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Good News

March 2024

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Principal's Message

Tânîsi Ohnikikomowak!

It was so nice that the weather was warming up a bit and we could get outside to enjoy it! It's been cold again recently but It would be great if it warms up again for our **Miyoskamin Break!**

Our **Miýoskamiw Ohnikikomowak Engagement** is on March 21 from 4:00-7:00. Report cards will come home the day before on March 20. We also have our **Parent Lighthouse meeting** that night at 6:00. We have some important school info to share and we will be giving out gifts to parents who attend! Hope to see you there!

We are happy to see our students coming to school regularly and on time! We are giving awards for our classes who have **excellent attendance** each month! They get a trophy to keep in their classroom for the month! So far we have had 4B and 5F win! If your child is sick, please call the school each day they are absent. Remember that they only need to miss if they have a fever or runny nose. If they just have a cough, they can wear a mask at school. Also remember to not drop off your children before 8:30 and please pick them up at 3:20. We appreciate your help with this.

We also have the **Golden Garbage Can** award each month! Our custodial department provides a pizza party to the winners which are chosen by our custodians! 6Wh won it the first time and 6W won last month. Great job being proactive and keeping your classroom clean!

Just a reminder that we provide breakfast, snacks and a hot lunch! If you choose to send extra snacks for your child, please ensure they are healthy snacks and **please do not send pop or candy!** It is not allowed at school and will be confiscated. Thanks for your support with this!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Ekosi pitima,

Doris Auger
Principal





Tanisi EES Families!

I can't believe that it is already March! This year is flying by!

Thursday, March 7th is World Book Day where we celebrate the joy that books and reading bring. Library classes that week will be participating in activities which encourage children to read for enjoyment. I encourage you to spend some time reading as well! Allowing your children see you reading for pleasure is such a powerful way to encourage literacy in the home. We will also have some surprise guests reading to the students while they eat lunch that week, as well as a Design Your Own Bookmark contest happening.

Our 3rd Annual EES March Madness Character Tournament begins March 11. Awasak will vote on their favourite book characters. This is always a fun event, and we have a whole list of new characters who will be competing this year. Who will be the victor? We will keep you updated!

Our Scholastic Book Fair begins on March 15 and wraps up on March 21st. Our theme this time is "Reading With My Peeps" and we will have some fun contests and activities happening. Please come and visit!

Our After-School Library Club has been a tremendous success so far! This year, the program was split into two sessions so that more of our eager little readers could join. We have been reading lots of great books, creating puppet shows, playing board games, following recipes and making crazy and delicious snacks, and doing lots of art. It's great to see the students so excited about literacy and also to be able to spend time with them outside of school hours.

A question that is asked VERY often is "when are we hatching eggs?" This will be the 3rd year we have hatched eggs in the library! I am currently working on getting button quail eggs to hatch, as well as chicks! Watch the EES Library Instagram page for updates! In addition to our baby birds, we will also be watching caterpillars transform into butterflies once again!

Have a wonderful month!

Miss Tania Lawrence



Tanisi Families!

In February, we participated in Pink Shirt Day which is a day to learn about and bring awareness to anti-bullying. The word bullying gets a lot of attention and for good reason. It is serious and we need to protect victims. Did you know there is a difference between bullying, conflict and mean moments?

Students need to know how to get along with others. We are always working with students to enhance their social skills here at school and we know you do at home as well. Kids are going to make mistakes, just like adults. We all have mean moment where we may say something without thinking or get caught up in the moment with big feelings. We also all have conflict at some point or another where we disagree with someone. These interactions are not bullying.

Bullying, on the other hand, is a repeated behavior that's intended to hurt, harm, or intimidate someone. It can take many forms, such as physical violence, verbal abuse, social exclusion, or cyberbullying. Bullying involves a power imbalance, where the person who is bullying has more power or influence than the person being bullied. Unlike conflict, or a mean moment, bullying is not a normal part of life and can have serious consequences for the person being bullied, including physical and emotional harm.

It's important for parents, teachers, and other adults to be able to recognize the difference between mean moments, conflict and bullying so they can respond appropriately. If your child is experiencing conflict or a mean moment, it's important to help them learn how to manage their feelings and communicate effectively with others.

Of course, if your child is experiencing bullying it is important that you talk to their teacher, counsellors, or administration to address the issue collaboratively. We want all of our students to feel safe in their learning environment!

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Frans, Christie

SAVE THE DATE! THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

MARCH 15-21, 2024

On Friday, March 15th, remember to wear green!

**Ermineskin Elementary School
Kids Come First at our School!**

Ermineskin Elementary School
1-6
Miȳoskamiw Ohnikikomawak

Engagement
Thursday, March 21
4 pm - 7 pm

Please join us at our
Miȳoskamiw Ohnikikomawak
Engagement!

We will also host our 3rd Parent Lighthouse Meeting (PAC) of the year. Please join us at 6 pm.
Childcare provided.

All parents that attend will receive a gift!

KIDS COME FIRST AT OUR SCHOOL

MESC Transportation (585-3333)
Download the Bus Status 4 app for bus updates! It is updated every morning by 7:00!
If you haven't been at school in a while, call to have your bus stop resumed!

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PINK SHIRT DAY

Wed, Feb 28



Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting workplaces, communities and schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all people. While all people can be the target of bullying, some groups or individuals experience more bullying than others. Here at EES we take a stand against bullying!



No to bullying!





Measurable Results Assessment: Staff/Student/Parent Survey

During the Celebration of Learning this month, we will be asking parents to complete the MRA, which is an online survey to rate how they feel about the Leader In Me activities in our school. The survey results will be collected from staff, students and parents, and will give us a good idea about areas where we can improve upon. Last Spring, we had 64 parents take the survey which resulted with a good overall score of 77 on the MRA, which generally suggests satisfaction in the 3 areas of leadership, school culture, and academics. Parents who complete the MRA here during the Celebration of Learning on March 21 will receive a Tim's gift card! We appreciate and look forward to all the great feedback from parents!

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Student Leadership in Action!

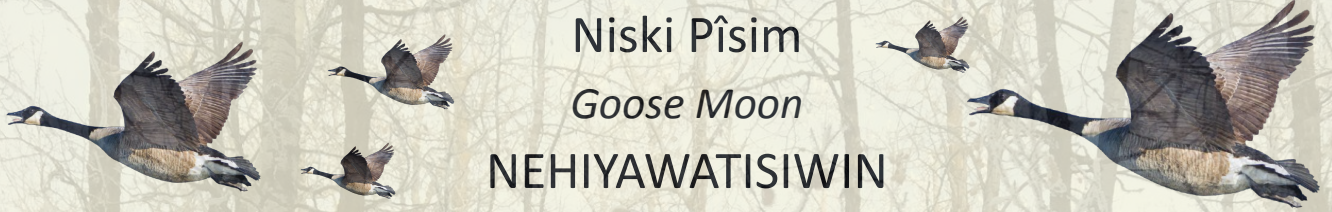
To recognize Bucket Filling Month, the Student Lighthouse Team decided to fill the staff's buckets by delivering Room Service orders. Staff were given an order form to fill out with their choice of a beverage and a treat. Our young leaders decided on the order choices, organized their orders from the whole staff, and delivered them to staff in their classrooms and offices. They learned a very good lesson in organization, kindness, and synergizing. Way to show great leadership skills Grade 6s!



The
Leader in Me™

great happens here

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This past month Gr.5 students had the opportunity to join Mamiw Sahkikan School for ice fishing! Awasisak have also been practicing sewing skills creating their own projects. Miywasin, Miywasin Kahkiyaw!



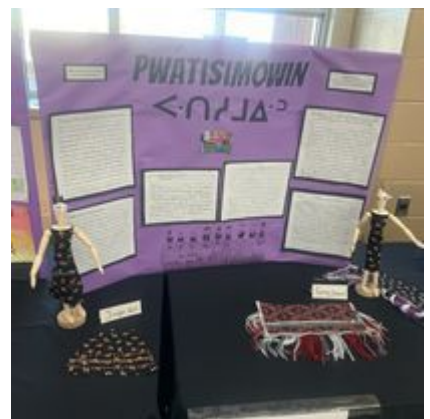
Nehiyawewin Terms

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 sâkihtowin ᐱᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ Love
 wâhkohtowin ᐱᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ kinship
 nîcimōs - ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ sweetheart
 nitôtēm - ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ my friend
 Kinosew ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ - fish
 kaskwâsowin ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ sewing
 saponikan ᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅᐅ needle



2024 Elder's Tea

On Friday February 9, we invited Elders from the community to our school for our Elder's Tea. Each grade prepared a display about their culture and the community of Maskwacis. Our awasak presented their work to the Elders and did presentations in Nehiyawewin. Our student Lighthouse team served our Elders tea and snacks as well! A great time was had by all!



Regular Attendance is Important

Regular attendance helps students learn classroom expectations, routines, and social skills. They adjust more easily to changes and experience more success in school. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school please call, email or text the school and/or your child's teacher as we have many supports to help. **Please call for student absences or to change contact numbers.**

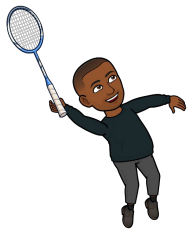


BUILD A LOVE OF READING

It is **World Book Month!** As you know, children are always watching their parents to see what they do and where they spend their time. When we are constantly looking at our phones, they learn that phones are important. If we are often reading, they learn that books are important. Spend some time as often as you can reading with your children to build a love of reading.



Physical Education



Miywâsin! What a thrilling month we just had with skating, cross country skiing, sledding and badminton.

This month we look forward to having our last week of skating March 4 to 8. You are welcome to join us! We would like to see everyone wearing helmets, so please bring one if you plan to join us on the ice.

We will be hosting the Four Band Badminton tournament here at EES on March 7th starting at 9:30 am. You are invited to come and check out the thrilling badminton talent we have in our grade 5 & 6 students Maskwacîs.

In intramurals, we will be crowning a dodgeball champion in the next two weeks. It has been amazing to see the talent and sportsmanship in our grades 4-6 students. Our grades 1-3 students have continued to come out and try a new activity each week which has also been fun to see.

Have a wonderful month and don't forget to stay active during spring break!

Mr. Zindi



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PD Day NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 Skating! (6W,2M, 3M, 4D,4P)	5 Skating! (6D, 2E, 2F, 3O)	6 Skating! (5S, 1F, 1P, 4B, 3Y)	7 4Bands Badminton Tournament @EES	8 Skating! (5A,1M, 6Wh, 5F)	9
10 Daylight Savings Clocks forward	11	12	13	14	15 🍀 Wear green!	16
17 Feelin' Lucky	18 Book Fair March 15-21	19 First day of Miyoskamin!	20 Report cards go home!	21 miyoskamiw ohnikomawak Engagement- K- 6 4:00-7:00. Virtual Parent Lighthouse Meeting • 6:00	22 PD Day NO SCHOOL	23
24	25	26-30 Miyoskamin (Spring) Break March 23 - April 1 NO SCHOOL				29
31 Easter	1 NO SCHOOL Easter péyakókisikâw April Fools Day Kiyâskiw Kísikâw	2 April Students return!	3	4	5	7



March Hot Lunch Schedule



Menu is subject to change, Due to product availability.	MESC Menu - March 2024				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 28th- Mar 1st					
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Muffins & Fruit	Fruit Scones & Fruit	Bannock & Jam & Fruit	Prep Day - No Students
Lunch	Mexican Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Corn Salad, Fruit	Chicken & Corn Quessadillas, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit	Hamburger Soup, Bannock, Spinach Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit	Pizza Day! Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad	
March 4th - 8th					
Breakfast	Yogurt, Cereal Fruit	Muffins and Fruit	Cereal, Fruit	Bacon & Cheese Scones	Pancakes and Jam
Lunch	Baked Ham with Hot Mixed Vegetables and Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad	Perogies, Cabbage, Onions and Garlic Sausage, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed, Cucumber & Fruit Salad	Minestrone Soup, Bannock, Tossed Salad, Tomato Basil Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Meatloaf with Mixed Vegetables & Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Pasta Salad, Beet Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Fruit
March 11th-15th					
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Muffins & Fruit	Yogurt Parfait, Fruit	Pancakes & Jam, Fruit	Fruit Scones
Lunch	Ground Beef Stroganoff, Tossed Salad, Cucumber Salad, Tomato Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Noodle Bowl w/Shredded Lettuce, Marinated Vegetables & Sweet Sesame Pork	Potato Bacon Soup, Cheese Bread, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad Fruit Salad, Fruit	Roast Beef with Mixed Vegetables, Potatoes & Gravy, Tossed Salad, Cucumber Salad, Fresh cut Fruit, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Fruit
March 18th- 22nd					
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes & Jam, Fruit	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Ham & Cheese Scones	Prep Day - Deep clean and Kitchens prepared for the break
Lunch	Baked Mac'n Cheese with Bacon and Bread Crumbs, Caesar Salad, Greek Salad, Fresh Cut Melon, Fruit	Focaccia Deli Sandwich, Mixed Greens and Spinach Salad, Pasta Salad, Beet Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Tomato Basil Soup, Cheese Bannock, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Greek Salad, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Fruit	