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MESKANAHK KA-NIPA-WIT SCHOOL
Where Education , Community and Culture meet.

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Tânsi kâkiyaw Akamihk ohnîkîkomâwak kohomak ekwa mosomak,

And just like that, another school year is winding up. My goodness, we only have three weeks of school left, and it is so important for the awasisak ekwa oskayak to keep coming to school every day.

Report cards, personal items and all school work will go home with students on June 19th. The last of school is June 20, which is our district-wide MESC Pow-wow. Students will be transported to Bear Park in Ermineskin by bus at 10:30 AM and will board the bus to go home at 2:45 PM. Grand Entry is 11:00 AM. If your child is dancing, we encourage you to travel to the Pow-wow with your child to help them with their regalia. We do not want students bringing their regalia on the bus, as we don't want it to be damaged.

I am very proud of all the academic progress and personal growth that each student has made this year. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and EAs who are committed and show up every day for our awasisak ekwa oskayak. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who believe in our students, and our school and want the best for their children. Together we are partners in learning, and students are most successful when families and school staff work together. I look forward to continuing to build relationships and connect with you all in the next year.

Students return to school on **September 3, 2024.**

I wish you all a fun, memorable, restful and safe Summer.
May the Creator continue to protect and bless all your families.

Ekosi Pitama
Jerilynn Breaker
Principal



Assistant Principal ekwa Admin Assistant

Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

As we approach the end of the school year I would like to thank the parents/guardians for entrusting us with your child's growth in their education journey. I have enjoyed getting to know the oskayak and awasisak this past school year. I am excited and also sad to see our Grade 9's head off to a new school next year and I know that they will do great things in the years to come.

I would like to thank our teachers and staff for all their hard work and dedication to our students and wish them all a restful summer break.

I want to wish all of our awasisak and oskayak a restful and a fun-filled summer! With that, I wish you all the best and enjoy your summer break! I look forward to seeing the awasisak and oskayak come September!

Ekosi pitama,

Mrs. Alison Robles



Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

As the current school year wraps up, I want to express my gratitude for sharing your awasisak and oskayak with us every day. The students bring immense joy into my life and continue to be my teachers, for which I am truly thankful. I will miss every one of them during the summer break. Remember to cherish moments with your family, prioritize self-care, and have some fun! Make the most of the great weather, venture outside, and spend quality time with your friends.

Ekosi pitama,

Keishea Northwest



Sesawiwin(PE) ekwa Nehiyawewin

Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

Sesâwîwin- PE

Thank you to all my students. I'm so blessed to have you in my life and in my class. Thank you for being such great students. Have a great summer my kids.

Ekosi pitama,
Coach Mr. Longjohn



Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

Nehiyawewin ᓂᐃᓴᓂᓴᓂᓴ

It has definitely been a good year of learning Nehiyawewin ekaw nehiyawatisiwin. It has been a great experience getting to know all our students. We have shared some good times learning to speak our language and experiencing our Culture. With just a few days left we want to complete our process of hide preparation by smoking the hide. We have also been making sisikwanak. We had the opportunity to observe and take part in making a drum. Our students really enjoyed this experience. We hope you have a great summer and hope you will continue to practice nehiyawewin ekwa nehiyaw pimatisiwin. We will see you next fall for another awesome year. Ay hay

Theresa Charles
Elementary Cree Teacher

ekwa

Christina Buffalo
Jr. High Cree Teacher



Counselling

Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

It has been a year of learning, fun and even challenges at MKNW and Jenine and Tammy have enjoyed getting to know many of the awasisak and their families!

With summer fast approaching take time to develop a change of perspective and build a growth mindset.



CHANGE YOUR WORDS;
CHANGE YOUR MINDSET.

FIXED

I'll never be as smart as that person.

I can't do it.

This is too hard.

I'm not good at this.

I made a mistake.

I give up.

GROWTH

Everyone is talented in many ways.

I'm still learning. I'll keep trying.

With more practice it will be easier.

This may take some time and effort.

Mistakes help me learn.

I can try a different strategy.

Be sure to prepare for upcoming changes and transitions as your child/children grow and know that there are always supports and **resources** available to you:

- Maskwacîs Mobile Mental Health crisis line
780-362-2150 (call or text)
- Maskwacîs Counselling:
780-585-2268
- Suicide Prevention: text
45645 call 1-833-456-4566
- Kids Help Phone:
1-800-668-6868
- ConnecTeen: text only
587-333-2724
- Youthspace: text only
778-783-0177

Have a wonderful summer & we can't wait to hear about all the fun things that happened when we return in September!

Ekosi pitama,

Jenine Fehr
Ekwa
Tammy Auten-Dye

Kindergarten and Grade 1

Tansi Parents and Guardians!

It is hard to believe, but this is my last parent letter of the school year! It seems like just yesterday I was meeting all these littles on the first day of school. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your child this year!

As I reflect on the past year, I feel such joy thinking about the fulfilling and enriching experiences we shared as a class. We learned new things, developed skills and made lots of new friends. This summer, I encourage you and your child to review things we learned in class. Here are my tips for a fun and educational summer vacation:

Practice sharing and taking turns.

Write letters to family members.

Read together often.

Practice counting objects.

Practice saying the ABCs.

Sing silly songs, do tongue twisters and play rhyming games.

Encourage independence when getting dressed, going to the bathroom and making snacks.

And, of course, allow lots of time to play! Running, skipping, jumping and climbing are all critical parts of your child's development.

The Kindergarten Graduation is on June 13th at 10AM. This is also the last day for K4.

Ekosi. Mrs. Cutarm and Miss Keisha

Tansi parents and guardians,

I am pleased to say that this year has been such a success! I am so proud of our grade 1 awasisak for always trying their best and gaining more confidence while completing their work independently. I am honoured to get to know each and everyone of our grade 1 students on a more personal level. As I love working with children and this group of students made this year such a breeze! Throughout the year, we have taught each other so much and if I could follow them to grade 2, I definitely would! The students have improved quite significantly with their numeracy and literacy skills. I encourage them to continue reading and practicing their math skills throughout the summer to help boost their confidence even more, within grade 2. All in all, I hope all of our students have a great and amazing summer, filled with family, friends, love and kindness!

Ekosi Candace Okeymow



Grade 2 and Grade 3/4

Tansi Kahkiyaw,

We made it to the through another successful school year. It was a great pleasure to have your children in the classroom. We learned so many things. The students worked hard to improve their math, literacy and writing skills. Many have gained confidence in their reading and I strongly encourage them to continue reading during the summer.

The month of June will be very busy, so please keep an eye out for important reminders. We have 2 field trips planned, our first will be June 6 and the second one will be June 17. Students will be cleaning and organizing their desk and lockers. We will have a year end class party during the last week of school.

Education is a journey, and without your support all this would not be possible. I hope you all have a safe and happy summer!

Ekosi pitama,
Tina Mosquito

Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

I have really enjoyed teaching the grade 3 and 4 students this year. They have been a great group of kids to work with. They have made so much progress in their skills and abilities and in finding their own unique talents.

We have had many highlights throughout the year. We just completed our field trip to the Reynold's Museum in Wetaskiwin. It was awesome to see how all the students showed curiosity and interest in all the interactive activities and displays.

I appreciate how helpful all the parents have been this year. It has been a pleasure to get to know the families of my students. Thank you for your support in your child's learning.

This school year is coming to end very soon. Try to take time to encourage your child to read or keep a notebook to write in. It is a good way to keep kids busy and have them ready to start school again in the fall. I hope that everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Ekosi pitama,
Alison Peoples



Grade 5/6 and Speech

tan'si kâhkiyaw

This has been a fantastic first year for me teaching in Montana! I have felt welcome in akamihk and I am looking forward to serving the community again in the Fall. I have grown very fond of these awasisak & your families. Our class is looking forward to our trip to the Alberta Legislature on June 19th. We have been learning about democracy while studying local elections and now we get the opportunity to participate in a simulation of the parliamentary process. Parent/guardian volunteers welcome to come, please let me know!

There is much truth behind the idea that on the first day I had only a roster of names, and now that June is here I have students that I care for like my own children. I look forward to being in the audience at their high school graduations #Grad2030 and #Grad2031! Wahkohtowin is strong and I have learned so much about nehiyaw pimat'siwin!
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Kitatamihinâwâw ê-sîtoskawiyêk
Thank you all for supporting me
Natasha McKellar-Ellingson

Tansi kahkiyaw onikihkowak

Thank you parents for allowing me to work with your children again this year. I am most proud of all the students growth and progress in their speech. Thank you students for teaching me something new everyday. I have enjoyed the time spent with each student and appreciate their unique sense of humor. I am grateful for the memories and wish you all a great summer.

Ekosi pitama,
Connie Cattleman



Oskayak Grade 7, 8 & 9

Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

I cannot believe we are in the last few weeks of the school year, and the 2023-2024 school year is ending. It has been an absolute pleasure working with this group of oskayak. I have seen so much growth from them, and I am so proud of the progress and achievements they have all made. I look forward to seeing their continued achievements in the future.

As always, June is a busy month, and attendance is essential to student success and ensuring they take advantage of all the fun activities planned for the last month of school. We look forward to our year-end field trip on June 6 to Lendrum Park and Launch Pad. Please make sure that permission slips are signed and returned.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer break!

Ekosi pitama,
Stella Kent

Tânsi Kâhkiyaw,

As we wrap up the 2023-2024 school year, I wanted to say a big thank you to all our amazing students and families. Your hard work, dedication, and support have made this year truly special.

To our students: you've shown incredible growth and determination this year. Keep up the hard work and never stop believing in yourselves. You are all capable of achieving great things. Don't forget to attend all classes and study for your final exams. You got this!

To our families: thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Your involvement in your child's education makes a world of difference. Together, we make a strong team.

I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities that the next academic year will bring. Let's return with renewed energy, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to making the 2024-2025 school year even more remarkable.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break filled with fun, relaxation, and quality time together. Let's come back refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Keshia Dreaver

Tansi Kahkiyaw,

I can't believe the 2023-2024 school year is coming to an end. It is hard to believe that we only have 3 weeks left. Coming into the school year late in the year to teach you all was the best decision I made. Working with each and every one of you has changed my life. You are all blessings who make me proud. I want to reflect on all the hard work you've done, You should be proud of yourself.

To my students, I want to say thank-you! You have worked tremendously hard and always took pride in your work. I am so proud of you all on how much you have grown! Keep up the great work, your future looks bright! You all made teaching so easy for me and I will always remember all that you shared with me.

To the parents, I want to say thank-you for allowing me to teach your child. It was a wonderful and rewarding year for me.

Wishing you all a wonderful and well-deserved summer break!

Best Wishes,
Barbara Jackson

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Poni Ayamihew kisikaw Sunday	peyak kisikaw Monday	niso kisikaw Tuesday	nisto kisikaw Wednesday	newo kisikaw Thursday	niyanan kisikaw Friday	nikotwasik kisikaw Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Gr. 1-2 - All Stars Field Trip Gr. 7-9 - Lendrum Park/ Launchpad	7 P.D Day No School	8
9	10	11 Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt Day	12	13 Kindergarten Grad Gr. 9 Farewell	14 Awards Day	15
16	17	18 Sesawiwin / Sports Day	19 Gr. 5/6 - Legislature Edmonton	20 Last Day of School MESc Pow Wow	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 30



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Parent Information



- Birthdays of the Month*
- ★ Kayle Strongman Rabbit - June 1
 - ★ Zayd Rabbit - June 3
 - ★ Brooks Cutknife - June 5
 - ★ Creighton Rabbit-Cattleman - June 9
 - ★ Jayla Boysis - June 12
 - ★ Justice Mackinaw - June 13
 - ★ Jennadean Mackinaw - June 15
 - ★ Preston Lightning - June 16

- ★ Emily Roasting - June 18
- ★ Tyverious Potts-Bull - June 18
- ★ Alayna Mcdougall - June 19
- ★ Trinity Rain - June 20
- ★ Navvaro Potts - June 20
- ★ Kashlyn Louis - June 24
- ★ King Mackinaw - June 27

May **Perfect Attendance!**

- ★ Beau Potts - K4
- ★ Shayden Mackinaw - Gr. 3
- ★ Micah Rabbit - Gr. 7
- ★ Keeley Strongman-Rabbit - Gr. 7
- ★ Kylynn Strongman-Rabbit - Gr. 7
- ★ Keanu Mackinaw - Gr. 8
- ★ Kayle Strongman Rabbit - Gr. 8

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DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE FORMS INFO

2024-2025 School Year

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Having issues accessing the parent portal?

We will be happy to help! Call us at 780-585-2799.



Don't Own a Computer?
Our school will have a Chromebook available for parents that do not have access to a computer or the internet. Book your appointment today!

The 2023-2024 MESC Demographic Update Form form for all MESC students returning to our schools is now available for parents to review and submit.

For your students who will be returning to school in the fall, please access SchoolEngage through your Parent Portal account (<https://powerschool.maskwacised.ca/public/>) The link to SchoolEngage is located at the bottom left hand corner.

- Once School Engage launches, you will see notifications that a form needs attention, clicking on the notification bar will take you directly to the 2023/2024 Demographic Update Form. All students registered will also be registered for bussing, there will be no additional form. Your attention and involvement is greatly appreciated.
- Fill out applicable fields, making any changes needed. Mandatory fields will stay red until the area has been completely filled.
 - a. If you reside in Wetaskiwin / Ponoka, please enter your address in both the Mailing and Resident address fields.
 - b. Please review the phone numbers and emergency contacts we have in the system for your child, many have out of service phone numbers. Please do not use duplicate numbers.
 - c. You may save the form and complete at a later date, please note, form is not complete until you click SUBMIT
 - d. Once your form has been submitted you will receive a confirmation email.
 - e. To add a new student / returning student that has been out of school, you will need to Add Student while in SchoolEngage. After adding a student, you will need to complete a full registration form.

****Please be aware that Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School will not issue confirmation letters for the 2024-2025 school year, as they are available through the parent portal.****

MESKANAHK KA NIPA WIT SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT/ RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION INFO

Open for Registration 2024-2025 School Year

REMINDER OF THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Treaty Status Number
- Resident Land Location



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To register a new or returning student at MESK Schools - If a child is brand new to MESK Schools OR if a child will be returning and you have no students attending our schools:

- Create an account on SchoolEngage. <https://mesk.schoolengage.ca>
- Once the account is created confirm the account link via email.
- Next step is to "Add Student" Once this step is complete you will see their name on the left side under "Students" Click on "NEW" beside 24/25 MESK Registration form underneath the form category.
- Input all the required details for the student and upload a legal document. If you are unable to upload your student's birth certificate on your SchoolEngage Form, please be ready to produce a copy of this during your registration appointment. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are mandatory to proceed to the following page.
- Submitting this form does not complete your child's registration. Once complete, please contact the school. An email confirmation will be sent to you once your form has been submitted.

Don't Own a Computer?

Our school will have a Chromebook available for parents that do not have access to a computer or the internet. Please call the school to book your appointment.

Don't own a scanner?

Bring your supporting documents into the school in order to ensure your registration is complete.

Having Trouble Registering?

We will be happy to help! Call us at 780-585-2799.

LEGO Club with Miss Fehr



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MASKWACÎS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION

POWWOW

+++++ 2024 +++++

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Bear Park, Maskwacis, Alberta

11am Grand Entry

Host Drum: Mountain Cree

Competition for Dancers Only

Drums will receive day pay

For any questions or concerns email Kelci at kelcilighting@maskwacised.ca
or call 780-585-3243

Maskwacis Education Schools Commission will not be held responsible for any loss
or personal injury sustained while attending the pow wow.

Security and RCMP will be on-site.

Vehicles will be searched at the entry gate.

Zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol.