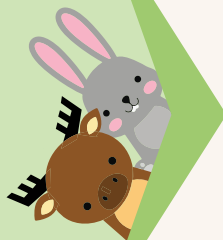




Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre



September Newsletter



Tansi

Welcome our returning K5 awasak and our new K4 awasisak! We have many students enrolled and that is very exciting to see so many of our awasisak eager and excited to be here. Newsletters will come home with students and will also be posted on our Facebook page. We are currently in the process of updating our parent handbook and we will post that once it is updated.

As the new Principal of Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre I am extremely honoured and excited to work with everyone. Additionally, we have Anna Wolfe (K4) and Natalie Nelson (K5) new to the team. You can meet your child's teacher in person on September 19 for our Meet the Staff night. We will also have our Cree teacher, Counsellor, and Speech and Language assistant available.

We look forward to a fantastic year. Please ensure your children are getting the rest they need and coming in every day and on time. Drop-off is at 8:25; please do not drop off earlier than this time - Your cooperation is MUCH APPRECIATED. Please do not hesitate to call me at the school or email me anytime.

Ekosi,
Charlene Ketchemonia
Principal

Contact us

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Principal: Charlene Ketchemonia

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Administrative Assistant: Summer Crate

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Important Notices

End of Day/Pickup Changes

In order to ensure the safety of our awasisak, **all changes to pickups** (ie, to be put on the bus, or held off the bus, or different people picking up) must be made **NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM**. After 3:00 PM our admin assistant is unable to take these calls as she is assisting with end of day. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Kindness Policy

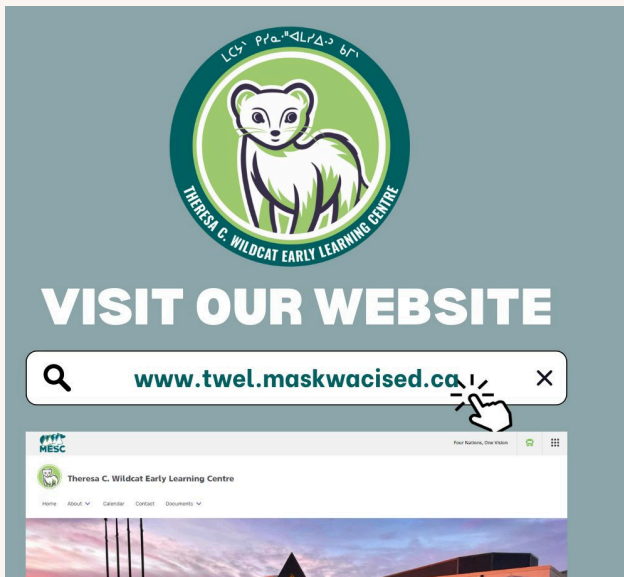
One of the things we focus on teaching our awasisak is kindness and the importance of treating all people with respect. We expect this from them, and we expect this from each other. This extends to our families - we treat each other with kindness and respect in the spirit of wâhkôhtowin. Please make sure you are modelling this for the awasisak when dealing with our staff.

Our Website

Our website is a great resource for information about anything at TWEL.

Save the Date

Picture day for K4s and K5s will be on October 4, 2024. Please send students ready first thing in the morning.





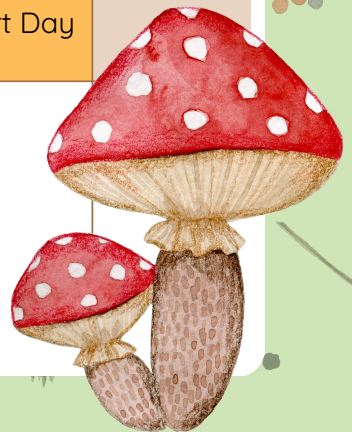
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September Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 K4 Start	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Meet the Teacher Night 4:00 - 6:00	20 NO SCHOOL PD Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Schoolwid e Orange Shirt Day	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL National Day of Truth & Reconciliatio n					





Meet Our Staff



Charlene Ketchemonia
Principal

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. K

My favourite toy or game is:

Fidget toys.

My favourite children's book is:

Curious George

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Ay-hay

A little about me:

I love being a grandma to my awesome granddaughter.

What the awasisak call me:

Miss Summer :)

My favourite toy or game is:

Nintendo Switch

My favourite children's book is:

Anything by Robert Munsch

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

miyo kikisepayaw

A little about me:

I am a cat mom of 2 who loves poutine!



Summer Crate
Administrative
Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Nelson Backfat
Daytime Custodian

What the awasisak call me:

Mr. Neslon

My favourite toy or game is:

I was an outside kid. I was out there from sun up to sundown!

My favourite children's book is:

In my teens, I read The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian a lot and loved it.

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

tâpwê

A little about me:

I am a huge, huge, huge wrestling fan! I even have my own replica championship at home.

What the awasisak call me:

Mrs. Jane

My favourite toy or game is:

Trains

My favourite children's book is:

Put Me in the Zoo

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Ay-hay

A little about me:

I love hiking in the mountains, sewing and mending things, and run around with my kids.



Jane Fong
Cook



Meet Our Staff



Linda Dumkee

Speech & Language
Pathology Assistant

What the awasisak call me:

Miss Linda

My favourite toy or game is:

Hungry Hippos

My favourite children's book is:

Fat cat on a mat or anything by Stephen Cartwright

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

miyo kikisepayaw!

A little about me:

I am Grandma Dumkee with four beautiful grandkids.

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Selby or Ms. S

My favourite toy or game is:

All things playmobil

My favourite children's book is:

Maybe and anything by Kobi Yamada

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

sakihtowin pohko kamosihtan ota kapitikweyin
which means You will know only love here.

A little about me:

I am a very proud auntie to many little humans, a
daughter, a sister, friend and cat mum to 2 cats!



Selby Quinn
Counsellor





Meet Our Staff



Noreen Mackinaw
Cree Instructor

What the awasisak call me:

Miss Mackinaw

My favourite toy or game is:

Headbands

My favourite children's book is:

Are You My Mother by P.D Eastman

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Tanisi

A little about me:

I am Nlya, Nikawiy, Nikawis, Nohkom, who loves making memories and eating Buffalo Wings.

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Jackie

My favourite toy or game is:

Playdoh

My favourite children's book is:

Any type of songbooks. I love singing.

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Tanisi

A little about me:

I am a mom and a grandma and I love being the Cree EA.



Jackie Roan
Cree EA



Meet Our Staff



Giselle Strongman-Swampy
Interactions Teacher

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Strongman

My favourite toy or game is:

Fidgets of all kinds

My favourite children's book is:

Oh, the places you'll go! by Dr. Seuss

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Kiyam

A little about me:

I am a Nehiyaw educator who loves to bead and I recently finished my master's degree.



What the awasisak call me:

Mr. Jay

My favourite toy or game is:

Red Rover/Star Wars Lego

My favourite children's book is:

Pete The Cat

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Wah wah/Stakka

A little about me:

I'm a single father of one beautiful daughter. I also enjoy going swimming.



Japeth Saulteaux
Education
Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Tahnee Bull
K4 Instructor

What the awasisak call me:

Miss. Bull

My favourite toy or game is:

Red Light, Green Light.

My favourite children's book is:

Groovy Joe Ice Cream & Dinosaurs by Eric Litwin.

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

I love to tell the kids Mwestas (see you later) at the end of the day.

A little about me:

I am a little sister, daughter, aunt and mother. I love to be outdoors, enjoying nature.



What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Jordan

My favourite toy or game is:

Red light green light

My favourite children's book is:

Pete the cat

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Namoya

A little about me:

I am an active person that loves to interact with the little ones and always tries to do what's best



Jorden Smallboy
Education
Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Anna Wolfe
K4 Instructor

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Wolfe

My favourite toy or game is:

Monopoly

My favourite children's book is:

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Akahmeyimohk which means keep persevering!

A little about me:

I am a first-year k4 teacher and a mom of two children with two cats. I love to bead, sew, and paint. my favourite activity is enjoying nature.



What the awasisak call me:

Miss Chantelle

My favourite toy or game is:

Snakes & Ladders

My favourite children's book is:

Love you forever by Robert Munsch

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Kiyam

A little about me:

I've been here with MESC for 4 years now. I absolutely love working with all of our beautiful awasisak. They bring me a lot of love & enjoy.



Chantelle Buffalo Omeasoo
Education Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Liza Remi
K4 Teacher

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Remi

My favourite toy or game is:

The Game of Life

My favourite children's book is:

Froggy & Clifford Books

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Ay Hay

A little about me:

I am a mom of two amazing kids who loves to go for long drives in the country. I LOVE winter, snow, blizzards and cold weather!



What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Colleen

My favourite toy or game is:

Puzzle blocks

My favourite children's book is:

Pete the Cat

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Hola

A little about me:

I am the Pepsi Queen, just ask the staff! And I have been working with MESC for 18 years.



Colleen Morin
Education
Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Natalie Nelson
K5 Teacher

What the awasisak call me:

Ms. N

My favourite toy or game is:

My childhood toy sheep

My favourite children's book is:

Anything by Mark Brown

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Ay hay Kinanaskomitinan!

A little about me:

I am a passionate educator who loves her students and her family. I love to be active and eat well!



What the awasisak call me:

Ms Natasha

My favourite toy or game is:

Lego

My favourite children's book is:

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Kiyam

A little about me:

I enjoy good food, a good show and I'm a pretty not bad mom :)



Natasha Wildcat
Education
Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Tonelle Letcher
K5 Teacher

What the awasisak call me:

Mrs. Letcher

My favourite toy or game is:

Giant floor puzzles

My favourite children's book is:

The Bad Seed by Jory John.

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Asko tok which means follow each other

A little about me:

I am a mother to three beautiful children ages 5,7,and 9.



What the awasisak call me:

Ms. Vanessa

My favourite toy or game is:

Star Links

My favourite children's book is:

Any of the David books.

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Eeeee

A little about me:

I am a mom and grandma and my favourite thing to do is be with my family.



Vanessa Thunderchild
Education Assistant



Meet Our Staff



Devon Wildcat
K5 Teacher

What the awasisak call me:

Mrs. Wildcat

My favourite toy or game is:

I love to play tag with the awâsisak.

My favourite children's book is:

Don't Push the Button! Book by William Cotter

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

Niya nehiyaw awasis

A little about me:

I am a mom and wife and love travelling, cycling, and eating delicious food!



What the awasisak call me:

Miss Christine

My favourite toy or game is:

Scrabble

My favourite children's book is:

I'll Love You For Ever by Robert Munsch

My favourite Cree word or saying is:

pîhtikwê

A little about me:

I love to come to work and see all the happy faces. My favourite food is pizza and ice cream



Christine Kirrmaier
Education
Assistant



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Full Year Calendar

AUGUST 2024				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER 2024				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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OCTOBER 2024				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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NOVEMBER 2024				
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DECEMBER 2024				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

JANUARY 2025				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY 2025				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MARCH 2025				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

APRIL 2025				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

MAY 2025				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
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19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JUNE 2025				
MO	TUE	WE	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
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LEGEND				
	PD NO CLASSES			
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			
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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



Ermeskin Elementary School
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Maskwacis Outreach School
780-585-2202
mos.maskwacised.ca



Grace Marie Swampy Primary School
780-585-2075
gmpps.maskwacised.ca



Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School
780-585-2799
mks.maskwacised.ca



Kisipatinahk School
780-585-0035
ks.maskwacised.ca



Mimiw-Sakahikan School
780-586-3808
mss.maskwacised.ca



Maskwacis Cree High School
780-585-4449
mchs.maskwacised.ca



Nipisihkopahk Elementary School
780-585-2244
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Maskwacis Cree Junior High School
780-585-3931
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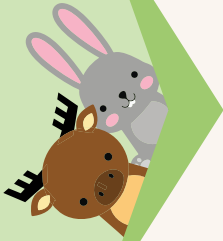
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School Menu



Menu is subject to change, Due to product availability.	ᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑲᑦᑲᑦ Onôcihtow Písim Mating Moon (September)				
2nd - 6th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast		Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Ham & Cheese Frittata, Fruit
Lunch	No School Otatoskew Kískâw Labour Day	Pasta Bolognese, Caesar Salad, Tomato cucumber Salad, Fruit	Tomato Vegetable Soup, Cheese Bannock, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Pasta Salad	Bannock Tacos, Mixed Salads, Fruit	Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit,, Mixed Salads
Snacks		Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
9th- 13th	Peyak Kísikâw	Níso Kísikâw	Nisto Kísikâw	Newo Kísikâw	Niyânan Kísikâw
Kíkísepâ mícowin ᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit	Scrambled Eggs & Back Bacon, Cut Fruit, Sausage	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Bannock and Jam Fresh Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit
Nimâwin ᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Mac'n Cheese with Ham , Caesar Salad, Greek Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Shepards Pie, Tossed Salad, Greek Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Chicken Soup with Pasta, Cheese Bread, Caesar Salad, Coleslaw, Fruit	Baked Ham, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Veg, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit,, Mixed Salads
Mícisowinis ᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
16th-20th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cold Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Sauasage, fruit	Scrambled eggs With Ham & Cheese, Fresh Fruit	Cereal, Yogurt & Fruit	
Lunch	Pasta Alfredo, Tossed Salad, Greek Salad, Fruit Salad	Deli Wrap, Cut Fruit, Vegetable Salad, Caesar Salad	Hamburger Soup, Bannock, Spinach Salad, Coleslaw, Cut Fruit	Sesame Pork & Vegetable Stirfry with Rice, Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit	D DAY (Prep day)
Snacks	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	
23rd- 27th	Peyak Kísikâw	Níso Kísikâw	Nisto Kísikâw	Newo Kísikâw	Niyânan Kísikâw
Kíkísepâ mícowin ᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Sauasage, Fruit	Yogurt Parfait, Fruit	Sausage & Cheese Frittata, Fruit	Baked Goods, Fruit
Nimâwin ᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Ground Beef Stroganoff, Tossed Salad, Tomato Salad, Fruit Salad	Perogies with Garlic Sausage, Caesar Salad, Marinated Vegetable Salad, Fresh Cut Fruit	Three Sisters Soup, Cheese Bannock, Caesar Salad, Fruit Salad, Pasta Salad	Roast Beef au jus with Potatoes and Hot Veg, Tossed Salad Pasta Salad	Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fruit,, Mixed Salads
Mícisowinis ᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit



Important School Information

Absences

Please call the school to excuse your child when they are sick or going to be away. Automated phone calls go out after 9:30 AM for unexcused absent students.

Bussing

For transportation-related concerns, please call the Transportation Department at 780-585-0803

Curriculum

We currently follow the old Alberta Kindergarten Program of Studies.

Cree Language Classes

All awasisak participate in Cree language classes daily for 40 minutes.

Dismissal

School is dismissed at 3:15 PM. Please refrain from picking up your kids between 3:00 - 3:15 PM as it is a busy time at the school.

Education Assistants

All teachers and instructors have an education assistant in their classroom to help support our awasisak.

Hug & Go

We have a Hug & Go policy which has families drop awasisak off at the front doors. This is for the safety of students, staff, and visitors alike, and it is easier for the awasisak to transition. We have staff who are available to support students with these transitions.

Interactions

Our school has an Interactions program for students who require modified learning that is separate from typical classrooms. For more information, please contact the school.

Lates

Please stop by the office when you are bringing a student into school late so that we can make a note of it. A staff member will be called to bring your child to their class. This is a safety concern should we need to evacuate the building and need to know who is present.



Important School Information

Lunch

Lunch & snacks are provided daily. Lunch is served at 11:50 AM

Messages

Please call the office before 3:00 PM with any changes to end-of-day bussing. Calls may not be answered after 3:00 PM as it is a busy time in the school.

Nehiyawatsiwin

All students and teachers participate in outside land-based learning on Fridays during. This usually takes place during Cree, but may be at different times depending on the week.

Parent Advisory Committee

If you are interested in being a part of a Parent Advisory Committee please contact the office. PACs have the opportunity to share ideas on school activities and events.

Pick Up

Please stop in at the office if you are picking your child up early for an appointment. We will call their class to have them brought down to you.

Recess

All students are required to go outside for recess unless there is a cold weather advisory. We do not have enough staff to supervise inside and outside.

Registration

Students must be four years old before December 31 to register for K4 and five years old before December 31 to register for K5. Please go to www.maskwacised.ca for more information.

School Hours

8:25 Am - 3:15 PM

Sign In

For the safety of our awasisak, staff and visitors, you are required to sign in before entering the school.



Important School Information

School Counselling

We have a fulltime counsellor onsite at TWEL. 1-on-1 play based counselling can be set up by contacting Selby Quinn at 780-585-3788 ext. 201 or selbyquinn@maskwacised.ca

The counsellor also works with all students throughout the school in their classrooms to develop social emotional skills of all awasisak. She can support families with various things in the form of referrals and advocacy.

Speech and Language Pathology

We have a Speech Language Pathology Assistant onsite that works with students who have been screened and require assistance in speech and language. Consent is required for this and families will be contacted if their child may benefit from this support.

Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy & Other Support

TWEL works with contractors to provide additional support to students who have been identified as benefiting from extra support. Families are always part of this decision and consent is required for students to access supports.