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Good News

June 2025

Opâskahopîsim ᐅᐸᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ
Hatching Moon



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Principal's Message



tanisi ohpikinahawasowak (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 10, 11 and 12. We will have cultural teachings, crafts, games, food, and lots of fun! Elders will be sharing their knowledge and skills.

We have our **Grade 6 Graduation** happening on **June 16!** 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 1:00.

We will also have our **Sharpen the Saw Celebration on June 17th!** We have Bouncy Castles, Archery, a Petting Zoo, and lots of games and fun! We are looking forward to that! The next day, **June 18**, students will take home their belongings and, **report cards**. *Our last day for students will be on June 19* 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.

We would like thank **Brighter Futures** and our Dental team for their support this year! They hosted Steve Harmer's magic show, provided prizes for their no cavity club, and did presentations on healthy choices to many different classes. They are also sending home some personal hygiene kits with our grade six students! ay hay!

Registration update instructions have been emailed out to all parents using the email we have on file. Please update your info to secure your spot. We will be having a draw for three \$100 gift cards from all the updates we receive by June 13. 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 2nd. We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer. Keep reading and stay safe!

Doris Auger
Principal

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





Library



Counsellor's Corner



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! It's so much fun watching our students discover their favourite author or series!

MESC has once again partnered with United for Learning and MESC to provide a Summer Literacy Camp. The camp will run from July 14 to 18 for K-2 and from July 21-25 for grades 4-6. Unfortunately, I am unable to run the camp this summer but there will be an amazing camp coordinator hired soon! See the posters below!

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!

Other fun ways to promote literacy during the summer months include:

- Reading recipes and cooking together.
- Playing board games.
- Telling jokes.
- Writing on the sidewalk with chalk.
- Limiting screen time

Have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to a break, but can't wait to see all the awasisak in the fall! I am already busy planning some exciting initiatives for the library! Keep reading, everyone!

Love,
Miss Lawrence

Looking Back, Moving Forward: A Note from Your School Counsellors

As the school year wraps up, we've been reflecting on the incredible growth we've seen in our students.

This year has been full of challenges and successes, and we're so proud of how hard your children have worked. Here are just a few of the ways we've seen students grow:

–Working through tough times: Many students faced challenges this year—whether it was coping with changes, navigating friendships, or dealing with difficult emotions. We've seen their courage in asking for help and finding healthy ways to move forward.

–Learning to manage emotions: We've seen students practice calming strategies, talk about their feelings, and build stronger relationships with others.

–Finding their voice: Some students discovered new ways to share their ideas, express creativity, or stand up for themselves and others.

We know that growing up isn't always easy, and it's okay to ask for help. This year, many families and students chose to visit the school counsellors, which is a real sign of strength.

As we say goodbye (for now), we encourage you to celebrate your child's achievements, big or small. Summer is a great time to relax, reconnect as a family, and set goals for the year ahead.

Thank you for trusting us to support your children. We look forward to working with you again next year!

ekosi pitima!

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United for Literacy
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SUMMER LITERACY CAMP 2025

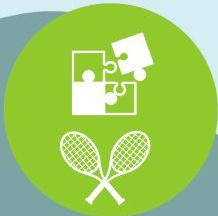
Ermineskin Elementary School

Grades K – 3

July 14th – July 18th

Grades 4 – 6

July 21st – July 25th



Games



Learning



Craft



Friends



Outside

**For questions, please contact
Bronwyn Miles at
bmiles@unitedforliteracy.ca**

***Registration forms available at
Ermineskin Elementary front office***



@UnitedForLiteracy



Ermineskin Summer Literacy Camp 2025 PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT FORM

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K-3 Camp - Monday – Friday, July 14 – July 18
4-6 Camp - Monday – Friday, July 21 – July 25

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Location:** Ermineskin Elementary School

Part 1: Camper Registration		
Child's Name:		Nickname:
Age:	Gender:	Grade:
Name of Adult registering child:		
Adult's Relationship to Child (e.g. parent, aunt):		
Phone Number:		
<i>For your child's safety, <u>is there any health information</u>, for example – allergies and medical conditions – about him/her that camp organizers should be aware of?</i>		
<i>In case of an emergency, who should we call? (complete if contact person is different from above) Name: Tel No: Relationship to child:</i>		

Part 2: Permissions & Waivers
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By signing this form, I give permission for my child to participate in the Summer Literacy Camp taking place at Ermineskin Elementary School during the dates and times above. I agree to the following:
(Please check to select the appropriate options)

Bussing

() **I WOULD LIKE** my child to be picked up and dropped off via the camp bus for each day of camp. The transportation team can use the information on this form to contact me.

if **YES**, please provide your House Number or Land Address below:

() **I WOULD NOT LIKE** my child to be picked up or dropped off via the camp bus. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child is picked up from camp by 3:30pm at the latest.

Photos

() **I ALLOW** Camp Staff to interview, photo and take appropriate videos of my child. I understand that this may be used as part of camp activities, to celebrate achievements, and to promote the camp. In turn, United for Literacy will use the content respectfully, ethically and responsibly. () **DO NOT ALLOW** Camp Staff to photograph and/or videotape my child.

Signature _____

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL WHEN COMPLETED. RETAIN FORM FOR RECORD.

ATTENDANCE IS FREE, BUT CAMPS ARE FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED – SPACE IS LIMITED!
 Please complete form and return to the **front office staff** at **Ermineskin Elementary**

Ay Hay!



**TO THE MESC CUSTODIAL STAFF AND DEPARTMENT:
WE EXPRESS A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE GOLDEN GARBAGE CAN AWARD ALL YEAR! OUR
AWASAK ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE. THIS INITIATIVE HAS
MADE A BIG IMPACT ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND
AWARENESS TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN.**



4Y made winning the Golden Garbage Can Award their classroom goal!

6W were so proud that they finally received the Golden Garbage Can Award after trying so hard each month all year!

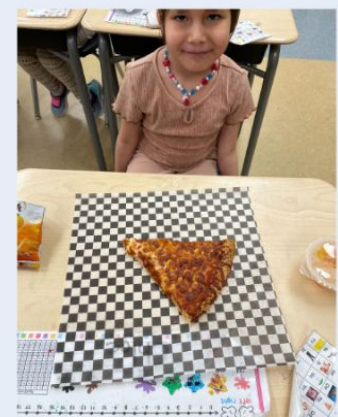
1A were so appreciative of the pizza lunch!



The Golden Garbage Can Award includes a variety of cleaning supplies to help keep the classroom neat and tidy!



5A was very proud of winning the Golden Garbage Can Award, displaying their class pic on their bulletin board!



2024-25 EES SCHOOLWIDE GOALS



As a Leader In Me school, we understand the importance of setting goals. At the beginning of the school year, we created two measurable and achievable goals in areas of importance to our school. We created these goals with the knowledge that every student and staff member can contribute to and work towards goal achievement. These are the two goals we worked towards this year and some of the strategies we used to achieve them.

**BY THE END OF JUNE 2025, OUR SCHOOL WILL IMPROVE OUR OVERALL
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE BY 5%.**

Regular school attendance is an area of significant importance to our school and to the success of our students. Although we only improved our overall attendance by 2% from last year, we still feel that we have achieved success for this goal. Here are some of the strategies and incentives we used as a school.

- students log their daily attendance in their Leadership Binders, instilling responsibility
- after each monthly assembly, perfect attenders are recognized and get to choose a treat from the Perfect Attendance Cart
- classrooms with the highest attendance receive the attendance trophy which they can display in their classroom for the month!
- students with over 97% attendance over the year receive recognition and a special incentive at the end of the year

**BY THE END OF JUNE 2025, EACH CLASS WILL INCORPORATE A MINIMUM
OF 20 CREE WORDS ONTO THEIR WORD WALL.**

At our school, we recognize and value the Nehiyawewin language. In addition to daily Cree classes and Nehiyawatisowin once a week, we felt it was important to create a goal in our classrooms that our teachers and students could work towards achieving. We feel successful in this goal because of high teacher participation applying the following strategies

- teachers and students agreed on which new words to add to their Cree Word Wall.
- we made the Cree Word Wall an expectation for every teacher during Classroom Walkthrough Checklists



MASKWACÎS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION

POWWOW

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Thursday, June 19. 2025

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.



pâskâwehow pîsim

Egg Hatching Moon

tân'sâtawiya kahkiyaw kiyawâw!

During pinâwew pîsim we were learning about tipi set up & traditional foods.

June 8-10th, is our Division 1 Cultural Camp @ Camp Maskepetoon.

mîywâsin mîywâsin awasisak!
nehiyawek, nehiyawek, tahto kîsikâw!

Here are some more pictures from a wonderful year of nehiyawâtisowin!!

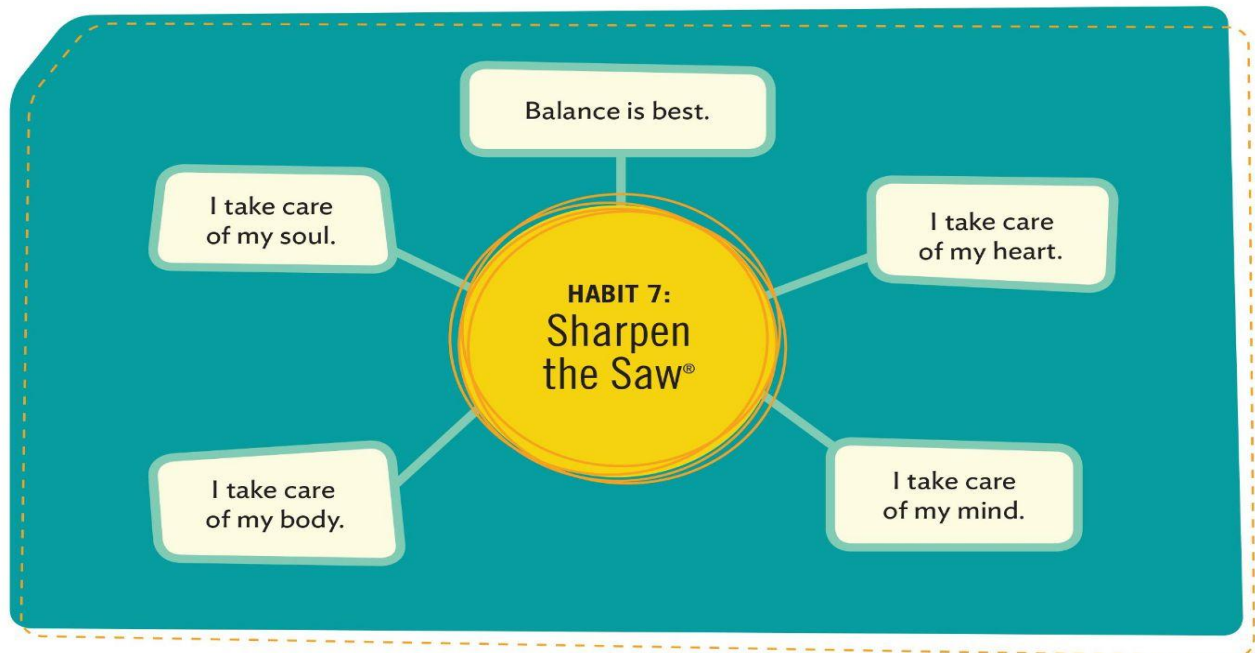




The Leader in Me™

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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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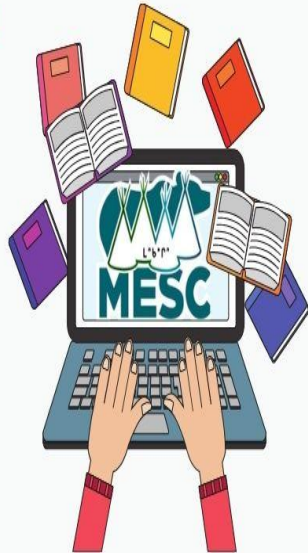
2025-2026 DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE FORM

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF RETURNING STUDENTS:
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION IS
CORRECT FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR. PARENTS
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL.

DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE FORM NEEDS TO BE
UPDATED BY JUNE 13, 2025. WE WILL BE HAVING 3
DRAWS FOR \$100.00 VISA GIFT CARDS. WINNERS
WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 18, 2025.

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

[HTTPS://EES.MASKWACISED
.CA/ABOUT/REGISTRATION](https://ees.maskwacised.ca/about/registration)



Physical Education



tanisi kahkiyaw!

Wow! We have made it to the final month of school!
With the warm weather, we will be outdoors for some
of our final PE classes.

Students have been playing some cooperative games,
such as handball and kickball, to name a few. This
coming month, we plan to try some softball outside.

We have our final two Hawks teams participating in
their competitions this week. Our Hawks Track & Field
Team will be competing in the 4Band Track and Field
Event at Kisipatnahk School on June 2nd, and our
Hawks Slo-Pitch Team will be participating at the
4Band Slo-Pitch Tournament on June 5th at the HBMC
Ball Diamonds. Go Hawks!

We have enjoyed another successful year for our
Hawks Athletic Teams. It has been a pleasure watching
the awasak build their skills and practice good
sportsmanship! A huge shout-out goes out to all the
coaches who have helped coach all the teams this
year!

Have a wonderful summer, kahkiyaw! Stay active!

GROWING INTO GREATNESS



Ermineskin Elementary School invites you to attend the

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Monday, June 16, 2025 at 1:00 pm
at the Ermineskin Elementary School Gym

School doors open to families at 12:45.



*Professional
Development Day*
NO SCHOOL
Friday, June 6, 2025

YOUNG SPIRIT WINDS

**OSKIHCIKÉWIN
SUMMER
PROGRAM**
JUNE 30TH - SEPT 5TH
2025

YOUTH FROM 12-17
YEARS

WHAT WE OFFER:

TRANSPORTATION BREAKFAST LUNCH
HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIONS,
SUICIDE, GRIEF & LOSS CULTURE..ETC

PROGRAM HOURS:
9:00AM-3:00PM
MON-THURS,
FRI ARE ½ DAYS
9:00AM-12:30PM

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June Menu



**Menu Subject to Change due to product availability	ᐅᓂᕐᑎᖃᕐᑎᐅᓂᓄᓐ ᐱᕐᑦ Opâskâwehow Pîsim Egg Hatching Moon (June)				
June 2-6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kikisepâ micowin ᐱᕈᕐᑎᐅᓂᓄᓐ	Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Bannock and Jam	Eggs, Back Bacon, Hashbrowsns, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	PD DAY - Grade 12 GRAD
Nimâwin ᓂᐱᓂᓄᓐ	Beef Stroganoff, Veggie Sticks, Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad	Pizza Perogies with Pepperoni and Cheese, Pasta Salad, Cucumber Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Loaded Potato Bacon Cheddar Soup, Bannock, Mixed Salads, Fruit Salad	Pizza Day! Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad	
Micisowinis ᐱᕈᕐᑎᐅᓂᓄᓐ	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	
9th-13th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Oatmeal, Cereal, Fruit	Yogurt Parfait, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	Muffins, Fruit	Frittata with Ham & Cheese, Hashbrowsns, Fruit
Lunch	Pasta Bolognese, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Cucumber Salad, Fruit	Roasted Pork Loin w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Hot Veg, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Soup with Bannock, Caesar Salad, Spinach & Strawberry Salad, Veggie Salad, Fresh	Sesame Pork & Vegetable Stirfry, Salads and Fruit	Pizza Day! Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad
Snacks	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods
16th-20th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kikisepâ micowin ᐱᕈᕐᑎᐅᓂᓄᓐ	Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Eggs, Back Bacon, Hashbrowsns, Fruit	Scones, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	No School - Îyiniw Ayisinîw Kîsikâw (Lieu Day - National Indigenous Peoples Day) All Day
Nimâwin ᓂᐱᓂᓄᓐ	Pasta,Tossed Salad, Tomato Salad, Fruit Salad)	Soup with Bannock, Spinach & Strawberry Salad, Veggie, Caesar & Fruit Salad	Pizza Day! Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad	POW WOW - Deli Sandwiches, Whole Fruit, Doritos, Water	
Micisowinis ᐱᕈᕐᑎᐅᓂᓄᓐ	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	