <p>WEAR PLAID!</p>
<p>11</p> <p>SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A LIGHT! WEAR LIGHTS, GLITTER, TINSEL</p>	<p>12</p> <p>RUDOLPH RED!</p> <p>WEAR AS MUCH RED!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SANTAS WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY!</p> <p>DRESS AS SANTAS HELPERS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>100% THAT GRINCH!</p> <p>WEAR GREEN!</p>
<p>18</p> <p>DRESS YOUR BEST</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BABY ITS COLD OUTSIDE (SCARF, EAR MUFFS, ETC.)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>HOLIDAY HAIR DONT CARE</p> <p>WEAR A HAT OR ACCESSORIES</p>	<p>21</p> <p>UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY</p>
	<p>22</p> <p>CHRISTMAS PJ DAY</p>		

Special Events



- Violet Rabbit-Roasting Dec. 2nd
- Keeley Strongman-Rabbit - Dec. 3rd
- Kylynn Strongman-Rabbit - Dec. 3rd
- Madison Okeynan - Dec. 3rd
- Tristan Rain - Dec. 6th
- Cj Rabbit-Roasting - Dec. 17th
- Thomas Rabbit - Dec. 20th
- Keon Rabbit - Dec. 25th
- Rainin Potts-Rabbit - Dec. 26th
- Brynley Watson - Dec. 26th
- Honey Louis - Dec. 27th
- Sierra Jacobs-Ouellette - Dec. 28th
- Davin Whiskeyjack - Dec. 29th
- Kiara Soosay - Dec. 30th

December Perfect Attendance!



- Lillian Potts-Bull - Gr. 5
- Tyverious Potts-Bull - Gr. 3
- Jody Potts-Bull - Gr. 2



Wahkohtowin Award

- Beau Potts - K4
- McKenna HighElk Buffalo K5
- Alayna Mcdougall-Cutarm - Gr.1
- Lanzo Currie- Gr. 1
- Aaliyah Currie - Gr.2
- Kenneth Jr Wolfe-Saskatchewan - Gr. 2
- Destiny Raine- Littlechild- Gr. 4
- Walker Louis- Gr. 4
- Celijah Courtright- Gr. 6
- Keeley Strongman-Rabbit - Gr.7
- Jarell Baptiste- Gr. 7
- Caydence Yellowbird - Gr.8
- Zac Dreaver - Gr.9
- Kassious Saskatchewan- Gr. 9

Home Reading Award

- Jennadean Mackinaw- Gr. 1
- Jody Potts- Bull- Gr.2
- Malaysia Cattleman- Gr.4
- Airyanan Cattlema- Gr.6
- Caydence Yellowbird- Gr.8
- Temperance Yellowbird- Gr.8
- Zac Dreaver- Gr.9

Jr.High Student of the Month:

- 7
- 7
- Tristan Rain- 8
- Caydence Yellowbird- 8
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- 9

Nehiyawewin Award

- Kihew Smallboy- Gr. 5
- Lillian Potts-Bull-Gr. 5
- Tristan Rain -Gr.8
- Zori Dion-Peterson- Gr.9



STORM NEWS



On November 7, 2023 our Junior Girls STORM team travelled to Alexander to compete in the Treaty Six Championship. First game against Alexander winning in straight sets, 15-9, 15-3. Second game against Amiskwaciy Academy winning in straight sets 15-10, 15-13. Third game against Alexis winning in straight sets, 15-5, 15-9, putting them in first place and the final. In the championship game, the girls came out determined and confident beating Amiskwaciy Academy in straight sets, 15-4, 15-9, to win the 2023 Treaty Six Banner!!! I'm so proud of these girls, they put in hours and hard work. The school and community are very proud of you girls!

Coach Tim Longjohn
Coach Keshia



On November 7, 2023, the Junior Boys STORM team travelled to Alexander to compete in the Treaty Six Volleyball Championship. First game against a much older Alexander team, losing 15-10, 15-12. Second game against Enoch losing 15-10, winning 15-8, losing the 3rd set 15-13. Third game against Alexis, we had to win to move on or we were out. Winning the first set 15-7, losing the 2nd set 15-7, winning the 3rd set 15-13 to move on to the semi-finals. The semi-final game against a very strong Ermineskin team winning in straight sets, 15-10, 15-11, putting the boys in the show against Alexander. Losing the 1st set, 15-7, 15-13. The boys had a slow start and finished really strong. The boys were the youngest team there so they did really well in taking 2nd place!!! I'm very proud of these boys!

Coach Tim Longjohn
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