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Good News



June 2024

Opâskahopîsim ᐃᑦᑎᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ
Hatching Moon

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Principal's Message



Tanisi Ohpikinahasowak (Parents/Caretakers),

Well it's Opâskahopîsim already! How exciting! We have so much planned for this coming month!

You have probably already seen the **field trip permission forms** coming home. Parents are joining many of these field trips and other activities in the school and we are so happy to have you! Our grade 1, 2 and 3 will be attending **Camp Maskepetoon** on June 4, 5 and 6. We will have cultural teachings, crafts, games, food, and lots of fun! Elders will be sharing their knowledge and skills. We will also have **Nehiyawatsowin Stations** at the school for grades 2-6 on June 14.

We have our **Grade 6 Graduation** happening on **June 13!** Grad photos were taken in May and the Lifetouch packages have gone home so you can order! Grade 6 will hold their graduation in the gym at 10:30.

We will also have our **Sharpen the Saw Celebration on June 18!** We have Fitset Ninja Obstacle Course coming for the first time and we are looking forward to that! The next day, **June 19**, students will take home their belongings and, **report cards**. *Our last day for students will be on June 20* with the **MESC Pow-wow!** They are not allowed to take bags or anything over to the Pow-wow grounds. We will be bussed over at 10:00 and Grand Entry is at 11:00 sharp. Students will receive bag lunches there. Buses will take students home from there at 3:15. If you are attending or your child is dancing, please have them attend with you, especially if they have regalia.

Registration update instructions will be emailed out to all parents using the email we have on file. Please update your info to secure your spot. Remember all new registrations must include a birth certificate to be considered. Instructions are also on the MESC website on the Registrations tab at www.maskwacised.ca/registration/ If you have forgotten your login information, call the school to have it reset.

The first day back at school will be September 3rd. With our VP Patty Walker going on Maternity leave next year, our new VP will be Kundai Zindi! Kundai is a long standing teacher in our school and was teaching gym this past year. Welcome Mr. Zindi!

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer. Keep reading and stay safe!

Doris Auger
Principal

EES Website: <https://ees.maskwacised.ca/>



2024-25 Admin Team!



Tanisi kahkiyaw!

It has been another fun year working in the library with the awasak! We made lots of memories, tried lots of new things, and read ALOT of books!

In May, we watched our caterpillars transform into butterflies, welcomed a pet fish into the library, practiced literacy and cooperation by playing board games, listened to some great stories, and had lots of fun!

Once again, we are hatching eggs in the library. We are currently incubating 9 quail eggs. The students have been fascinated with learning about quail. The eggs are SO tiny, so we are very eagerly waiting to see what our babies look like!

We have once again partnered with United for Learning and MESC to provide a Summer Literacy Camp. The camp will run from July 8-19 and is available to our current grade 1-5 students. You should have received a registration form by now, but if you haven't please contact your child's teacher. Registration forms are due back at the school on June 6, and spaces are limited!

One of the best ways to prevent summer learning loss is to keep reading with your children during the summer. A good way to encourage reading is by keeping books in your vehicle for your children to read while on trips. The Wetaskiwin Public Library also offers lots of fun (and free) summer activities, so be sure to check them out!

Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to a break, but can't wait to see all the awasisak in the fall! Keep reading, everyone!

Love,
Miss Lawrence

Tanisi families,

With summer close at hand, social media will become a big part of many children's lives. Below are some tips to keep in mind for helping your child navigate these sometimes tricky conversations.

- Know which social media platforms your kids are using.

- Know the legal age restrictions for each social media platform in use.

- Ask questions, but in a non-pushy way—show genuine interest in what they're seeing online and who they're talking to.

- If and when appropriate, use parental controls on your children's devices and social media accounts.

- Talk to kids about the importance of maintaining in-person friendships

- Verify children's social media connections—teach them to identify fake accounts.

- Discuss what's appropriate to share on social media—explain that everything online is permanent, even if it is deleted.

- Have open conversations about the appropriate ways to act online—it is important for kids to understand what cyberbullying is, how to recognize it, and the effects it can have.

- Kids should see their parents and social media as a good thing—model good behavior.

- Teach kids about the value of technology-free or screen-free time.

- Address the effects of social media on children by discussing mental health, cyberbullying, feelings of isolation, and the need to compare.

Kamiyo nipinisin and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or want to know more!

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We would like to thank Telus for providing these kits for our kids in the fall. As we provide most of the supplies needed at the school, these kits can be used at home to support their learning. We wanted to make parents aware early so they don't go and out and buy what will be supplied. Ay hay Telus!



Kits for Kids

Giving 20,000 youth the tools they need to start the 2024/2025 school year successfully.

At TELUS, we give where we live to communities in need across the globe. Proudly, we've distributed more than 200,000 Kits for Kids, backpacks filled with essential school supplies, in communities across Canada as part of our annual TELUS Days of Giving.

Why am I receiving Kits for Kids?

In partnership with your local government official, your school/organization has been selected to receive Kits for Kids to support youth who need a little help. We know that for many families, the rising cost of school supplies is simply not within their means. Please distribute as you deem appropriate.

What's in the Kit for Kids?

Every kit includes the following: one backpack, one pack of lined paper, two packages of exercise books (four per package), one pencil case, one 12-pack of colouring pencils, one 10-pack of HB pencils, one 6-pack of blue BIC pens, two erasers and one flexible ruler.

Let's make the future friendly, together.

Every act of giving can inspire another. Help us spread the message of giving back by sharing on social media using the hashtag [#givewherewelive](#) and [#kitsforkids](#), as well as tagging [@TELUS](#). Together, we can help create a friendlier future for all Canadian families.

About TELUS

Since 2000, our extended TELUS family has contributed \$1.7 billion in cash in-kind contributions, time and programs, including 2.2 million days of volunteering.

Learn more at telus.com/SocialImpact





MASKWACIS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION

POWWOW

+++++ 2024 +++++

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Bear Park, Maskwacis, Alberta

11am Grand Entry

Host Drum: Mountain Cree

Competition for Dancers Only

Drums will receive day pay

For any questions or concerns email Kelci at kelcilightning@maskwacised.ca or call 780-585-3243

Maskwacis Education Schools Commission will not be held responsible for any loss or personal injury sustained while attending the pow wow. Security and RCMP will be on-site. Vehicles will be searched at the entry gate. Zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol.





Pâskaweho pîsim

Egg Hatching Moon

Tân'si Atawiya Kahkiyaw Kiyawâw!

During Pinâwew Pîsim we were learning about tipi set up & traditional foods.

June 4th-6th, is our Division 1 Cultural Camp @ Camp Maskepetoon.

Mîywâsin mîywâsin awasisak!
Nehiyawek, nehiyawek, tahto kîsikâw

Here are some more pictures from a wonder year of Nehiyawatsowin!!

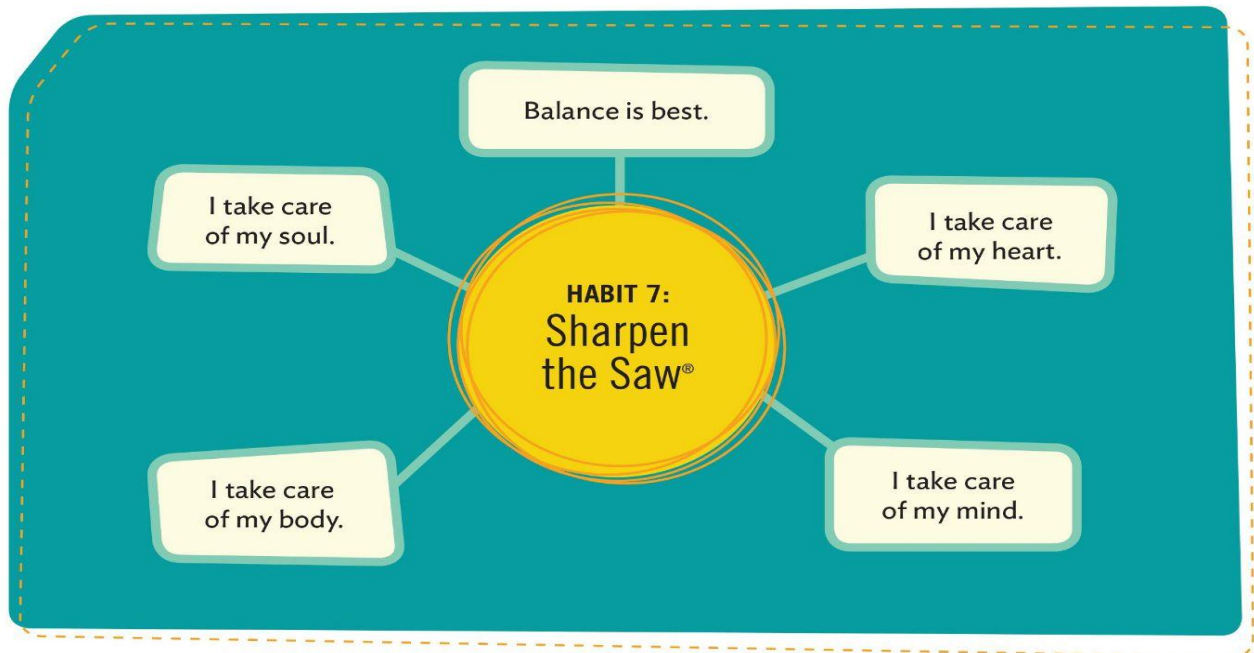




The Leader in Me™

great happens here

Leadership roles don't just take place in the classroom! This one-page resource features leadership opportunities for students at home. Take some time over the summer holiday to set a routine with your awasak. In the summer, we focus on Mîyo Pimâtisôwin, which is Habit #7: Sharpen the Saw!



How do I find balance in my life?



How do I take care of my heart?



How do I take care of my mind?



How do I take care of my body?



How do I take care of my soul?



What is one thing I can work on more?





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ERMINESKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2024-2025

DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE FORM

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF RETURNING STUDENTS: PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR.

DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE FORM NEEDS TO BE UPDATED PRIOR TO SCHOOL STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

CALL JACKIE, AND SHE CAN HELP YOU OVER THE PHONE.
780-585-3760

[HTTP://POWERSCHOOL.MA](http://powerschool.ma)
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Physical Education

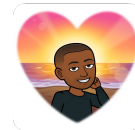
Tanisi Kahkiyaw! I cannot believe we have made it to the final month of school! With the warm weather, we will be outdoors for most of the final PE classes.

We will be having our EES Track and Field Days coming up for Division 1 on June 3, and Division 2 on June 6. Students will be competing against their classmates in running, jumping and throwing events.

We have now wrapped up our Hawks sports teams for this year, and we just have our Bronze and Gold medal games for our grades 4 to 6 intramural soccer league! It has been a fun year for the awasak and those of us who have watched them build their sportsmanship skills!

A huge shout-out goes out to all of the coaches who have helped coach all of the teams this year!

Have a wonderful summer!



-Mr. Zindi



Tansi,
The Dental Team (Evane, Nicole, Riley) would like to give a huge thank you to the teachers, parents/guardians, and students, for all your continuous help and support throughout the entire school year, by filling out and bringing back authorization forms, and helping students to sharpen the saw with their oral health.

While we saw a few emergencies and had to do several referrals, most of the students were proactive and happy to come see us.

Another year of a huge improvement in students' overall dental health. As well as a greater increase in the number of students demonstrating interest in their oral and nutritional health. The Dental Health Month Activities was a prime example. We thank all participants and congratulations to the winners of the coloring contest along with the participants of the no cavity club.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to the new school year ahead.

Hai Hai
Evane, Nicole, Riley.



Ermineskin Elementary School
invites you to attend the



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Thursday, June 13, 2024, 10:30 am

at the Ermineskin Elementary School Gym

Program and cake to follow



FREE SUMMER CAMP



Pedalheads Bike Camps is offering a **completely free summer camp** for kids in the Ermineskin Nation.

Pedalheads is a learn-to-ride bike camp known for taking kids from training wheels to two wheels. We combine a fun group setting with specialized equipment, tailored cycling lessons and incredible instructors to build confidence and get some of the most tentative kids biking on their own.

Ages: 5 - 13

When

Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Where

Ermineskin Cree Nation

We Provide

Bikes, Helmets and Water Bottles

What You Need to Do

Email summer@erminekin.ca to register your kids for free Summer Camp.

Please have proof of address available upon registration.



2024 EES TRACK AND FIELD DAYS

New Date

GRADE 1, 2, & 3 - JUNE 10

GRADE 4, 5, & 6 - JUNE 6

GET READY FOR A FUN DAY OF
EXERCISE OUTDOORS!

All of the awasak will compete against their classmates in 9 different events! Ribbons will be awarded!

There will be running,
jumping, and throwing
events!

Learn to Read
with
Reading Eggs
online subscription



Reading eggs



Ermineskin Elementary is proud to offer our students/parents summer access to the Reading Eggs program!

Go online during the summer to access all the fun learning activities Reading Eggs has to offer!



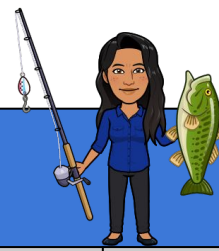
homeschoolnotes.com



<https://readingeggs.com/login/>



June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Camp Maskepetoon Gr. 3 Grad Walk 11:30	Camp Maskepetoon Gr. 2 Gr. 6 Field Trip	Div. 2 Field Day Camp Maskepetoon Gr. 1	PD Day No School	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Div. 1 Field Day	Grade 4 Camp Warwa		Gr. 6 Grad 10:30 Gr. 5 Field Trip	Nehiyawatsowin Stations Gr. 1 Field Trip	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day Ohtâwîmâw Kîsikâw		Sharpen the Saw Celebration! Gr 4 Swimming AM	Year end Assembly Report Cards and belongings go home	MESC Powwow EES goes at 10 buses pick up there Last Day of School	National Indigenous Peoples Day NO SCHOOL	
23	24	25	26	27	28	September 3 is the first day back for students!



June Menu

Menu is subject to change, Due to product availability.	ᐃᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ Opâskâwehow Pîsim Egg Hatching Moon (June)				
June 3rd - 7th	Peyak Kîsikâw	Nîso Kîsikâw	Nisto Kîsikâw	Newo Kîsikâw	Niyânan Kîsikâw
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Muffins & Fruit	Yogurt Parfait, Fruit	Pancakes & Jam, Fruit	Grade 12 Grad Dinner @ MCHS
Lunch	Mac'n Cheese with Bacon & Peas, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Greek Salad, Fruit	Perogies with Sauteed Cabbage and Garlic Sausage	Chicken Noodle Soup, Bannock, Tossed, Tomato Basil & Feta/Fruit Salad	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Macaroni Salad, Cucumber Salad, Fruit	
June 10th - 14th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes and Bacon, Fruit	Muffins, Fruit	Yogurt parfait with Berries	Scrambled Eggs & Sausage
Lunch	Pasta Alfredo with Ham, Tossed Salad, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Deli Wraps, Spinach Salad with Bacon and Red Onion, Cut Melon, Macaroni Salad	Turkey Stew wih Sage Bread, Tossed, Roasted & Macaroni Salad, Fruit Slad	Bison Meatloaf, Potatoes, Tossed, Marinated Vegie & Macaroni Salad	Pizza Day! Whole Fruit, Salads: Caesar, Fruit, & Greek
June 17th - 21st	Peyak Kîsikâw	Nîso Kîsikâw	Nisto Kîsikâw	Newo Kîsikâw	Niyânan Kîsikâw
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Muffins, Cheese Stiring & Fruit	Yogurt parfait with berries, Fruit	Pancakes & Jam, Fruit	No School- Into Ayisîniw Kîsikâw National Indigenous Peoples Day kâ-mâwaci-kino-kîsikâk (summer solstice)
Lunch	Pasta Dish, Salads, Whole Fruit	Soup & Bannock, Tossed Slad, Fruit Salad, Macaroni Salad, Whole Fruit	Pizza Day! Whole Fruit, Salads: Caesar, Fruit, & Greek	MESC Powwow - Deadly Deli Sandwiches - Ready for 10:30am Distribution	