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**MESKANAHK KA-NIPA-WIT SCHOOL**

*Where Education , Community and Culture meet.*

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Tânsi kâkiyaw ohnîkîkomâwak Kohkomak ekwa Mosomak,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe that we are in Kise Pisim-January and at the start of new year! Miyo oceto kisikaw kakiyaw - Happy New Year. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday with your family and friends. Let's welcome 2024 with happiness, gratefulness, and enthusiasm. May the new year be full of adventures and good things.

It is important to get back into a regular sleep pattern so you can be rested and ready for school each day. Moving forward in the new year, please be mindful that missing even a day or two can really affect your child's progress in school.

We want to encourage students to come to school every day. Also, just a reminder that students need to be dressed for the cold weather.

How is your child doing with their home reading? In the fall we began a Home Reading program. Your child should be bringing home a reading book and a reading log sheet. Literacy should not just be a priority in school but at home as well. Please support your child/grandchild by making some time to listen to them read each evening. We do have a reading incentive for all students who consistently participate that consists of Hockey Hooky for Gr.3-9 and a movie for K-2. Keep on Reading Awasisak ekwa Oskayak!!

**Ekosi Pitama**  
**Ms. Jerilynn Breaker**  
**Principal**



# A.P. ekwa Counselling Update

Tansi Kâkiyaw,

It was wonderful to see the awasisak ekwa oskayak back at school and to feel the excitement in the air. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break, I sure enjoyed spending time with my loved ones. Now that Moshum winter has arrived, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Returning from break is not always easy, encourage your child to get back into their routines such as an early bedtime. With plenty of rest, this will help keep them focused and ready to learn. I am looking forward to watching the awasisak and oskayak grow and accomplish new things in the New Year! Ay- hay!

**Mrs. Robles**  
**Assistant Principal**

Tansi Kâkîyaw,

Happy New Year! aspinoyê

New Years can mean new beginnings. It is a great time to set some personal and family goals. There are many fun ways to come up with our New Years goals. We can make lists and have discussions- But we can also get creative and draw, color and cut out pictures that represent what we are hoping our year may bring. When we start out with goals and have a positive mindset it helps all of us begin to make daily micro decisions that can get us closer to that goal.

SMART goals are a great way to get started.

Try setting a SMART goal for yourself, and with your family this New Year. It will be fun to see what positive practices we can all set into motion.

**Ekosi pitama,**  
**Tammy Auten-Dye ekwa Jenine Fehr**

S	Specific
M	Measurable
A	Attainable
R	Relevant
T	Time-bound
E	Exciting
R	Reward



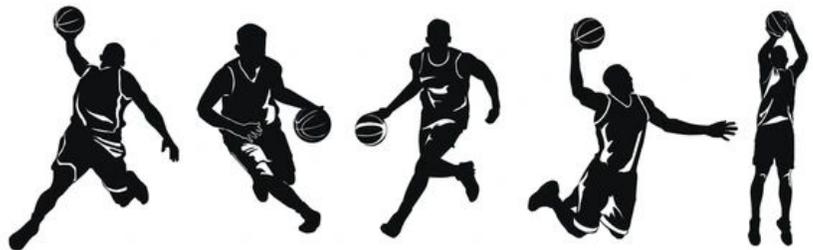
# Sesawiwin (PE) ekwa Nehiyawewin update

Tansi Kakiyaw,

## Sesâwîwin- PE

Happy New Year everyone, we are now into our basketball season. For the next 2 months the students will learn to shoot, dribble, pass, team plays and have some fun games.

Ekosi pitama,  
**Coach Mr. Longjohn**



Tânsi Kâkiyaw,

## Nehiyawewin



miyo-oskaskîwin, Happy New Year! We are happy to welcome all of the awâsisak ekwa oskâyak back into our classrooms, and to continue to help awaken in each of them the language, culture and skills that are theirs.

This month, we are focusing on revisiting and strengthening the learning that was done from September to December, as well as hearing and studying atayohkewina - traditional legends. We hope that kitawâsimisak will enjoy and carry on those traditional stories and teachings, sharing them at home!

Ekosi pitamâ, Kihtwâm mîna.

**Theresa Charles**  
**Elementary Cree Teacher**

**ekwa**

**Christina Buffalo**  
**Jr. High Cree Teacher**



# Important 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.

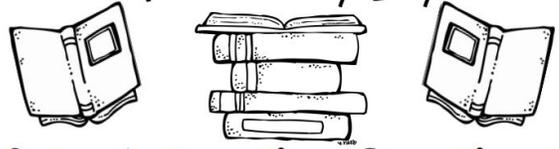


## December Perfect Attendance!



- ★ Rabbit-Roasting, Cj
- ★ Strongman, Karlayna
- ★ Mackinaw, Piper
- ★ Mackinaw, Shayden
- ★ Mackinaw, Justice
- ★ Smallboy, Kihew
- ★ Cardinal-Rabbit, Quillydyn
- ★ Rabbit, Marquez
- ★ Rabbit, Keon
- ★ Strongman-Rabbit, Keeley
- ★ Yellowbird, Caydence
- ★ Yellowbird, Temperance
- ★ Cattleman, Serenity
- ★ Dion-Peterson, Zorianna
- ★ Mackinaw, Ken

## Read Every Day



## Sample Reading Questions

- 📖 What is the title of the story? Can you think of another title?
- 📖 What is the story about?
- 📖 Could this story really happen? Why or why not?
- 📖 Is this story real or make believe? How do you know?
- 📖 Is this story full of facts? If so, tell me two facts that you learned.
- 📖 Where is the setting of the story? (Where does the story take place)
- 📖 What time of day does the story take place?
- 📖 Who are the characters in the story?
- 📖 Is there a problem in the story? If so, what is the problem?
- 📖 What is the solution to the problem in the story? Can you think of another solution?
- 📖 How do you think your solution will change the ending?
- 📖 What happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?
- 📖 Did you like the story? Why or why not?
- 📖 Can you think of a different ending for the story?
- 📖 What would you do if you were in the story?
- 📖 Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not?

## DID YOU KNOW



20 minutes of reading each day  
helps to build fluency,  
comprehension, word solving,  
and other literacy related skills

## Birthdays of the Month

Okeymow-Crier, Ryann - Jan-1  
Roasting, Winston - Jan-1  
Saddleback, Krissayah - Jan-3  
Simon, Dj Stuart Leigh - Jan-10  
Mackinaw, Theodora - Jan-12  
Rabbit, Cordell - Jan-17  
Waskewitch, Tristan - Jan-18  
Baptiste, Jarell - Jan-27  
Rabbit Potts, Aumaree - Jan-31



# Calendar



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Poni Ayamihew kisikaw <b>Sunday</b>	peyak kisikaw <b>Monday</b>	niso kisikaw <b>Tuesday</b>	nisto kisikaw <b>Wednesday</b>	newo kisikaw <b>Thursday</b>	niyanan kisikaw <b>Friday</b>	nikotwasik kisikaw <b>Saturday</b>
	<b>1</b> Ocehtow Kîsikâw New Years Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	Kise Manito Kîsikâw break					
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Students Return	<b>9</b> Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Monthly Assembly	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Jersey Day	<b>18</b> Lockdown Practice	<b>19</b> PD Day No School	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Story Telling Week	<b>23</b> Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Basketball tournament @ ESS (tentative date)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



# Extra

## SIGNED ALPHABET

# ASL

