



Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre



February Newsletter



Tansi,
 Happy February to all! I hope all is well. The awasisak have adjusted back into routine and are starting the month with positive energy. I love seeing their smiling faces every morning. The weather certainly has been interesting, please ensure your awasisak are dressed and prepared for anything the weather brings. I also want to say a big thank you to all the families for keeping open communication with us and for always being partners with us in your child's education.

Just a reminder that our drop-off time is at 8:25 a.m. Our doors do not open until that time. Please be aware that this is our time for staff to prepare and get ready for the day. Additionally, please note that 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. In the spirit of wahkohtowin please ensure you are modelling this when speaking with our staff.

This past month we had a presentation for families at our school on how to approach screen time with your children and thank you to those who attended. Safety is a priority and we had our first lockdown practice of the year and the awasisak and staff did an outstanding job!

Our Spirit committee has many great activities planned for this month so be sure to review the school calendar and continue to check our Facebook page for any notices that may arise. Also, if you intend to send treats for your child's class contact their teacher to discuss options as we do have allergies in our school.

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 Charlene Ketchemonia
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February Calendar



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		National School Counselors week			PD DAY	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Assembly	Class Photo Retakes 	NO SCHOOL In lieu of PTI Sākihto Kisikaw! Valentine's Day ♥	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NO SCHOOL Family Day 				100 Days of School 	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	PAJAMA DAY 		RIBBON SKIRT DAY 		Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying) 	
					Nehiyawsowin	
					Nehiyawsowin	



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School Lunch Menu



Menu Subject to Change due to product availability

siw Pîsim Eagle Moon (February)

3rd- 7th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kikisepâ mîcowin ᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱ	Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Hard Boiled Eggs, Back Bacon, Hashbrowns, Fruit	Assorted Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit	Pancakes & Sausage, Fruit	
Nimâwin ᐱᐱᐱᐱ	Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles, Hot Veg, Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad	Baked Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Hot Veg, Tossed Salad, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Loaded Potato Soup, Cheese Bread, Mixed Salads, Fruit Salad	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad	PD DAY
Mîcisowinis ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	
10th- 14th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit	Assorted Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit	Cheese and Sausage Fritatta, Fruit	
Lunch	Chicken and Vegetables in Parmesan Cream, Caesar Salad, Spinach Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Hamburger and Rice Goulash, Tossed Salad, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Tomato Vegetable Soup, Bannock, Mixed Salads, Fruit Salad	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Snacks	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	
17th -21st	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kikisepâ mîcowin ᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱ		Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes, Back Bacon, Fruit	Oatmeal, Cereal, Fruit	Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Fruit
Nimâwin ᐱᐱᐱᐱ	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	Ham Alfredo Pasta with Spinach , Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Chili, Bannock, Mixed Salads, Fruit Salad	Coconut Curry Chicken, Rice, Hot Veg, Spinach and Strawberry Salad, Fruit Salad	Pizza Day! Ceaser Salad, Fruit Salad
Mîcisowinis ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ		Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods	Fruit or baked goods
24th- 28th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit	Scrambled eggs w/ Cheese, Ham, Fruit	Assorted Muffins, Fruit	Oatmeal, Cereal, Fruit	Pancakes and Sausage, Fruit
Lunch	Pasta with Italian Sausage and Roasted Tomatoes, Spinach Salad, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Perogies & Garlic Sausage, with Sauteed Cabbage, Hot Veg, Tossed Salad, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Salad, Fruit	Three Sisters Soup, Bannock, Mixed Salads, Fruit Salad	Bison Shepherds Pie and Hot Veg, Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Fruit 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





Classroom Happenings:

Kise Pisim

Miyo Ocetowi Kisikaw kakiwaw - Happy New Year Everyone!

This month, the awasisak will learn about Atayokewina (Legends) and Acimowina (Storytelling).

They will spend time listening and learning about the lessons behind each legend.

The legends will be tied into Cree and Nehiyawatisiwin.

I look forward to teaching the awasisak about our stories from metoni kiyas.

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mwestas.

Quick Reminders:

There are a total of three Nehiyawatisiwin classes this month and depending on the temperatures please ensure your children are dressed for the weather.





Classroom Happenings:

Wow! I can't believe January is already over. This past month the children had so much fun exploring their 5 senses and enjoyed the STEM experiments. This helped the children understand how important it is to use our 5 senses daily.

For the month of February, we will be talking more about wahkohtowin (kinship) and sakihtowin (love). There is so much excitement for Valentine's Day and all that this special day brings. We have also been working on more of our independence skills with getting ready for home time and putting our own shoes on. We have been building on our writing skills and I have started to see the children begin to write their names. The children have been doing amazing at these tasks and I am so proud of them.

Quick Reminders:

- Please continue sending your child with an extra pair of clothes labeled with their name.
- Please check your child's backpack regularly for any updates or artwork.
- February 13, 2025 Valentine's Day Class Party
- Parents are welcome to send a treat this day. (*optional*)
- Class list will be going out soon.





K4 MS.WOLFE

Ext.206

Classroom Happenings:

Tansi Kakiyaw! In K4W, Our tipi teaching this month is love; How can we show love and kindness to our friends and family? For literacy, we are identifying letter sounds, differences between uppercase and lowercase letters, and blending words in Haggarty.

We are also learning to identify the first letter of our names!

In numeracy, we are completing our positional unit which is learning the definitions of on, off, beside, above, and below and have been reviewing numbers 1-10.



Quick Reminders:

With the fluctuating weather, please ensure your child has everything they need with them or in their backpacks so we can keep them safe and warm.

Please DO NOT send any of the following items as we have students with mild to severe allergies in our classroom:

- Nuts including any and all peanuts, hazelnuts, pistachios etc...
- Coconuts
- Shellfish



Classroom Happenings:

Tansi, parents!

It's hard to believe that February is already here – the months are certainly flying by! As we approach the end of the second term, I'll begin testing students for the March report cards. It's a good time to reflect on the progress we've made so far and continue working on key skills.

In the classroom, we'll be focusing on:

Letters and Letter Sounds: We will continue to practice both uppercase and lowercase letters, along with their corresponding sounds.

Name Recognition and Printing: The students are doing wonderfully with recognizing their names and starting to print them neatly. Keep up the great work at home with practice!

In Numeracy, we are continuing to:

Count from 1 to 10 and recognize the corresponding number symbols.

Learn about shapes and practice identifying and naming them.

Sort objects by different attributes, such as color, size, and shape.

Practice creating and extending patterns, which is a fun way to develop problem-solving skills!

Valentine's Day Celebration:

We will be having a class Valentine's party on February 13th as there is no school on the 14th. We're excited to celebrate the season of love with some fun activities and treats! More details will follow soon about how you can contribute to the celebration.

Ay-Hay for making sure your little one is here every day unless they are sick or have an appointment.

Thank you also for texting me or phoning the school to let us know if your little one is sick or away.

Looking forward to another month of learning and growth!

Quick Reminders:

Please make sure your little one is dressed for the weather.

We try to get out as much as possible and the little ones enjoy playing around in the snow and rolling around. I do not have enough snow pants at times so please make sure you send a pair with your little one. Mittens or gloves and a toque help keep their ears and hands warm.

Little ones can be very picky at lunchtime.

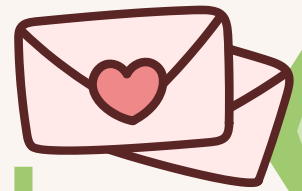
If you could pack something simple like cheese and crackers, goldfish, or a sandwich that would be awesome.

Sometimes the little ones go all day without having something to eat.

ALLERGIES: Dairy



INTERACTIONS MS. STRONGMAN



Ext.212

Classroom Happenings:

We have been doing a lot of fun Valentine's Day crafts to build fine motor strength. Please assist in independence by allowing your child the extra time to dress/undress themselves with their outdoor clothing. It helps us here at the school as their main goals are built on independence. Overall, it has been a busy yet fun year so far.

Quick Reminders:

Please make sure to send your children with the proper outdoor clothing, we go outside most days and sometimes students do not come with their snow pants. Ay-Hay for your help in this!

ALLERGIES: Strawberries, Citrus Fruit, Red Dyes

Shared fun photos:





Classroom Happenings:

In K5N, we are getting back into the routine of things!

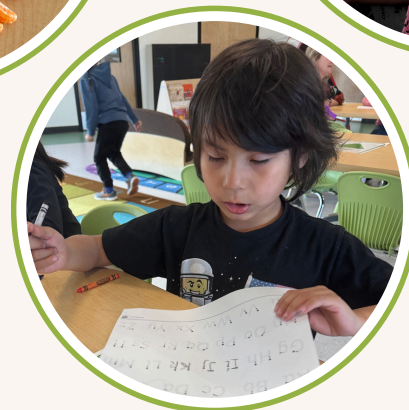
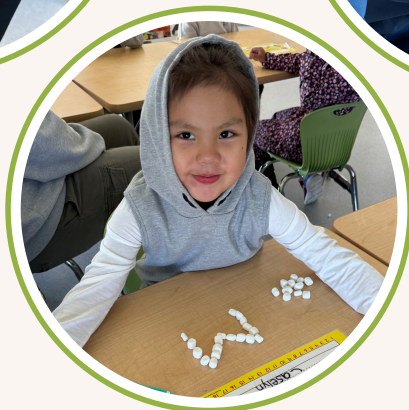
In Language Arts, we are continuing to review and learn our letters of the alphabet (upper-case and lower-case). It is very exciting that we are starting to spell three-letter words, unscramble sentences, and communicate our ideas through pictures.

In math, we practice counting from 1-20, and representing numbers from 1-10.

Quick Reminders:

Please communicate if your child will be missing school! In addition, continue to dress your awasisak up for the weather, as we go outside for recess (if the weather is not too cold!) In addition, continue to remind our awasisak of what kindness looks like.

Shared fun photos:





K5 MRS. WILDCAT

Ext.210

Classroom Happenings:

Tansi, January was a wonderful month!

We continue to build on skills we have been working on the past 5 months. There has been so much growth! Attending consistently gives your child so many opportunities to grow within a school setting.

Ms. Christine will be transitioning to a new position over the next week. Ms. Angel will be our new educational assistant in our class!

Quick Reminders:

February is a busy month! Post our school calendar somewhere in your house to help you remember all the special days coming up. I will also send a text with important dates.

Shared fun photos:





Classroom Happenings:

We will be focusing on kindness this month. In literacy students are drawing, labelling their pictures by sounding out words and even starting the write sentences. We want them to build confidence at this point and are praising all attempts to write. They are memorizing sight words such as a, I, the, to, and, like and look. They love finding these words in the environment around them. I encourage parents to spend some time reading at night to your Kinder. Not only is it amazing for their language development, and vocabulary but you can have them search for letters or sight words on the page. It's also great for bonding with your child! If you are interested in starting a home reading program where I send books home and your child can track them for rewards, please let me know!

For our Valentine's party, we have 22 students. Please leave the "to" spot blank and have your child sign their name. This is great practice. Please send them out of their box and ready to be handed out.

The student's progress from September to January is very evident. They should be so proud!

Quick Reminders:

Parents please notify the office if students are sick so it can be excused.

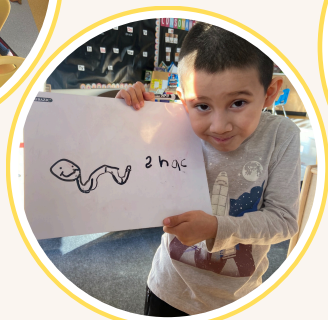
Any changes for bussing/pick up needs to be called into the office by 3:00 rather than texted to me. I don't usually check my phone during the day.

Please send healthy foods for students who will not eat the school lunch provided to help avoid tantrums and hungry bellies.

Please ensure kids are coming dressed for the weather including snowpants, and WATERPROOF mittens.

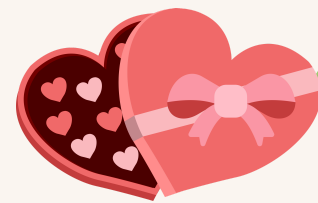
Much appreciated!

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ALLERGIES: Oranges, Cheese, Regular Milk

January Ribbon Skirt Day!



K4 Bull



K4 Remi



K4 Wolfe

January Ribbon Skirt Day!



K5 Wildcat



K5 Letcher



Interactions



K5 Nelson