



Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School



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**November 2020**

Iyikopiwipisim - Frost Moon

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## Principal's Message

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Tānisi!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and well! I want to thank everyone for their support in picking up their children's learning packages, but even more importantly, helping them complete them. Please remember that we are always here to help and guide you through completing those packages, but ensuring they are returned for making is vital.

We do have some changes with our families that have chosen learning from home and letters will be mailed out explaining the finer details. The short version is that certain teachers from the MESCS District have been assigned to solely work with home learners. This does not mean that your child/ren are not still part of Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit, they just have a different teacher. We will always be here to help and support **all** of our students.

May you and your families continue to be safe and let's all show compassion for each other!

**Roxanne Harasymchuk-Bantick**  
Principal

### Important Dates:

Nov 5th - Picture Day (Cohort 1)

Nov 11th - Remembrance Day

Nov 23rd - P.D Day

Nov 26th - Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30  
- 7:30pm

Nov 27th - Picture Day (Cohort 2)

Nov 30th - No School in lieu of Parent  
Teacher Interviews





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## Themes for October

- Piwon - Winter
- Piwon Aiyinsa - Winter Clothing



## Vice Principal's Message

Just a reminder... Parents/guardians please remember to pick up Learning packages and return any work done by you children. It is vital that we receive these learning packages back for marking purposes. Report cards are just around the corner and the Teachers need these learning packages back.

**Leslie Whitehawk**  
Vice Principal



## Tansi from the counselling team!

SOMETIMES  
ASKING FOR  
HELP  
IS THE BRAVEST  
MOVE YOU CAN  
MAKE.  
YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO GO  
IT ALONE.

In the last learning package, we sent an activity for the kids to identify their supports and remind themselves whom they can ask for help when they feel stuck, frustrated or overwhelmed.

Asking for help is one of five key skills that make families strong and resilient.

It is so important to know your own strengths and also know your limitations. We can't all be good at everything. Sometimes we need to learn more to get better at something. Sometimes we are faced with a new situation that we have never been in before, so we don't know how to respond right away. Sometimes life gets difficult or something happens that makes us feel lost and overwhelmed. All those things are normal and can happen to any of us.

Admitting that we need help takes courage. That's why asking for help is a sign of strength! It is a skill that will make you and your family stronger. The best way to teach our kids to ask for help, is to model it for them. It's okay to not know all the answers. It's okay to feel stuck sometimes and it is very powerful to show our kids that even adults need to ask for help from time to time. It teaches our kids that learning never ends and that we are stronger as a community when we can support each other.

If you or your kids want to reach out for support to us, please know that we are here for you! Whether the school is open or closed to students, if you reach out to us, we will find a way to support you.

Take care and stay safe.

Sandi & Julia

Counselling Team

## Birthdays of the Month

- \* Brodie Rain, Gr. 1 - Nov. 13th
- \* Aquene Cardinal-Rabbit, Gr. 6 - Nov. 8th
- \* Johnathon Potts, Gr. 7 - Nov. 21st
- \* Celestial Rain, Gr. 8 - Nov. 6th
- \* Lyric Samson, Gr. 8 - Nov. 4th
- \* Justin Standingontheroad, Gr. 8 - Nov. 17th
- \* Cherish Mackinaw-Rabbit, Gr. 9 - Nov. 29th
- \* Rihanna Okeymow-Crier, Gr. 9 - Nov. 21st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## PRE-K

Hello parents/guardians, my name is Miss. Strongman and I'm the K4 teacher here at Meskanahk ka nipa wit. I know that these are uncertain times and it's a little scary out there, but now that it is getting into November, it is so important for you to send your children to school. We have lots of things ahead, including report cards! I would love to see them coming to school because we also need to begin practicing for our Christmas concert as well! We are also making the school as safe as possible so it will ease some of that worry you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have! Have a great day, I hope that you are doing well!

**Miss. Strongman**



Tansi!

I am so happy that the students are back this month! We did not get as much in-class learning as planned, but I am confident that we can catch up! This November, we will continue to practice our letters S, A, T, I, P, N. And introduce our next phase of letters C, K, E, H, R, M, and D. We will also keep learning new sight words to help with our reading! In math, we will be doing lots of counting and learning our numbers 1-5. Christmas is around the corner as well! We will begin to learn and practice our song for the Christmas concert this month!

Please remember to be returning your completed learning packages! These are very important for report cards coming out later this month. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me at the school or email me at [alixbeauchamp@maskwacised.ca](mailto:alixbeauchamp@maskwacised.ca)

**Ms. Beauchamp**

## Grade 3

Goodafternoon Parents/Guardians,

It always great when the students are able to return to school, they were all missed. In grade 3 we are focusing on Complete and incomplete sentences in literacy and will be moving onto patterns in Math. There are a lot of amazing readers in grade 3, and I'm very proud of them. I would also like to send a reminder, with the changing weather please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. We will be focused on utilizing our recess times as physical and mental health are important during this pandemic.

If you have any questions or concerns, Please feel free to contact me.

Have a great day.

**Ms. Buffalo**

## First Grade

Dear parents,

I hope you and your families are doing well during this time. It's been a long month without the kids here to keep us busy. I know how home-life can be stressful during these times with our little ones. With that being said, I am glad that the students are allowed to return to school to continue learning. In math we're focusing on numbers to 20. For LA were working extra hard on the alphabet letter names and sounds. Before I forget thank you to all of you helping your child get their work done during their week at home. All in all, stay safe and have fun! Thank you.

**Ms. Okeymow**

Welcome to   **Grade 2**

Tansi Ohnikohmawak-Hello Parents

How are you and your child doing?

I certainly hope all grade 2 students are safe and sound at home with their parents and grandparents!

This teacher is missing the kids in class. My only wish is that this COVID 19 should already be gone!

I just want to go back to teaching in a normal classroom and seeing kids every day.

I do hope the students are reading and completing their learning packages. If your child has completed their package please return them back to the school so they can be marked towards your child's November report card-which is just around the corner.

Whatever you do for Hallowe'en with your child (or children)-have fun! Be safe and wear those masks.

Kiseh Manito Kahsahwemkowaw-May our Creator bless you all.

Akosi

**Ms. E. Saukteaux**

ALL WHO SERVED, SACRIFICED, AND CHANGED OUR WORLD

*Thank you*





During the month of October cohort 1 enjoyed a presentation from Earth Rangers. Hopefully, cohort 2 will also get this opportunity. Please, feel free to contact me if you need any help with the learning packages. I understand that you may be facing some homework challenges and I would like to help. One way to reach me is by email. My email address is [alisonpeoples@maskwacised.ca](mailto:alisonpeoples@maskwacised.ca). I hope everyone will enjoy using their new backpacks!



Mrs. Peoples

## Grade 6

I hope that everyone had a great October. It's been quite different at the school without kids. I'm looking forward to having students in the school again! Since the weather has been getting colder and it is almost winter, it is important to send your kids to school with the proper winter attire. I hope that everyone has a great November!

Hai Hai  
Ms Rain

## 7THGRADE

Tansi,

Wow, the year is flying by! It is already November! I hope you all are doing well and staying safe, I've been missing the students and hope to see you soon! Here is a brief preview of what we will be working on in the month of November for English Language Arts 7-9: Short stories unit, and hopefully some more Fountas and Pinnell. For Science we will be starting new units. They are as follows: Science 7) Plants for Food and Fibre unit, Science 8/9) Matter and Chemical Change unit. As mentioned before, the learning packages that are sent home are expected to be completed and sent back to school for a mark. Any questions or concerns I can be reached at the school.

Ay-Hiy,  
Stephen Wolfe

## Let Us Not Forget

## 5THGRADE

Hello Grade 5 and 6 literacy parents!

Hope you had a ghoulish Hallowe'en and are staying positive and safe.

It has been a long three weeks without the students! Please know that if you have any questions about the packages, we are only a phone call away. Report cards will be going out soon, so now is the time to get a few more assignments in. The teaching staff in grades 5 and 6 are so excited to be seeing shining faces again on Tuesday and going forward until Christmas.

Ms. Greenwall and Mrs. Hegedus

## News from Grade 8/9

Hello parents!

I am so glad to have the students back in class. This month in math we will be working on the following.

Grade 7: Integers

Grade 8/9: multiplying and dividing integers and exponents

In Social Studies we will be doing the following

Grade 7: The British in North America

Grade 8: The Humanist Approach

Grade 9: The Canadian Constitution and The Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Ms. Houle

### IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*by John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

