



Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School

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Principal's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family all in good health! I would like to thank parents for all of their work they are doing with their children in completing the learning packages that were still at home. Please know that each student has their own account to a math program called Mathletics. Here teachers can assign work to the students and monitor their progress, please make use of this, a half an hour a day would do wonders. All teachers also have a google classroom and work is being posted on there for students as well.

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to look at our school facebook page and enjoy the wide range of stories that our staff has shared with everyone! Our facebook page is the place to look for any updates on the school year.

At any time please feel free to reach out to our wonderful counselling team if you need support, or to the teachers, for guidance on working with your children. Mrs. Whitehawk and myself are also here to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Please remain safe!
Ay-Hai

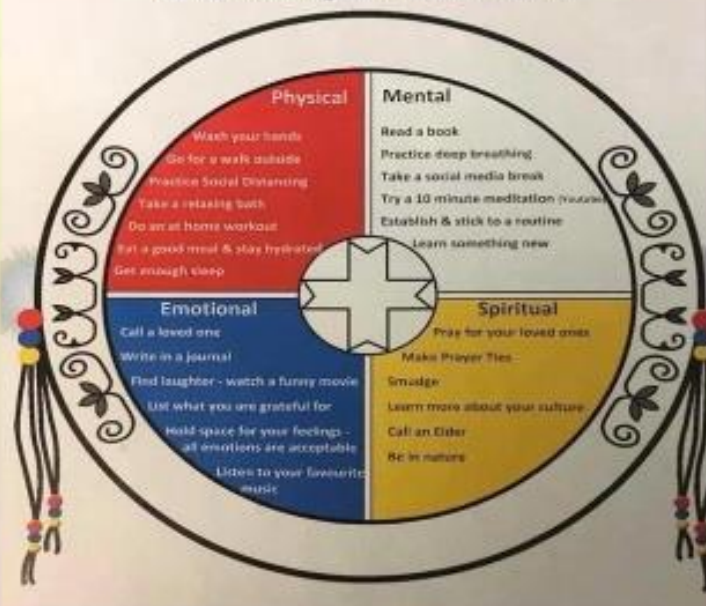
Roxanne Harasymchuk-Bantick
Principal





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 School Closure	2	3	4 P.D Day	5
6	7 P.D Day	8 School Closure	9	10	11	12
13	14 School Closure	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Holidays	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Self-Care during COVID-19 Pandemic



Vice Principal's Message

Tansi everyone,

I would like to take this time and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas

and may you all have a very Happy New Year! I miss you all and hope that

students are staying safe and working on their assignments. I hope to see

you all really soon. Take care and stay safe!

Leslie Whitehawk

Vice Principal



Taking care of yourself makes you a better caregiver for your children.

When we look at what makes families strong and resilient, one very important factor is a resilient parent or caregiver. Families with adults who take care of their own needs, do better as a whole. Taking a break when you need one, finding moments to recharge your energy and doing things that bring you joy are all great ways to build up your own resilience. When you feel your best, you can be more patient with your children. You have more energy to respond to their needs and you can handle stressful situations more calmly. You can only be your best with them, if you take care of yourself first. Especially in these difficult times with all the added stress of the pandemic, try to take a little time for yourself each day. Here are some great suggestions on self-care from **Maskwacis Health Services**.



- * Estin Saddleback, K5 - Dec. 17th
- * Chenova Mackinaw-Rabbit, Gr. 1 - Dec 5th
 - * Zoe Mackinaw, Gr. 2 - Dec. 19th
 - * Kiara Soosay, Gr. 2 - Dec. 30th
- * Faybian Northwest, Gr. 3 - Dec 14th
- * Keon Morin-Rabbit, Gr. 4 - Dec. 25th
- * Keeley Strongman-Rabbit, Gr. 4 - Dec. 3rd
- * Klyynn Strongman Rabbit, Gr. 4 - Dec. 3rd
- * Sierra Jacobs-Ouellette, Gr. 5 - Dec. 28th
 - * Tristan Rain, Gr. 5 - Dec. 6th
- * Thomas Rabbit, Gr. 6 - Dec. 20th
- * Brooke Rain, Gr. 8 - Dec. 27th
- * Barry Swampy, Gr. 8 - Dec. 27th
- * Kinsleigh Saddleback, Gr. 9 - Dec. 27th



FAMILY FUN QUIZ

Come on down!!!

You are the next contestant on **Family FUN QUIZ**

Talking as a family and laughing together is a great stress reliever. So while you're all at home, take the opportunity to connect with each other and laugh together!

How this works....

HERE WE GO.....

Get started **QUIZ #1**

- 1) KIDS CHOOSE AN ADULT IN YOUR HOME
- 2) GET THEM TO ASK YOU THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

P.S You can get them to ask younger kids too. The answers little kids give are super funny!
Get your adult to ask you and/or your siblings these questions.....



How old am I?

What is my favorite thing to do?

What do I always say to you?

What makes me happy?

How tall am I?

What am I good at?

What is my favorite place to go?

If I was an animal, what animal would I be?

Who is my best friend?

What is the best thing I cook?

What do I want for Christmas?

Where was I born?

When was I born?

If I could go on a vacation, where would I go?

Who would I take on vacation with me?

>>> CONTINUE

Get started **QUIZ #2**

- 1) **ADULTS CHOOSE A CHILD IN YOUR HOME**
- 2) **GET THEM TO ASK YOU THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

What makes me happy?

What makes me laugh?

What is my favorite thing to do?

What will I do when I grow up?

What am I good at?

If I was an animal, what animal would I be?

What makes you proud of me?

Where is my favorite place to visit?

Who in the family, do I get my good looks from?

What do I always say?

BOOM!!!! THERE IT IS!!

Well done families! Hope you are staying safe and connected!!! Much love and respect to you all.

-Sandi, Julia and Leann



Hello parents/guardians, my name is Miss. Strongman and I am the K4 teacher here at Meskanahk ka nipa wit. I would just like to say that I hope that you are doing well and staying safe! Usually around this time, we would be getting ready for Christmas in our classroom. Unfortunately, we were unable to do so at the time. I am a little sad about this because I know that the kids love it! If you could find any little craft or activity for your child to use their hands to build their fine motor skills, that would be great for their learning! Some examples include: play doh, beading, cut and paste, etc. I would also like to remind you to complete any homework packages that you may have at home. Thank you for your time! Happy Holidays!

Miss. Strongman

Tansi Parents and Guardians!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy at home during the reset! Kindergarten has been working hard on our letters and numbers to 5. We have also begun to learn how to handle books properly and look at pictures for meaning through shared reading and read-alouds! It saddens me that we could not yet discuss our winter season and make Christmas crafts this year! Each cohort will be celebrating Christmas as a class as soon as classes are back in session. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at any time at alixbeauchamp@maskwacised.ca. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms. Beauchamp



Dear parents/guardians;

I hope you and your families stay safe over the upcoming holiday season. If you have any leftover work packages, you can complete them during this time. Below, I have added some online learning website login instructions, as well as some fun learning websites that I have signed your child up for. If you have any issues logging in, please contact me through email at candaceokeymow@maskwacised.ca

Epic books - Online library full of books. There are also a few assignments that you can complete. Read the book to your child, with your child and assist them with their reading, if needed.

Steps to log in:

1. Go to the website www.getepic.com/students
2. Enter class code zme7010
3. Select their name, do assignments or look for interesting books!

Raz kids – Leveled books (used in class)

1. Go to the website <https://www.kidsa-z.com/main/Login>
2. Enter the teacher username okeymow2020
3. Find your child's name and click on it.
4. Enter your child password (their first name).
5. Do any assignments or look around the website to discover more activities.

Mathletics – Alberta aligned content (used in class)

This login is a bit different, as usernames are generated. (I will contact parents with the login information by email/text/call) or if you would like immediate assistance with this, please email me.

Extra fun learning websites:

www.abcya.com (Click on the red circle that says gr.1). Find age/grade appropriate games to learn from.

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/u/3358746 username: (your child's first name) password: (your child's first name). Have fun learning while you play.

Ms. Okeymow

Tansi Onikikohmawak-Hello Parents & Guardians,

I hope all grade2 students and their families are safe and sound at home.

Time is flying by quickly and Christmas is just around the corner.

My message to my students and parents. It is crucial that parents support their children at home to read, write and complete all learning packages. If your child has not submitted any other packages, they will still be accepted to be marked but must submit all packages as soon as possible.

It is important to have you child develop their literacy (English language learning) and numeracy (math skills) at this point. At the grade 2 level, students are developing literacy and numeracy skills so they move forward to grade 3 and be ready to further develop their reading and math skills. To all parents-thank you for supporting your child at home to learn. To my students, you will need to develop a schedule at home for play but most importantly you need to make time to read and write! Your complete learning packages will make a difference towards your marks!

Happy Birthday to Zoe Mackinaw for December 19th, 2020

Happy Birthday to Kiara Soosay for December 30, 2020.

And finally Merry Christmas to all grade 2 students and their families. Be safe at home and take care. I miss my students and hopefully we will be back in class by December 7, 2020.

Ms. E. Saulteaux



welcome to

FOURTH
GRADE

I know these are challenging times and I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I put some activities on the grade four google classroom. If you need help accessing these please email me

at alisonpeoples@maskwacised.ca. If you are not able to do this try to do some creative activities. Maybe you can draw, sing, write a story, make an ornament, bake, or play a game. I look forward to seeing students again!

Mrs. Peoples



Hello to all Grade 5 and 6 parents, students and fans!!!

We are in the middle of our 'reset' and I hope that all is well with you. When we come back in December, we will be finishing our narrative unit and continue with word work and sentences. I have put up more assignments on the Google Classroom and hope that you will take a look at all of our staff Read Alouds that are posted on the school Facebook page. I have read *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett and included an art exercise, so please check it out. I will be including it on my Digital Literacy Page on Facebook as well. As always, anyone who needs help with schoolwork can contact me and if you need help with anything wellness, please contact our wonderful counselors Sandi or Julia. Lastly, Mrs. Hegedus and I are hoping to record our Grade 5 Christmas Concert videos when we get back. Merry Christmas from Mrs. Hegedus and I,

Ay-hay!

Ms. Greenwall and Mrs. Hegedus

Grade 6

I hope that everyone had a great November! I am positive that December will be a great month. I am looking forward to seeing students and staff in the school again soon! Christmas will be here sooner than we think! Parents and students can contact me through my email amberlyrain@maskwacised.ca if they need help with completing student homework packages. As a reminder, homework packages should be returned to school so that they can be used towards their report card. Homework packages from the first term can still be submitted. I hope that everyone has a great December!

Hai Hai
Ms Rain

News from
Grade 8/9

Tansi,

Mr. Wolfe here, I hope you are doing well! Wow, it is already December, this year is flying by! Here is a brief glance at what I have planned for the month of December. English Language Arts: 7, 8, 9) Writing (Non-Fiction/ Essay). Science: 7) Unit B: Plants for Food and Fibre (Science and Technology Emphasis), 8/9) Unit B: Matter and Chemical Change (Nature of Science Emphasis). If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at stephenwolfe@maskwacised.ca. Stay safe and stay warm!

Ay-Hiy,
Stephen Wolfe

Hello parents, I hope everyone is doing well. Just an update for everyone I will be having Jr. High math and social classes online. Grade 8/9 will be starting on Tuesday December 01, 2020 at 10 am. Grade 7 will be at 1:00 pm. The classes will be everyday Tuesday to Friday until further notice. Students have to use their MESC emails to access the google meet. If you have any questions please let me know VIA email bobbihoule@maskwacised.ca or by phone 780-839-9351. I have made phone calls home and will continue to do so. I hope everyone stays safe.

Ms. Houle