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Good News



September 2024

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Principal's Message

Tansi kahkiyaw!

Welcome back to another school year! We are so excited to see our awasak returning! We have many classes that are full already! This newsletter will come home with students and will also be emailed to parents. The **parent handbook** will be emailed and posted on Facebook and our website as well.

We are excited to have 1 new teacher join our team. We have Lanaya Hunter joining us in grade 3! Welcome! You can meet with your child's teacher in person on **September 19th** for our **Meet the Staff night!** We will also have our Counselors, Speech and Language assistants, Cree teachers, and Dental hygienist available for questions as well. We would love to have some parents join us for our Parent Lighthouse Team (PAC) at 5:00 pm on the stage that same evening. We have some great gifts for the participants! Hope to see you there!

The cornerstones of what we stand for continue to be based upon three important initiatives: **Cree culture and language, Literacy, and Leadership.** We work hard to ensure these "three pillars" are promoted and weaved into everything we do. We want our children to be successful Cree leaders who are proud of who they are and have a strong literacy foundation. You can help by ensuring your child is getting adequate sleep, minimizing video gaming, and sending your child to school every day on time. All of this will improve the academic achievement and well being of your children.

We will be continuing to reinforce Leadership in our awasak this year. We have **Lighthouse status** with the **Leader in Me** and are the first Indigenous school in the world to be do this! We will be starting with our many Leadership teams shortly so students can choose activities that they love! They also have Leadership jobs in their classrooms. Awasak learn to be in charge of themselves and their learning!

We look forward to a fantastic year! Our priority is to build relationships and make our students and parents feel safe in our school. Please remember that **students are not allowed to bring phones to school this year.** Please ensure your kiddos are getting lots of sleep and coming every day and on time! **Drop off is at 8:25 and pick up is at 3:20.** Please don't hesitate to call or email me anytime at the school.

Ekosi!

Doris Auger
Principal

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL



Ermineskin Elementary School

Educational Team 2024-2025

ERMINESKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF

Doris Auger	Principal
Melanie Nanaquawetung	Assistant Principal
Kundai Zindi	Assistant Principal
Jackie Littlechild	Administrative Assistant
Frans Erickson (Teri Boyce)	Counselor
Christie Dewald	Counselor
Betty Simon	Elder
Russelle Burns	Student Advisor
Theresa Thunderchild	Family Enhancement Worker



Kaylee MacDonald	PE
Nicole Anderson	Speech
Karly Morin	Speech
Tania Lawrence	Library
Erin Joseph	Cree
Carolyn Mackinaw	Cree

Jessica Acuna	1A
Marie Potts	1P
Meagan Miller	1M
Keianna McCormack	2M
Kyla Ermineskin	2E
Anna Fulks	2F
Lanaya Hunter	3H
Karen Olson	3O
Ashley Munden	3M
Lori Young	4Y
Cherisse Pruden	4P
Kaylyn Buffalo	4B
Bailey Fecho	5F
Alycia Smith	5S
Wendy Angus	5A
Gordon Wepler	6W
Ailen White	6Wh
Deneika Dennehy	6D
Carol Fenn	IF
Todd Gallais	IG

Educational Assistants

Brant Bull-Strongman
Shannon Smallboy
Geniene Lightning
Colette Buffalo
Kyra Mackinaw
Jason Wildcat
Corrine Crane
Kerrie Littlechild
Sheldon Gentes
Kayla Foster-Buffalo
Dawn Deschamps
Sammarah Crane-Saddleback
Trent Young
Delores Simon
Tyrelle Dion
Odessa Mackinaw
Raineesha Bruno (HCA), Courtney Crane
Jerilee Buffalo (HCA), Wayland Littlechild



The
LeaderinMe™
great happens here



Dental Info

Tansi!

Welcome back Students, Teachers,
Parents and Guardians.

The Dental team, hopes you all had a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with each of you throughout the new school year.

Reminder to get Authorization (Consent) forms signed & returned to us in the office
And always remember, to brush after every meal.



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The Dental team,
Evane Jukes - Dental Practitioner
Nicole Montour - COHI Aide

Reminders

- All students must be registered and have their demographics updated on the MESC Parent Portal website
- Please wait for your children outside if you are picking them up.
- Please do not drop them off earlier than 8:25 am, or pick them up early before 3:20 pm as well.
- *Parents must call to make an appointment to meet with teachers or administration.*
- *Please send indoor shoes with your child.*
- *All parents and visitors must sign in at the front door and proceed to the front office.*

Timetable

8:25 - 8:40 - Student Drop-off
8:40 - 8:50 - Announcements
8:50 - 9:30 - Period 1
9:30 - 10:10 - Period 2
10:10 - 10:25 - DPA/Div 1 Recess
10:25 - 11:05 - Period 3
11:05 - 11:45 - Period 4
11:45 - 12:25 - Lunch
12:25 - 1:05 - Period 5
1:05 - 1:45 - Period 6
1:45 - 2:00 - DPA/Div 2 Recess
2:00 - 2:40 - Period 7
2:40 - 3:20 - Period 8
3:20 - 3:30 - Student Pick up



Lunches

- Lunch and snacks are provided for all students.
- If you choose to send lunch or snacks with your child, please send them with your child in the morning.
- Please do not send items that need to be microwaved.
- Refillable water bottles are provided
- Pop and Energy drinks are not allowed at school!



Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed.



Please wash hands.

Clean hands help you to stay healthy and keep our friends safe.

Thank You!



Counsellor's Corner



Tanisi families,

Welcome back—I hope you and your awasisak are as excited about coming back as we are! The return to school can cause some tricky feelings, especially at the start of the year. We have added a few ideas below to help with this. Also, our school counsellors are always happy to help—just let us know!

How to Make Drop off Easier for Some Kids

1. Practice drop offs before the break is over. Getting used to walking up to the school can help.
2. Validate their feelings, but let them know they can handle it: “It can be scary but you are safe and can do it!”
3. Remind them when you will return
4. Connect before drop off. This could be hug, high five, etc.
5. Connect them with a safe adult at the school.
6. Give them a note or stuffy to remind them that you are thinking of them when they are at school.

Important Counselling Information for 2024-25

- Counselling is an effective way to help awasisak understand and cope with tricky feelings. At EES we are lucky to have a team of experienced counsellors to help awasisak in this way. Because we always prioritize helping children, we are often busy during the day when parents might stop by to talk about counselling. Because of this, we are making a counselling contact form available at the front office. This will allow caregivers to contact us directly to discuss counselling for your awasisak. Just ask at the front or contact us at the below emails.
- We are happy to welcome Teri Boyce to our counselling team from Sept-April this year. Teri is a registered social worker and will be providing counselling for students in grades 2-6, 2 days/week.
- Frans, our other counsellor, will be away for Sept and October, but is excited to return for the rest of the year.

Ekosi pitima!

Christie Dewald, Frans Erickson (away until November), ekwa Teri Boyce

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CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE (COHI) AUTHORIZATION

Privacy statement

The collection, use and disclosure of personal information by the Community Oral Health Services is authorized under the [Department of Indigenous Services Act](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/I-7.88/index.html) (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/I-7.88/index.html) and is in accordance with the [Privacy Act](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-21/index.html) (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-21/index.html). Information collected will be used exclusively for the prevention of dental disease and promotion of good oral health practices as well as delivering dental therapy services, including diagnosis, prevention, treatment and follow-up. Personal information will be retained pursuant to the *Privacy Act* and its Regulations. The information collected is described in the HC PPU 008 and HC PPU 009 located in the departmental [Info Source](https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1353081939455/1353082011520) (https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1353081939455/1353082011520) publication. Individuals have the right to the protection of, access to and to request the correction of their personal information under the *Privacy Act*. If you require clarification concerning the Privacy Statement, please contact the Departmental Access to Information and Privacy Office at 1-819-997-8277 or by email at aadnc.upvp-ppu.aandc@canada.ca. For more information on privacy issues, your right to file a complaint and the *Privacy Act* in general, you can consult the Privacy Commissioner at 1-800-282-1376.

► **To be completed by parent, guardian or authorized representative** (please use block letters)

Child's legal family name		Given name	
Grade	Gender <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Other	Date of birth (YYYYMMDD)	Registration/Treaty or 'N' number (9 or 10 digit number)

Child's health history

Does the child have any of the following?	Yes	No	Unknown
Heart problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diabetes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bleeding problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allergies (if yes, explain)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other health conditions (if yes, explain)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dental work previously done under General Anesthetics (GA) in the past year?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child takes fluoride supplements (i.e. drops or tablets)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

By signing below I,

(a) Give my authorization for child (named above) to receive any of the following oral health services:

- Dental screening
- Fluoride varnish applications
- Dental sealant applications (if required)
- ART or IST (temporary painless filling if required)
- Oral health information sessions

► Complications or reactions to these procedures are unusual. However, if the child has any complications or reactions to these services, please contact a nurse or oral health professional.

(b) Give my authorization for The Government of Canada to collect, use and disclose information about the child for the purposes of the Children's Oral Health Initiative;

(c) Give my authorization for The Government of Canada to access the child's pandemic/epidemic screening results, obtained by partner organizations, for the purposes of meeting Dental Regulatory Authorities & Provincial/Territorial Associations' screening criteria, pursuant to section 4 of the *Privacy Act*;

(d) Understand that the personal information of the child is protected under the *Privacy Act* and the information may only be used or disclosed within the conditions set out in the *Privacy Act*;

(e) Understand that oral health program records and data information may be used by the Government of Canada, for management and administration purposes only directly related to the Children's Oral Health Initiative;

(f) Confirm that I have read and understand the content of this authorization form;

(g) Choose to give my consent voluntarily;

(h) Understand that this consent will remain in effect until it is withdrawn in writing by a parent, guardian or authorized representative of the above-named child.

Parent/Guardian/Authorized Representative

Family name	Given name	Telephone number
Signature		Date (YYYYMMDD)

EES
SCHOLASTIC
Book Fair!

Come and Immerse yourself in the magical world of books at the Scholastic Book Fair!

SEPTEMBER 16-19
8:30 AM-4PM DAILY

OPEN UNTIL 6 ON SEPTEMBER 10 FOR TAKWĀKIN OHNIKIKOMĀW!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS
Readers. Thinkers. Stronger. Together.

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

Takwākin 

Ohnikikomāw

Meet the Staff Night

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
4:00 TO 6:00 PM

WE WILL BE HOSTING OUR FIRST PARENT LIGHTHOUSE (PAC) MEETING OF THE YEAR AT 5:00 PM. PLEASE JOIN US!

GIFTS PROVIDED FOR ALL PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE.

Reminder

School hours are from 8:25-3:20. Please do not drop off your child unsupervised before 8:25 in the morning.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any questions.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



Who is responsible for reporting worrisome behaviour?

To keep our school communities safe, all school board staff have a DUTY TO REPORT any such behaviours to a School Administrator who will then take immediate necessary safety measures as well as activate the ARTO process. Parents, students, and staff also have an obligation to help keep our schools safe by reporting worrisome behaviour to a School Administrator.

Who is involved in an ARTO?

- Initially when the process is activated, a school-based team collects, shares, and documents relevant data from multiple sources. The school-based team then meets with MESC's Coordinator of Integrated Services to analyze the data and conduct the ARTO. Other Student Services ARTO Team members may also be in attendance, including Student Services Coordinators, elders, and RCMP. This larger team in consultation with the School ARTO Team determines the next steps including the creation of an intervention plan, and whether a more comprehensive ARTO, called a Stage 2 ARTO, will be required.
- Parents/guardians of the student who has engaged in threat-related behaviours are notified that a School Administrator has activated the process as soon as possible. After the initial ARTO, members from the ARTO Team and a School Administrator then meet with parents/guardians and student to review the ARTO information, particularly the intervention recommendations and plan.
- The ARTO Team will also identify the recipient(s)/victim(s) of the student threats/behaviours that have been assessed and ensure that services are provided as necessary.

What happens during a Stage 2 ARTO?

- If the process moves to a Stage 2 ARTO, members of the ARTO Team arrange a meeting with the parents/guardians and student to explain the process and interview each fully.
- The Coordinator of Integrated Services then coordinates a meeting with school personnel and community partners where information from multiple sources (e.g., parents, students, school and board staff, student records, online sites, community agencies, RCMP etc.) is shared. Concerns about safety/well-being and an intervention plan/recommendations are discussed. This information is then summarized on a ARTO Summary Form.
- Members from the ARTO Team and a School Administrator then meet with parents/guardians and student to review the ARTO Summary Form and information, particularly the intervention recommendations and plan.

Do parents/guardians have to consent to an Assessment of Risk to Others?

- In order to address safety concerns, the ARTO process will occur with or without consent.
- This form constitutes Fair Notice regarding the Assessment of Risk to Others Process.

* The model presented in this document reflects the work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Center for Trauma Informed Practices

MASKWACÎS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| SEPT. 3 First day for K5 - Gr.12 | NOV. 28 Parent/Teacher night | JUN. 13 Last day for Headstart |
| SEPT. 9 Headstart & K4 starts | JAN. 28 MCHS Semester Break | JUN. 19 Last day for K4 - Gr.12 |
| SEPT. 10 K4 starts | MAR. 20 Headstart - Gr. 9 Parent/Teacher night | |
| SEPT. 19 Meet the Teacher night | APR. 3 Gr. 10-12 Parent/Teacher Night | |
| OCT. 19 Ohpikinawasiwin Conference | MAY 30 Oskayak Conference Gr. 7-12 | |

MESC SCHOOLS

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| <p>Grace Marie Swampy Primary School
 780-585-2075
 gmmps.maskwacised.ca</p> | <p>Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School
 780-585-2799
 mks.maskwacised.ca</p> |
| <p>Kisipatinahk School
 780-585-0035
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 780-586-3808
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| <p>Maskwacis Cree High School
 780-585-4449
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 780-585-2244
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| <p>Maskwacis Cree Junior High School
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