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MESKANAHK KA-NIPA-WIT SCHOOL

Where Education , Community and Culture meet.

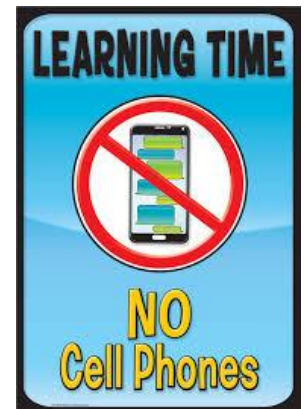
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Welcome back everyone! I am looking forward to a wonderful year of connecting and building relationships with all the awasisak, oskayak, parents ekwa grandparents. We will have a Parent Advisory Committee, and we are looking forward to engaging with parents/guardians on school events and initiatives.

As we transition back to regular school hours and routines, it is important to remember that sleep and attendance is vital. We need full support from parents and guardians to ensure their children are getting enough sleep at night so they are rested and ready to learn when they are at school.

We are implementing a **No Cellphone Policy** here at MKNW. We ask that students are **not sent with a phone** to school.

If you need to contact your awasisak or oskayak, you can contact the front office or their classroom teacher. This helps us ensure that our students are engaged in their learning. Should you feel the need to send a phone with your awasisak or oskayak, it must remain securely stored in their lockers, **at their own risk**. The school will not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged phones. If you choose to send them with a device, they will be required to adhere to our policies and have their phone turned off and securely stored away.



It has been a great first week back at school. It is so wonderful to see so many awasisak ekwa oskayak returning to school. Thank you for choosing Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit school and entrusting us with your children.

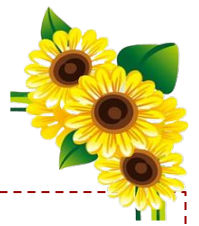
Tânsi kâkiyaw

I look forward to see you at the **takwâkin ohnikikomawak Engagement Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, September 19th from 4 - 6pm.**

Ay hay
Jerilynn Breaker
Principal



A.P. ekwa Admin Assistant



Tânisi kâhkiyaw,

Welcome back to another school year. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer break, I sure did. My summer consisted of camping, floating down the river in a tube and tonnes of golfing. I am excited to see all the awasisak ekwa oskayak returning, I can feel the excitement in the air! A little about myself, I enjoy cooking and trying new restaurants. I love food as my friends and family would say! I love travelling and go to a hot sunny spot at least once a year. I have 3 cats and 1 dog. My goal this year is to speak more Cree to our Awasisak! I look forward to working with our Awasisak and our parents/guardians!

Ekosi,

Mrs. Alison Robles
Assistant Principal



Tânsi kâkiyaw,

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had an incredible summer filled with fun and adventures. I'm happy to be back in routine and I look forward to another great school year.

Ekosi Pitama
Keishea Northwest
Administrative Assistant



MKNW Counselling



Tansi,

Welcome back, I am so excited to be back for my 2nd year at MKNW! I look forward to seeing your child(ren) as they return to school and to hear all about their summer.

A bit about me: I have 3 children, 2 dogs and 2 cats. I live in Camrose, but am from Waterhen Lake, Saskatchewan. I love camping, and went a lot this summer, as well as spending time with my family.

If your awasisak/oskayak was in counselling last year you may hear from me to check in on ongoing needs and regarding consent for this school year. If you feel that your child would benefit from counselling at school and you have not heard from me, please reach out and we can get things set up to support your child.



Ekosi Pitama

Jenine Campbell
MKNW Counsellor

Hello and welcome back students, pretty excited to see you on the first day. I been here for 16 awesome years, I jumped into a new position as Student Advisor. It's going to be a great year with the best students, the best staff in the best school.

Tim Longjohn
Student Advisor

Tansi,

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning here at Meskanahk Ka-Nipa-Wit school. I am delighted to begin my seventh year as a speech and language assistant. I look forward to another enriched school year, observing the students improvements, achievements, growth and development.

Akosi Pitama,

SLPA,
Connie Cattleman



Nehiyawewin ekwa Sesawiwin(PE)



tânisi kâhkiyaw,

tâtawâw! It's so great to see all of the students again this year, takahki kâwâpamâyahk kahkiyaw kiskinwahamâwakanak!

A little bit about myself: I'm starting my second year teaching in the classroom, I am a mom of one, and an aunty to many! I was happy to connect with students last year to find that I'm already a kokom by extended family! holeh!

I'm happy to start another new term of nehiyawewin, encouraging everyone, including all of the awâsisak ekwa oskâyak, to learn and speak nehiyawewin. It's important for all parts of our community to come together to strengthen and breathe renewal into our language and culture! In the classroom, we will focus on becoming more proficient in our usage of cahkipehikanak, as well as gaining the courage to speak up and sing aloud.

ahkameyimok!

Christina Buffalo
MKNW Cree Teacher

Tansi Kâkîyaw,

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year! As the Physical Education teacher, I am thrilled to kick off a year filled with fun activities, sports, and fitness challenges to keep our students active and healthy. Whether it's honing our volleyball skills, or engaging in team sports, I am excited to see everyone's enthusiasm and energy in our PE classes.

Additionally, as the Math and Science support teacher, I am looking forward to guiding our students through the exciting world of numbers, equations, and scientific concepts. Together, we will tackle challenging math problems, conduct captivating science experiments, and explore the wonders of the natural world. I am here to provide the support and encouragement needed for every student to excel in these subjects.

I am eager to collaborate with students, parents, and fellow teachers to make this school year a successful and enriching experience for all. Let's work together to foster a positive and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive academically physically. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Ekosi pitama,
Keshia Dreaver
P.E. Teacher



Meet our team of educators



Tansi,

My name is Theresa Charles. I will be teaching the K4 & K5 program this year here at Meskanahk Ka Nipawit School. This is my 5th year of teaching, but have tons of experience working with kindergarten. This is my 2nd year at this wonderful school. I look forward to working with your child. I have an Early Childhood background with 12 years experience in working with K4 & K5. I am a mother of 2 adults, and 6 grandchild children. I am originally from Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, but lived out here in maskwacis for a total of 25 years. I am a fluent Cree Speaker, and hold a Bachelor's in Cree Language and Bachelor's in Education. I want to see my students thrive in a fun safe environment.

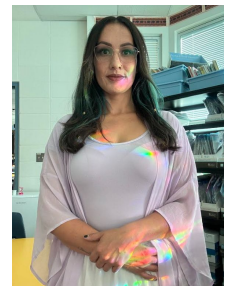
Mrs. Theresa Charles
K4 & K5 Teacher



Tansi

My name is Candace Okeymow and I will be teaching grade 1 again this year! This will be my seventh year teaching here at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit school. I am excited to be working with this group of students and I can't wait to get to know them all! So far, it has been an awesome start to the year and I know this year will be fabulous! A tad bit about myself: I am a dedicated mother to 5 children who I love dearly!! I like to make my classroom as homely as possible and I like to refer to our classroom as a home as well! All in all, I Welcome all the students into our class and I look forward to A successful new school year!

Ekosi pitama,
Miss Okeymow
Grade 1



Tansi and welcome back to school!

I am Mrs. Miranda Cutarm and this is my seventh year teaching. I am teaching Grade 2 here at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit school. I am very excited to be back in the classroom with your child and I am looking forward to all the learning that we will be doing together. A little about me: I am married, I have five awasisak and one nosim, two boys and three girls, and my nosim is a girl.

I am from a big family and have many relatives here in Maskwacis. My goals are to work with you and your child to have a safe and successful school year.

Ekosi pitama
Mrs. Miranda Cutarm
Grade 2



Meet our team of educators



Tansi,

Welcome Back! I am very grateful to be returning back and I look forward to seeing all of the students return after a restful summer break. I am Kyrin Buffalo and will be teaching grade 3 this year. A little about me, I have been a teacher here at MKNW for 6 years. I am from Maskwacis, have lived and grew up here. I am a mother of 3 beautiful little boys, my oldest being in Jr High and my youngest being an infant. My goal for this year is for our grade 3 classroom to be a comfortable, and safe place to learn and relax. I look forward to the exciting things that we will learn and build during the year.

Ekosi Pitama

Kyrin Buffalo

Grade 3 Teacher



Tansi,

I am very happy to be back at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School. It has been wonderful to see everyone return for another great year. This year I am teaching grade 4/5 so I will be teaching many of the same students as last year. This means that I already know most of the Awasisak and their families. If you have any questions you can contact me at the school.

Ekosi Pitama

Alison Peoples

Grade 4/5 Teacher



Tan'si

I am very happy to be back at Meshkanahk Ka-Nipa-Wit teaching Grade 6 for another year! Natasha nitsikason ekwa amisikwacywaskahikan ochi niya. My awasisak call me Ms. McKellar-E. I have been a teacher/trainer for decades as a firefighter, yoga as well as working in aviation before staying at home to raise my 5 children, who are now high to junior high to adult age now. Teaching is a passion for me and I enjoy serving your community. Last year, I took this group of awasisak to the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton and they all participated in a mock Legislative Assembly. This year, I am planning some new exciting adventures for us!

Ekosi

Natasha McKellar-Ellingson

Grade 6 Teacher



Meet our team of educators



Tansi,

I hope everyone had a great and restful summer! I am excited to return to Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School for my seventh year here. Last year I was on educational leave of absence and served in the school as a substitute teacher. I obtained my Master of Education degree.

This year I will be the grade 7/8 homeroom teacher, and teach all junior high Math and Science subjects. Ms. Dreaver will also serve as a support teacher for both Math and Science. Mr. Kelln will serve as the Educational Assistant for the junior high students. Another thing I look forward to is the opportunity to share what I know when it comes to pow-wow singing and drumming with the students.

I look forward to working with the students, their families, and the school community as a whole and making the 2024-2025 school year a successful one! If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at the school.

Ekosi pitama

Stephen Wolfe
Jr.High Math and Science

Tansi,

My name is Amberly Rain and it feels good to be back at work and to see the awasisak/oskiyak! I am the grade 9 homeroom teacher and am teaching Jr High Social Studies and Language Arts for this school year! I have been teaching here at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School for the past eight years. I have taught K4 in the last couple years, and taught junior high last year. A fun fact about me is that I have completed my Masters in Educational Studies this year and have taught grade six for 4 years. This year I am looking forward to seeing the awasisak and oskiyak grow! I am also looking forward to a great year with staff, students and parents! I wish a successful

Miss Rain
Jr High Social and Health



Meet our Education assistants



Tansi,

My name is Keisha Johnson, I will be assisting Mrs. Charles in grade K4/K5 this school year. This will be my third year returning to Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School. My summer was full of rodeos and camping, which I really enjoyed. I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. I am looking forward to having an amazing year with the awasisak.

Keisha Johnson
Education assistant

Tansi,

I hope everyone had a great summer! I am excited to return to Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School for my 3rd year as an EA. This year i'll be with the grade 2's, i'm excited to watch the students grow and thrive in their education. I am looking forward to having another great year with the awasisak!

Taijence Montour-Saddleback
Education assistant

Tansi,
I'm thrilled to be back working with students this year as an educational assistant. It's always exciting to start a new school year, full of possibilities and opportunities for growth and learning. I look forward to supporting and guiding our students to achieve their best and make this year a successful one.



Carlyle Merasty
Education Assistant

Tansi,

My name is Aiyana Potts and this will be my second year returning back at Meskanahk Ka-Nipa-Wit School. I'll be with Miss Okeymow this school year in grade one and i'm so excited to see all of the students back. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break.

Aiyana Potts
Education Assistant


Krystianna Hegedus
Education assistant



Meet our Education assistants



Dean Kelln
Education assistant

A portrait of a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a blue baseball cap and a red and grey hoodie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a light-colored wall with a decorative pattern.

Jenny Roasting
Education Assistant


A portrait of a woman with glasses, wearing a grey t-shirt. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Calendar



2024



Poni Ayamihew kisikaw Sunday	peyak kisikaw Monday	niso kisikaw Tuesday	nisto kisikaw Wednesday	newo kisikaw Thursday	niyanan kisikaw Friday	nikotwasik kisikaw Saturday
1	2 No School -Labour Day	3 First Day of classes for students K5-12	4	5	6 Kohkom Ekwa Mosom Soup & bannock 11:30-12:30	7
8	9 K4 Start	10 Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Meet the Teacher 4:00 - 6:00pm	20 PD - No School	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Orange Shirt day 	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL In lieu of National Truth & Reconciliation					

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MESC's Core Values guide the actions of the Assessment of Risk to Others Protocol

- Wahkohtowin - There is no more important factor in school safety than Wahkohtowin .
- Mamitonehickan - ARTO is always conducted with the best of intentions to support safety.
- Nehiyaw - We are mindful of all of the children and their parents and partnering with them in the ARTO process to promote safety.
- Nehiyawewin - It is important to be careful with your words; to listen, learn, ask questions, and take time to reflect.

What is the purpose of an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) and why would one be conducted?

MESC recognizes that everyone in the school community has the right to be safe and feel safe. Under certain conditions, students will undergo an "Assessment of Risk to Others". This process is meant to support safety and well-being and is implemented in response to school safety. An ARTO is a data-driven process that is meant to be helpful in understanding and creating an intervention plan to support a student who has made threats or engaged in behaviours that may be at risk of harm to others. An ARTO is separate and independent from disciplinary processes (e.g., suspension, expulsion) that may also occur when students engage in such behaviours. "Fair Notice" is given that violence and threats of violence will not be tolerated and that personal information shared during the ARTO process respects and balances each individual's right to privacy with the need to protect the safety of everyone involved.

What behaviours initiate an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO)?

Examples of behaviours that will initiate an ARTO include but are not limited to the following:

- Verbal/written/internet threats to kill or harm others or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with the intent to kill or harm
- Assault
- Possession of weapons, including replicas (Guns, knives, bear mace, etc.)
- Fire setting
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- Sexual intimidation/violence
- Gang-related intimidation/violence and hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to; race, culture, religion, and sexual orientation
- Ongoing pervasive target issues with bullying and/or harassment
- Significant worrisome behaviour

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Who is responsible for reporting worrisome behaviour?

To keep our school communities safe, all school board staff have a **DUTY TO REPORT** any such behaviours to a School Administrator who will then take immediate necessary safety measures as well as activate the ARTO process. Parents, students, and staff also have an obligation to help keep our schools safe by reporting worrisome behaviour to a School Administrator.

Who is involved in an ARTO?

- Initially when the process is activated, a school-based team collects, shares, and documents relevant data from multiple sources. The school-based team then meets with MESC's Coordinator of Integrated Services to analyze the data and conduct the ARTO. Other Student Services ARTO Team members may also be in attendance, including Student Services Coordinators, elders, and RCMP. This larger team in consultation with the School ARTO Team determines the next steps including the creation of an intervention plan, and whether a more comprehensive ARTO, called a Stage 2 ARTO, will be required.
- Parents/guardians of the student who has engaged in threat-related behaviours are notified that a School Administrator has activated the process as soon as possible. After the initial ARTO, members from the ARTO Team and a School Administrator then meet with parents/guardians and student to review the ARTO information, particularly the intervention recommendations and plan.
- The ARTO Team will also identify the recipient(s)/victim(s) of the student threats/behaviours that have been assessed and ensure that services are provided as necessary.

What happens during a Stage 2 ARTO?

- If the process moves to a Stage 2 ARTO, members of the ARTO Team arrange a meeting with the parents/guardians and student to explain the process and interview each fully.
- The Coordinator of Integrated Services then coordinates a meeting with school personnel and community partners where information from multiple sources (e.g., parents, students, school and board staff, student records, online sites, community agencies, RCMP etc.) is shared. Concerns about safety/well-being and an intervention plan/recommendations are discussed. This information is then summarized on a ARTO Summary Form.
- Members from the ARTO Team and a School Administrator then meet with parents/guardians and student to review the ARTO Summary Form and information, particularly the intervention recommendations and plan.

Do parents/guardians have to consent to an Assessment of Risk to Others?

- In order to address safety concerns, the ARTO process will occur with or without consent.
- This form constitutes Fair Notice regarding the Assessment of Risk to Others Process.

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Parent information



Kokom ekwa Mosom Kisikaw

Soup & Bannock at MKNW

Friday, September 6

11:30-12:30



Extra



Meet the Teacher Night

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

4:00 -6:00 PM

COME AND MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED & YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE!

NO SCHOOL
SEPT 30. 2024

IN HONOUR OF
National Day

OF **TRUTH** AND
RECONCILIATION

**SCHOOL
ZONE**

**NO CELL
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Extra



YOUNG SPIRIT WINDS
Youth Treatment Program



OHPIKIWIN
"Growth"

SEPTEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 29, 2024

FEMALE YOUTH
AGES 12 - 17

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION
& MEALS PROVIDED

INCENTIVE &
CERTIFICATE

The Youth Day Treatment Program helps with the following;

- Addictions
- Anger Management
- Relapse Prevention
- Grief & Loss
- Cultural Awareness
- Mental health Awareness
- Low Self-esteem

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2024-2025 MESC School Calendar

MASKWACÎS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| SEPT. 3 First day for K5 - Gr. 12 | NOV. 28 Parent/Teacher night | JUN. 13 Last day for Headstart |
| SEPT. 9 Headstart & K4 starts | JAN. 28 MCHS Semester Break | JUN. 19 Last day for K4 - Gr. 12 |
| SEPT. 10 K4 starts | MAR. 20 Headstart - Gr. 9 Parent/Teacher night | |
| SEPT. 19 Meet the Teacher night | APR. 3 Gr. 10-12 Parent/Teacher Night | |
| OCT. 19 Ohpikinawasiwin Conference | MAY 30 Oskayak Conference Gr. 7-12 | |

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