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Where Education, Community and Culture meet.

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Tansi Welcome back everyone! I am looking forward to a wonderful year of connecting and building relationships with all the awasisak, oskayak, parents ekwa grandparents.

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.

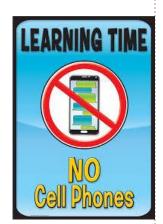
We are implementing a **No Cellphone Policy** again at MKNW. We ask that students **do not bring a phone** to school.

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. If your child is caught with a phone in class, it will be brought to the office and returned at the end of the school day. The school will not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged phones.

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.

I look forward to see you at the takwâkin ohnikikomawak Engagement Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, September 18th 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 am very happy to be returning and seeing all the smiling faces. I am excited to see all the awasisak ekwa oskayak returning. We have some new faces in the school, staff and students, which I am very excited about. You sure can feel the excitement in the air!

A little about myself, I enjoy cooking and trying new restaurants. I love travelling and go to a hot sunny spot at least once a year.

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 & Wellness**



Happy September! Are you as excited as I am that school has started? I can't wait to hear about all the summer fun the awasiask ekwa oskayak had!

If your awasisak/oskayak were in counselling last year, you may be hearing from me regarding consent for counselling for this school year.

Counselling support can be received in a variety of ways. There is play-based counselling which helps for those who cannot yet express their feelings and emotions, like our little ones.

Sometimes we do art and creative expression to help release emotions that feel stuck.

There are different types of talk therapy that help to change negative thought patterns and assist with boosting self-esteem and learn to cope in healthy ways.

If you feel that your awasisak ekwa oskayak are having difficulty processing emotions, overcoming sadness, anger or fear, give Jenine a call and we can work together for their best interests.

# Jenine Campbell MKNW Counsellor

Welcome back to a new school year!

I know that we are going to have a wonderful time!

I am happy that I get the chance to return to such an amazing school.

My role as the schools wellness coach is to help the students find a balance within themselves with activities such as; guided meditation, what self care looks like, and many other wellness related activities.

There are many ways for the students to find balance in their lives and I'm excited that I am able to be there for them.

- Thank you

Jeremy Swampyl
MKNW Wellness Coach



### **MKNW Student Advisor and SLPA**



### Tansi

Welcome back students, I'm so excited and happy to see everyone back. It's going to be a great and fun year. GO BLUE JAYS GO.

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 eighth 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)



Tansi! My name is Ms Inez Dreaver, and I am very excited to join the school as the new Cree instructor. I look forward to teaching the students, sharing our language and traditions, and connecting with families throughout the year.

This Month's Focus - In September, our learning will center on:

- Fall solstice
- Gathering and storing medicines (Elders' responsibilities)
- Berries and plants
- Hunting and fishing
- Animals and animal patterns (Male responsibility)
- Purpose and uses of different ceremonies (Elders' responsibilities)
- Ceremonial preparation (Elders' responsibilities)

#### Land-Based Learning

We will be going Sage picking on Friday as part of our land-based education classes. Students will have the opportunity to learn directly from the land and gain hands-on experience.

I am truly excited for the new year and look forward to learning, growing, and celebrating Cree culture together.

### **Ms Dreaver**

### **MKNW Cree Teacher**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I missed seeing all of you and am so excited to get back into the gym and out on the field together. This year is going to be full of movement, teamwork, and fun!

### First Units of the Year

- Volleyball We'll be learning skills, teamwork, and strategies to enjoy this fast-paced and exciting game.
- **Cross Country** Students will build endurance and confidence while enjoying time outdoors and setting personal goals.

Health Focus - This month's health outcome is:

- Identify personal characteristics and feelings.
- Discuss how physical activity contributes to happiness and calmness.
- Explore rest and recovery as part of overall well-being.

### What's Coming Up:

- Intramurals (Grades 4–9) We're kicking off intramurals soon! This is a great way for students to stay active, build sportsmanship, and have fun with friends.
- Junior High Cross Country Tournament On September 23rd, our junior high athletes will be heading to **Enoch** to compete in the Cross Country Tournament.

Thank you for encouraging your children to stay active and engaged. Let's make this a year full of energy, growth, and great memories. Let's go Storm!

Ekosi pitama,

Keshia Dreaver

P.E. Teacher





### Meet our team of educators



Tanisi, and tatawaw!

My name is Theresa Charles, I am going into my second year of teaching our K4 & K5 students. I am looking forward to teaching some new, and not so new faces this school year. I am originally from Saskatchewan but have been around Maskwacis for many years. I have I have an early childhood background, and I am a fluent Cree speaker. I will be incorporating as much Cree into our kindergarten program through, songs, stories and fun activities.

Our school year is looking wonderful and fun. Looking forward to connecting with all my student's parents and guardians. It's going to be a great year of Learning. Ay hay ekosi pitama, kitwam mina

Mrs. Theresa Charles K4 & K5 Teacher

Welcome to a brand new school year! I'm so happy to be starting my 8th year teaching Grade 1 here at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School. It's a joy to be part of this strong and caring community. Teaching within a school from my community is very special to me. I feel proud to work with such amazing students and families, and I look forward to helping your children grow as learners and as kind, confident people.

In Grade 1, we'll have lots of fun learning to read, write, solve math problems, and work together as a team. I can't wait to see how much each child will grow this year. Thank you for trusting me with your child. I'm excited to learn and grow together!

Ekosi pitama, Miss Okeymow Grade 1

Tansi and welcome back to school!

I am Mrs. Miranda Cutarm and this will be my fourth year teaching at Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit school and I am teaching Grade 2 again. I missed the students' and I am very excited to be back in the classroom with new faces. I am looking forward to all the learning that we will be doing together, especially reading!

A little about me: I live here in Maskwacis, I am from a big family and have many

relatives here in Maskwacis. My husband and I have 5 children and 1 nosim My goal as your child's teacher is to make learning meaningful and fun! I am looking forward to working 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 Parents/Guardians

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful and fun summer. This is my 6th year at MKNW as the grade 3 teacher and I am so excited to see what this year has in store for us. I am from Samson Cree and have lived in Maskwacis for my entire life. A mother of 3 and eager to learn to become more fluent in Cree.

My goal for this year is to create a welcoming classroom environment so that students feel comfortable sharing stories and making connections. We are also looking forward to constructing towers and bridges for Science. I look forward to getting to know all our grade 3s and their parents/guardians as well as sharing our learning as we go. If you have any questions, do no hesitate to contact us.

Kyrin Buffalo Grade 3 Teacher



### Tansi Parents/Guardians

Hello everyone! I'm so excited to be back for another great school year. Having taught here for a number of years, I always look forward to the excitement that comes with welcoming a new class of students. I have had the opportunity to meet many of the families and feel truly blessed when I can tell a student that I once taught their parent. I know just a little Cree language and have a goal to learn many more words and phrases. Teaching elementary

school is something I truly enjoy, and it's a joy to be part of such a wonderful school and community. On a personal note, I also have three sons who are heading back to school in the nearby community of Ponoka, so I have plenty to keep me busy!

Alison Peoples Grade 4 Teacher



### Tansi Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! I'm Miss Rain, and I'm thrilled to be your child's teacher. This will be my 8th year teaching, and I've been a part of Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School for the same number of years. I live in Louis Bull Tribe, which is also my hometown, with my loving and patient parents. I studied elementary education at University of Alberta. In my free time, I enjoy watching tv/movies and spending time with family. This summer was filled with many fun summer activities such as a trip to

Canmore and a trip to the beach to cool off on a hot day. I'm really excited about grade 5/6. We have lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities planned. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for your child, and I'm looking forward to working together with you. I'm truly looking forward to a fantastic year with your child. I have many exciting things planned and I'm eager to get started!

Amberly Rain Grade 5/6 Teacher



### Meet our team of educators



#### Tansi Parents and Guardians

My name is Chance Longjohn and this year I will be teaching junior high math and science. This is my first year of teaching and I am excited to finally be teaching. I am familiar with Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School as I did my practicum here from January to April. I was also a substitute teacher last year for the last two months of school. I am from Montana First Nation and look forward to teaching at home. It has been a long journey for me and I am glad it has led me back home. I loved going to school when I was younger and hope to make this school year fun and engaging for all the students.

Chance Longjohn Jr.High Math and Science

#### Tansi Parents and Guardians

I'm so excited to be your Junior High Humanities teacher this year at Meskanahk Ka-Nipa Wit School! I grew up in Ghana, where I studied Secondary Education at the University of Cape Coast. That's where I discovered how much I love Social Studies and English Language Arts—and now I get to share that love with everyone. I later continued my studies in Newfoundland and Labrador, where I earned my Master's degree in Humanities and Religious Studies. I believe learning never really ends, and I want to encourage my students to be lifelong learners too.

I know this year is going to be full of growth, fun, and new discoveries, with everyone.



Thelma Kutin

Jr. High LA and Social Studies

### **Meet our Education assistants**



Tansi,

My name is Cheryl, I am an EA and I will be working in the K4/K5 classroom. I am so excited to start a new school year with the little ones. I have a diploma in early childhood development and have been working with children for the past 25 years. I am so happy to be here supporting staff and students at MKNW!

Cheryl Littlechild Education assistant

Tansi,

My name is Taijence Saddleback-Montour, and i am from Samson Cree Nation. This is my fourth year at MKNW, and this year I am excited to be working with the junior high. I am so happy to be back in school with the awasisak and look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing together

Taijence Montour-Saddleback Education assistant

Tansi,

My name is Aiyana Potts, this is my third year at MKNW, I'll be with Miss Rain in grade 5/6 this school year. I'm so excited to have all the awasisak back in school and to have another amazing school year.

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Aiyana Potts Education Assistant Tansi,

My name is Shelby Swampy. I am the Education Assistant for Grade 1 and Grade 2.As an Education Assistant, I am committed to supporting students' academic, social, and emotional development. I work closely with teachers to create an inclusive and engaging learning environment where every student feels valued and supported. With patience, empathy, and a passion for education, I strive to make a positive impact in the classroom every day

Mwestas!:)

Shelby Swampy Education assistant

Tansi,

My name is Traci Swampy, I am an EA in the interactions classroom. This is my second year working in MKNW. I am so excited and look forward to working with the students this year!

Traci Swampy Education Assistant

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My name is Alexa Littlepoplar, I am also an EA in the interactions classroom. I'm looking forward to learning more ASL this year with our students!

Alexa Littlepoplar Education Assistant



### **Meet our Education assistants**



Hello everyone! I'm EA for Gr 3-4

Glad to see a new bunch Of new grade 3-4 coming In to our school an class.

Happy to see the students Grow in Gr 3-4

See you later.

Dean Kelln Education assistant



Tansi! My name is Carlyle Merasty and I have been an EA at MKNW for three years. This year, I will be working with Grade 4, and I am excited for all the learning and growth we will share together. It was so nice seeing everyone again after the break, and I look forward to supporting students both in and out of the classroom as we begin

another areat year

Carlyle Merasty Education Assistant





### Calendar



2025



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>
	1 No School Labour Day	First Day of classes for students <b>K5-12</b>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 K4 Start Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Day	10	11	12 Kokom Ekwa Mosom Tea & Bannock 11:30-12:30	13
14 Kohkom ekwa kimosôm Kîsikâw - Grandparents Day	15	<b>16</b> Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Day	17	18 Fire Drill Meet the Teacher 4:00 - 6:00pm	19 PD Day No School	20
21	22 Pipe Ceremony/ Flag Raising	23 Ribbon Shirt/Skirt Day JH X-Country @ Enoch	24	25	26	27
28	Orange Shirt Day	30 NO SCHOOL In lieu of National Day For Truth & Reconciliation				



### **Parent information**















### **Extra**



### 2025-2026 MESC School Calendar

#### MASKWACÎS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



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#### IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT. 2 First day for K5 - Gr. 12

SEPT. 9 Headstart & K4 starts

SEPT. 18 Meet the Teacher night

NOV. 28 Parent/Teacher night

MAR. 19 Headstart - Gr. 9

Parent/Teacher night

JUN. 12 Last day for Headstart

JUN. 19 Last day for K4 - Gr. 12

#### MESC SCHOOLS



### **Ermineskin Elementary School**

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#### **Grace Marie Swampy Primary School**

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#### **Kisipatinahk School**

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#### **Maskwacis Cree High School**

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