

HERESA C. WILDCAT EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

We successfully navigated through what felt like 74 days in January! This month always seems to stretch on, but we triumphed over the cold spell and a pesky stomach bug making its rounds through the school in recent weeks. Our first school-wide ribbon shirt/skirt day brought a wonderful display of awasisak proudly donning their skirts and shirts.

During the last Professional Development day, our staff engaged in a half-day of MESC-organized learning. In the afternoon, the TWEL staff had a great time getting to know each other on a more personal level through a staff speed dating activity, resulting in lots of laughter and camaraderie.

In the coming month, teachers will be sending home information about Valentine's Day parties, so keep an eye out for that. Don't forget to check our calendar for exciting school-wide theme days! On Valentine's Day, we're encouraging everyone to participate in a wear red or pink day, and the following week, get ready for Pink Shirt Day. Additionally, for Nehiyawatsiwin day, our Cree teacher has organized engaging storytelling sessions for the students.

To wrap up the month, we'll be hosting another ribbon shirt and skirt day. Let's make February as vibrant and enjoyable as possible!

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PARENT INFORMATION

When your Awasisak is Away

Please call the school at 780-585-3788. This allows our admin assistant to enter the excused absence into Powerschool. If you don't call in before 9:30am, school messenger will automatically make a call home.

Indoor Recess Requests

We have had many requests for awasisak to stay inside for recess. Unfortunately, we don't have enough staff to supervise indoor recess. Ay-hay for understanding.

Sign In & Sign Out

We kindly request that parents & visitors sign in and out at the front office. This simple step ensures the safety of our awasisak, staff & visitors in the event of an emergency. Ay-hay for your cooperation.

End of Day Dismissal

Students are dismissed at 3:15pm. Please make every effort to pick your child up on time. Our teachers use the end of the day to clean their classroom and prepare their lessons for the next day.

Hug & Go

We understand that it can be challenging to leave your upset child, yet in most instances, they tend to calm down within ten minutes after your departure. Prolonged stays often extend the duration of their distress. We want you to be reassured that we welcome them with warmth and love, actively assisting them in gaining the skills to handle separation from you.

Device-Free Zone

TWEL is a device-free zone. Our little learners have all they need at school for a fun-filled day of exploration and discovery. Leave those electronic distractions at home, and let the joy of hands-on learning take center stage!

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K4 TAHNEE BULL

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

In our classroom, we have been improving our fine motor, social, and gross motor skills with many different activities daily. The children are getting used to our daily routine and all the transitions that happen during the day. These transitions are important for the children as it is great practice for them for next year in K5.

NEED TO REACH ME?

I can be reached by email:
tahneebull@maskwacised.ca
Or
Call the school during school hours: 8:30AM-4:00PM

ADDITIONAL INFO / REMINDERS:

I have noticed some of the children have hit a growth spurt and will be needing new shoes soon. A note will be sent home with those children needing them. Please continue dressing children for the weather as we would like to be outdoors more with the warmer weather.



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K4 HEATHER SCHAPANSKY

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

A lot of learning has been happening in K4 Schapansky this past month! The amazing awasisak have been learning about letters and letter sounds, as well as how to print letters. Some of students are beginning to copy and write their name independently. Students have also been learning about the parts of a book as well as what a character and a title are. For the month of February we will be focusing on making predictions when reading a story. In numeracy, students have been learning about the numbers one to five, and have been practising counting to ten in English and in Cree. In February we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been doing a lot of process art in our classroom. Process art is an open ended art experience where the child is in control of what is created instead of the teacher giving them step by step directions and assistance. Students have had a lot of fun painting with socks, and creating pictures with a variety of items. We will be making sculptures in February!

NEED TO REACH ME?

I can be reached by email:
heatherschapansky@maskwacised.ca or ClassTag

SHARED PHOTO'S:



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K4 LIZA REMI

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

The little ones have been learning a lot over the past few months. We will continue learning letters of the alphabet; their names and sounds. We are tracing our names. The students are starting to learn about rhyming words and blending words. We are still learning that throughout the day we work then we play. Story book knowledge is coming along, we know the front and back of the book, the spine, the pages and pictures in a book. We are learning to share and how to use our words when we have a disagreement with others. We continue to learn what is healthy and what is sugary when eating.

NEED TO REACH ME?

email:

lizaremi@maskwacised.ca

or

text: 780-516-1114

ADDITIONAL INFO / REMINDERS:

In February we will be learning about valentine's day and having a class party to celebrate. We will also be learning how to count from 1 to 10 in English and Cree. We will start to practice printing our names. We will look into sorting objects using one fact such as colour, size, etc. We will also start to look at different shapes. February is also testing time to help lead up to report card reporting. Attendance is very important!



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INTERACTIONS GISELLE STONGMAN

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

Interaction's Students have been learning how to use scissors properly and safely.

They have also been practicing how to write their names.

NEED TO REACH ME?

You can reach me by email:
gisellestrongmanswampy@maskwacised.ca

or phone the school during school hours: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFO / REMINDERS:

Please remember to send your child with snacks.

Ay-hay to all of the parents who took the time to trim their child's nails. Please do so if you haven't already as it helps us at the school.



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K5 TONELLE LETCHER

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

Since I am a new teacher to the students in this classroom, this month we have spent a great deal of time on building routines, establishing expectations and building relationships. We have reviewed all of the letters and sounds that they have learned so far this year and added on new letters. In math, we have compared number sets and represented numbers. We have read books on how to be a caring friend by filling people buckets and a good listener in order to build a sense of classroom community.

NEED TO REACH ME?

You can reach me by text on 780-862-8146 after school hours.
By email:
tonelleletcher@maskwacised.ca

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K5 TAMMY PINEO

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

Sliding through January! Check out the pictures of us on the blow up slide and the newly opened Blue K4 slide. Hoping to have OUR K5 slide open soon! We have enjoyed learning about winter while studying these books: The Mitten, Sneezzy the Snowman and The snowy Day. We added S, N and M to our letter knowledge. Looking forwards to Valentines Day fun!!

ADDITIONAL INFO / REMINDERS:

Valentine's Day fun on the 14th. Snacks and games in the afternoon.

NEED TO REACH ME?

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K5 DEVON WILDCAT

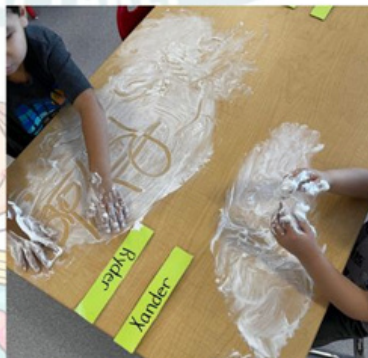
WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO:

The awasisak are settling into an awesome routine! It has been great to see all the learning and growth that has happened. In Language Arts students are continuing to expand their knowledge of letters and their unique sounds and building on their oral language. In numeracy students will continue to explore shapes and numbers. In the gym, we have been enjoying learning different ways to move our bodies and get our hearts racing. We will move into cooperative games over the next few weeks. Students are given many opportunities throughout the day to engage in play. So much learning happens through play. During the day we are always working on what it means to be a leader and how they can be proactive!

NEED TO REACH ME?

You can always text me or call the school to reach me!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Adrienne: K4R

Mathias: K5W

Maddy: K5P

Emerie: K4S

Cheyenne: K4R

Haythan: K5L

Elijah: K4B

Conner: INT.GS

Oliver: K5W

Quade: K5S

Pierce: K5L

Travis: K5L

Myron: K4B

Ayven: K4B

Malaya: K4B



Counselling

Beyond Attendance: Creating Routine, Security, and Resilience

Attendance is more than just being present; it's a cornerstone of your child's holistic development. I often get questions about whether it really matters with awasisak at this age since they have the rest of their lives to be at school. What I can share is there are many more benefits to having students here at school, on-time than academics - we are really helping set our awasisak up for lifelong success with getting them to school everyday in K4 and K5. Check out some of these benefits below!

Brainpower and Emotions

- Consistent routines make children feel secure.
- Emotional growth and resilience grow when kids know what to expect.

Timeliness Matters

- Being on time helps develop organizational skills.
- Smooth transitions now prepare for future academic success.

Social Skills Boost

- Regular attendance means more chances to make friends.
- Playing and learning together builds cooperation and emotional smarts.

Confidence Boosters

- Participating in activities helps kids feel good about themselves.
- A positive self-image grows with each engaged moment.

Let's emphasize the importance of attendance and punctuality, which will help create a supportive social-emotional environment for our awasisak to thrive!

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FEBRUARY

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MESC Menu - February 2024

Menu is subject to change. Due to product availability.	MESC Menu - February 2024				
Jan 29th - Feb 2nd	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	Assorted Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit	Scrambled eggs and Fried Balogna, Fruit	
Lunch	Pasta Alfredo with Ham and Cheese, Salad, Fruit	Sesame Pork, Stirfired Vegetables over Rice, Salad, Fruit	Sloppy Joes on Bannock , Salad, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad	Prep Day! Kitchen visits
Snacks	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	
Feb 5th - 9th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nehiyawewin Celebration Week					
Breakfast	Yogurt,, Cereal Fruit	Pancakes/Sausage, Fruit	Cereal, Porridge, Fruit	Yogurt,, Cereal Fruit	Fried Balogona & Scrambled Eggs
Lunch	Stew & Bannock , Tossed Salad, Three Sisters salad, Fruit	Bannock Taco, Salads, Fruit	Three Sisters, Soup Corn, Squash & Beans, Bannock, Tossed Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad	Neck Bones in Broth with Potatoes, Carrots, Celery and Onions, Bannock Tossed salad, Mixed Salad, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Fruit
Snacks	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods
Feb 12th-16th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Ham, Eggs, Hashbrowns, Fruit	Cereal, Porridge, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	
Lunch	Pasta Carbonara (cream, Bacon, Parmesan and Peas) Tossed Salad, Tomato Salad, Fruit Salad	Deli Wrap, Cut Fruit, Vegetable Salad, Caesar Salad	Chili, Bannock, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad	Prep Day
Snacks	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	
Feb 19th- 23rd	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast		Cold Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes/Sausage, Fruit	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Scrambled eggs and Ham, Fruit
Lunch	FAMILY DAY	Mac'n Cheeseburger Pasta, CAesar Salad, Coleslaw, Mixed Vegetable Salad, Fruit	Corn Chowder & Cheese Bread, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit	Rice Bowl w/Shredded Lettuce, Marinated Vegetables & Teriyaki Pork	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad
Snacks		Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods
Jan 26th- Mar 1st	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	Assorted Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit	Assorted Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit	Scrambled eggs and Fried Balogna, Fruit
Lunch	Mexican Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Corn Salad, Fruit	Chicken & Corn Quessadillas, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit	Hamburger Soup, Bannock, Spinach Salad, Coleslaw, Cut Fruit	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Veg, Gravy, Salad, Fruit	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad
Snacks	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods