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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,

Kise pîsim January was a very cold month, and now we are appreciating the mild weather. Just a reminder that our awasisak ekwa oskayak go outside for recess each day, and to dress for the weather.

It is that time of the year again, teachers are starting to look at assessments for March report cards. Please ensure that your child is attending school tâtokîsikaw-every day!

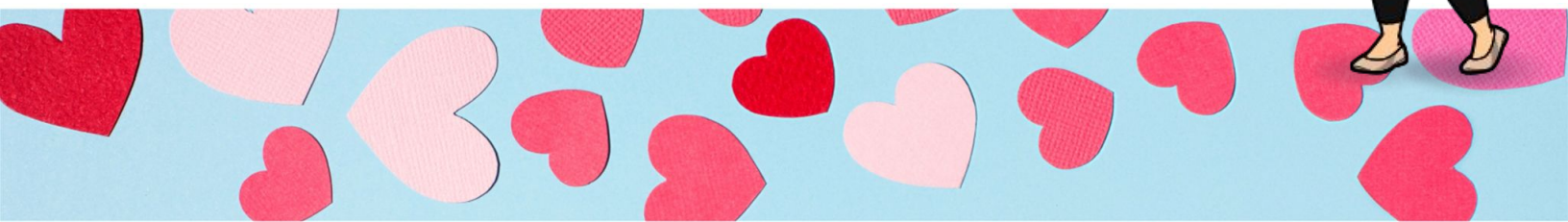
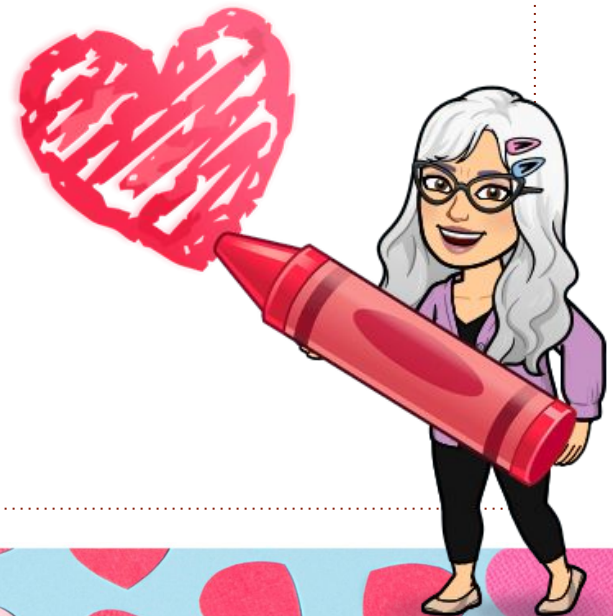
This week has been Nehiyawewin week. Today, Elder Carl Rabbit shared his teachings of Handgames to our students. **Friday will be our Elder's Tea from 10 - 12** in our gathering area.

Ay-hay to all the amazing parents, guardians, kohkomak ekwa mosomak who have been supporting the home reading program. So many awasisak ekwa oskayak have been returning their books with parent's signatures on the home reading tracking log. Students who have been consistently reading will be attending **Hockey Hooky in Edmonton on February 21.**

February 28 is Pink Shirt day- We wear pink to take a stand against bullying!

Once again, thank you for all your support and ongoing commitment to our school and your child's education!

Ekosi Pitama
Ms. Jerilynn Breaker
Principal



A.P. ekwa Counselling Update

Tansi Kâkiyaw,

I hope everyone is doing well. February is a time for love and kindness, Sakihitowin. I know we may be feeling the winter blues at this time of year, but it is starting to stay abit lighter each day. Some ideas to beat the winter blues, and spend time with your family, is perhaps take a nice walk outside, make a family fitness goal or family game night. I know classes will be hosting their Valentine's celebrations in the class so be on the lookout for class lists. Also our Jr high oskayak have been learning and creating their My Blue Print accounts which is really exciting for them to plan their academic future. Take a look at the poster in the newsletter on the last page. Ay hay! Ekosi pitama!

Mrs. Robles
Assistant Principal

Tatawaw,

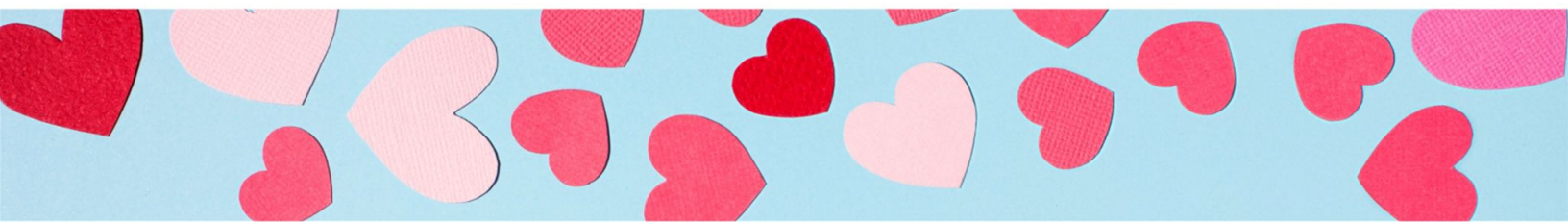
School Counselor's, Jenine and Tammy, know that during challenging times it can take the smallest act of kindness to brighten someone's day. It's impossible to see what one person is going through in their life so living with the notion that 'everyone is going through something' can help us to be more understanding.

We challenge you to take the time to do a random act of kindness. This could mean telling someone how much you appreciate them, taking the time to listen to a friend or simply sitting beside someone who looks lonely during lunch.

Let's fill each other's buckets this month with positive affirmations and acts of kindness!

Ah hay!

Ekosi pitama,
Tammy Auten-Dye ekwa Jenine Fehr



Sesawiwin (PE) ekwa Nehiyawewin update

Tansi Kakiyaw,

Sesâwîwin- PE

Hello everyone, basketball tournaments will start this month, JR.High boys and girls travel to Alexis on Feb. 13th and on the Feb. 21st to Enoch. Grade 5-6 travel to Alexander on Feb. 15th.



Ekosi pitama,
Coach Mr. Longjohn

Tânsi Kâkiyaw,

Nehiyawewin ᐅᐃᐃᐅᐃᐅ

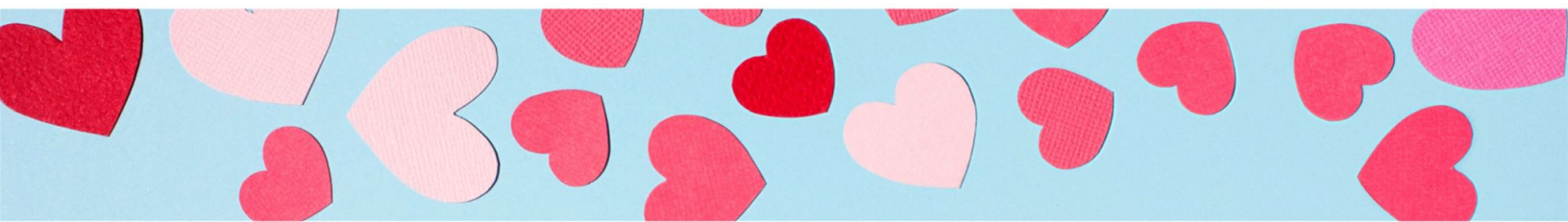
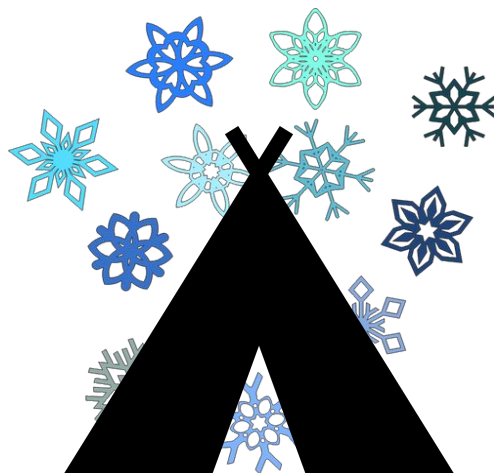
This month we are focused on tipi teachings of kisewatisiwin and sakihitowin, We have also been busy with winter/pipon teachings and Legends. We had Bruce Cutknife who came in to share with us some of the Legends he Knows. Last week learned a bit about snowshoes and attempted to utilize them with the limited snow we had.

Ekosi pitamâ, Kihtwâm mîna.

Theresa Charles
Elementary Cree Teacher

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Christina Buffalo
Jr. High Cree Teacher



Calendar



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Poni Ayamiᑭew kisikaw Sunday	peyak kisikaw Monday	niso kisikaw Tuesday	nisto kisikaw Wednesday	newo kisikaw Thursday	niyanan kisikaw Friday	nikotwasik kisikaw Saturday
				1	2 PD Day No School	3
4	5	6 Ribbon shirt/skirt day	7	8	9 Monthly Assembly Elder's Tea	10
<i>Nehiyawewin Celebration week</i>						
11	12	13 JR STORM @ Alexis	14 Sâkihto Kîsikâw Valentines Day Wear Red day	15 Baby STORM @ Alexander	16 No School - In lieu of PTI	17
18	19 Family Day Holiday	20 Ribbon shirt/skirt day	21 HOCKEY HOOKY JR STORM @ Enoch	22	23	24
<i>Atayokewin - storytelling week</i>						
25	26	27	28 	29		

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Important Parent Information

ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS

February 28, 2023

Pink Shirt Day



ELDERS TEA

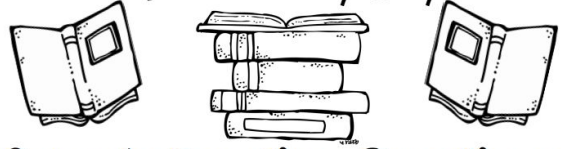


February 9th 10 - 12 p.m.

January **Perfect Attendance!**

- ★ Mckenna High Elk-Buffalo, K5
- ★ Maci High Elk-Buffalo, Gr. 1
- ★ Piper Mackinaw, Gr. 2
- ★ Shayden Mackinaw, Gr. 3
- ★ Keanu Mackinaw, Gr. 8

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

- Alden Rabbit-Roasting - Feb-3
- Casey Potts - Feb-4
- Alaija Strongman - Feb-7
- Jaylon Rabbit - Feb-9
- Delilah Potts - Feb-10
- Ania Rabbit - Feb-11
- Celijah Courtright - Feb-14
- Aylah Rain-Crane - Feb-21
- Jaziah Soosay-Rabbit -Feb-28

STORM



2024 Gr.5/6 STORM Basketball Team



Extra



MKNW Nehiyawewin Week

Syllabics

Play a game of Syllabic Jeopardy together in class!

Language Arts

Practice writing the Nehiyawewin phrase or word of the day in Syllabics

Personal Reading

Read a story by an Aboriginal Author

Math

Practice counting up to 30 in Cree.

Months of the Year in Cree

Practice and learn the months in Nehiyawewin

Cahkipehikanak (Syllabics) Karate

Follow this video and do some Syllabic Karate!

Music

Listen to the Brian MacDonald CD each classroom should have! Jerry Saddleback Syllable Song

Schoolwide Art

Nehiyaw Art project. Each student will complete their puzzle piece illustrating what being Nehiyaw means to them.

Move around!

Go for a Nehiyawewin Scavenger hunt outside!

Play a game

Play a Cree Syllabics Kahoot Game Kahoot Game 2

Classroom Cree

Pick a new word or Nehiyawewin phrase to learn in class each day

Cree website

DPA

Do Cree Yoga during DPA or for a brain break!

Extra



What can students do?

- ✓ Create a Resume and Apply to Jobs Online
- ✓ Complete Career Assessments and Plan Their Career
- ✓ Explore Occupations and Post-Secondary Programs
- ✓ High School Program Plan
- ✓ Document Their Learning and Create a Career Portfolio
- ✓ Set Goals and Learn About Money and Budgeting
- ✓ And So Much More!

MESC has partnered with MyBlueprint to provide students in grades 7-12 with a great academic and career planning online tool! It is user-friendly, and parents/guardians are welcome to join and support as well! Students at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit are now aware of this program and a parent letter and information sheets have been sent home with your child!

For more information, please contact your school's MyBlueprint representative at your school!



Want to learn more? Go to: <https://myblueprint.ca/> or scan QR code!

