



 SCHOOL PICTURES
ARE OCTOBER
14TH

Now that both K5s, K4s and our Interactions students have started, we want to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year!

Every month we will send home a newsletter with important info in it, including the lunch menu and calendar.

We are so excited to get to know everyone and build our big TWEL family!





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	1 NO SCHOOL Labour Day	2 First day for K5s	3	4	5 Nehi yawâtisiwin	6
7	8	9 First day for K4s	10	11	12 Nehi yawâtisiwin	13
14	15	16	17 Pipe Ceremony	18  MEET THE TEACHER 4:00 - 6:00 PM K5 Sage Picking Trip	19 NO SCHOOL PD Day	20 
21 	22	23 Fire Drill 	24	25	26 Nehi yawâtisiwin	27
28	29 Orange Shirt Day 	30 NO SCHOOL National Day of Truth & Reconciliation				

IMPORTANT NOTES

- For nehiyawâtisiwin, please make sure students are dressed for the weather. They will be outside.
- Meet the Teacher is from 4:00 - 6:00 PM - there will be food and prizes for those who attend!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Picture day is October 14th.

MASKWACÎS EDUCATION SCHOOLS COMMISSION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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MARCH 2026				
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JUNE 2026				
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LEGEND	
	PD NO CLASSES
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	IN LIEU - NO SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT. 2 First day for K5 - Gr. 12
SEPT. 9 Headstart & K4 starts
SEPT. 18 Meet the Teacher night
NOV. 28 Parent/Teacher night

MAR. 19 Headstart - Gr. 9
 Parent/Teacher night
JUN. 12 Last day for Headstart
JUN. 19 Last day for K4 - Gr. 12

MESC SCHOOLS



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Maskwacis Outreach School
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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



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



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



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



Nipisihkopahk Elementary School
 780-585-2244
nes.maskwacised.ca



Maskwacis Cree Junior High School
 780-585-3931
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IMPORTANT NOTES & POLICIES



AY-HAY TO YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

We are so grateful to have such an incredible group of parents, guardians, caregivers, kokoms, mosoms, aunties and uncles! Our school would not be as great as it is without you! We are excited to get to know you better over this coming school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your awasis' teacher or the principal!

Let's have a great year!

MESC CORE VALUES

At TWEL we follow MESC's core values. We are all leaders in modeling this for the awasisak and those around us.

Iyiniw Mamitonehicikan ᐃᓯᓂᓐ ᐱᓯᓂᓐᐃᓯᓂᓐ

Be compassionate; recognize one another's diverse experiences, views and voice.

Nehiyawewin ᓂᓐᐃᓯᓂᓐᐃᓯᓂᓐ

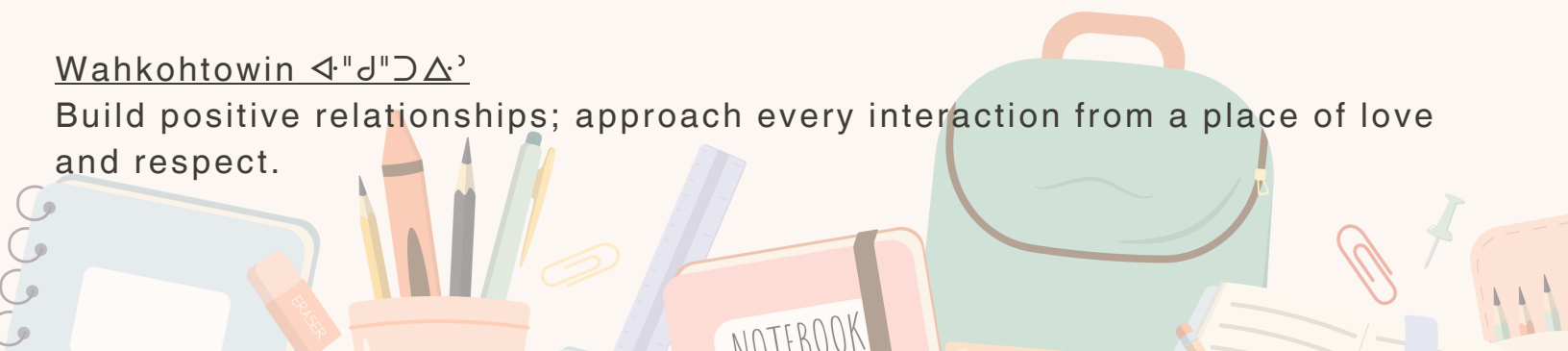
Be careful with your words; listen, learn, ask questions, and take time to reflect.

Nehiyaw Pimatisowin ᓂᓐᐃᓯᓂᓐ ᐱᓯᓂᓐᐃᓯᓂᓐ

Be actively engaged; open-minded, honour spirit and one another.

Wahkohtowin ᐃᓯᓂᓐᐃᓯᓂᓐ

Build positive relationships; approach every interaction from a place of love and respect.



IMPORTANT NOTES & POLICIES



KINDNESS POLICY

We teach our awasisak to be kind and to treat everyone with respect. We expect this from them, and from each other. In the spirit of wâhkôhtowin (kinship, family), please show kindness and respect when talking to our staff.

We will not allow any kind of abuse.

END OF DAY

This year, we have new rules for end-of-day pickups to make sure our awasisak get home safely. Any changes for pickup or buses must be called in **before 2:45 PM**. We cannot promise to make changes after that time.

Please **do not come to pick up your child between 3:00 and 3:10 PM**. This is our busiest time as we get students ready to go home, and we need to keep the halls clear for safety. You may be asked to wait until students are brought to the front. Ay-hay for your cooperation!



SCHOOL HOURS

Arrival: 8:25 - 8:40 AM.

Pickup: 3:15 PM

Students are
late after 8:40 AM



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HUG-AND-GO

To help keep our school safe, we are asking families to follow our hug-and-go policy. This means goodbyes will happen in the front area, and one of our caring staff will walk your awasis to class to make sure they arrive safe and sound.

We know that saying goodbye can sometimes feel hard—for both students and caregivers. If you'd like some extra support with these transitions, our school counsellor is here to help.

FOOD & SNACKS

MESC has a wonderful food program that gives all students healthy and tasty meals and snacks. Each student also has a water bottle in their classroom. You do not need to send extra food for your awasis.



If you do choose to send snacks or lunch, please remember we are a **peanut-free school** because of serious allergies.

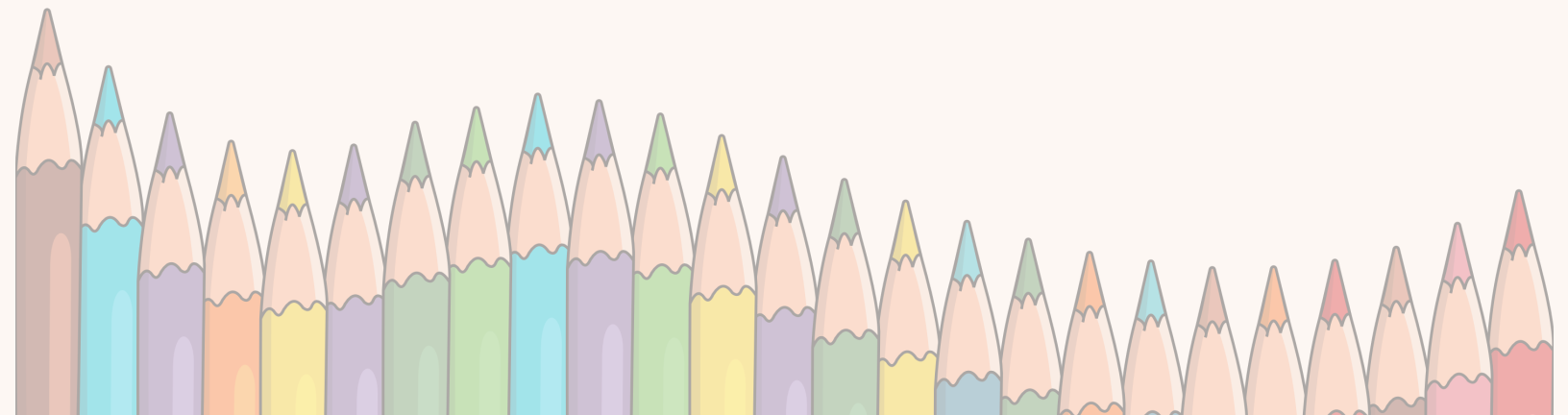
We also ask that you send healthy choices, so the awasisak have the energy they need to play and learn. Watch for some helpful ideas on healthy foods coming next month!





- Indoor shoes – please label them clearly.
- A backpack – also labelled clearly.
- An extra set of clothes (socks, underwear, bottoms, and a top) to keep in the backpack in case they are needed.
- If your awasis wears pull-ups, please send all supplies for changing, as we do not carry these at school.

We also offer extra support services when needed, such as speech and language, occupational therapy, and learning support. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out—we are happy to share more.



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COMMUNICATION

It is very important that we have your most up-to-date contact information. Please make sure the office has your current phone number and emergency contacts. If your number changes or no longer works, let the office know right away.

If your awasis will be away or is sick, please call the office so we can record it in our system.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

There are lots of ways to stay up to date with what's happening at TWEL!

- **Website:** <https://twel.maskwacised.ca>
- **Facebook:** Search Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre and like our page for updates.
- **Notices:** Check your awasis' backpack for messages sent home.
- **Teachers:** Each teacher has their own way of sharing news. Make sure they have your current contact information.
- **Questions?** Call our front office at **780-585-3788**.



Meet the Principal

My hope for this year!

That all staff and awasisak have an amazing year!

Contact

Email:
charleneketchemonia@maskwacised.ca

Phone:
780-585-3788 ext. 202



About Me

Summer highlight:

Watching a Blue Jays game live in Toronto!

Years working at TWEL:

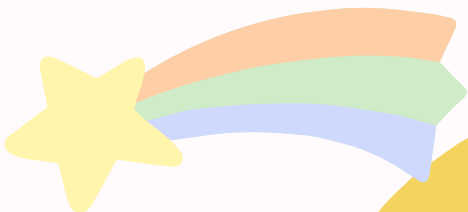
This is my second year!

Favourite book growing up:

The Chrysalids

Best part of working with awasiak:

Their energy and enthusiasm



Meet the Admin Assistant

My hope for this year!

For all the little ones to have fun in the year ahead!

Contact

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reahbuffalo@maskwacised.ca

Phone:
780-585-3788 ext. 202



Ms. Reah

About Me

Summer highlight:

Spending time with my kids and grandkids.

Years working at TWEL:

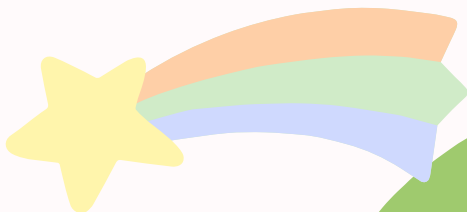
My first official year.

Favourite play growing up:

I loved playing in the bales with all my cousins at our kokum's house.

Best part of working with awasiak:

The hugs and smiles are my favourite.



Meet the Counsellor



Ms. Selby

My hope for this year!

That we look out for each other, learn together, play together, help each other, and continue to learn and speak more nehiyawewin!

Contact

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selbyquinn@maskwacised.ca

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780-585-3788 ext. 201

About Me

Summer highlight:

Going to folk fest and taking in lots of live music!

Years working at TWEL:

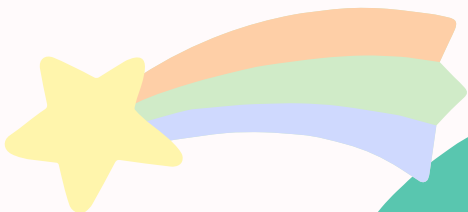
This is my 4th year here.

Favourite toy growing up:

Playmobil was a big hit for me.

Best part of working with awasiak:

Their honesty - they make me laugh every day! And the way they remind me to slow down.



Meet the Speech & Language Assistant



**My hope for this
year!**

Our awasisak learn
as much as they
can, make new
friends and most
of all, have fun

Contact

Email:
christinekirrmaier@maskwacised.ca

About Me

Summer highlight:

I bought a new condo!

Years working at TWEL:

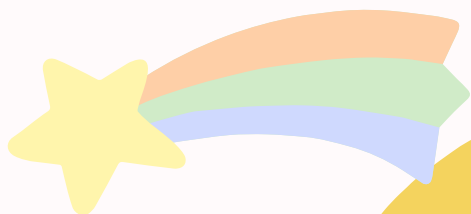
11 Years!

Favourite toy growing up:

A pink stuffed elephant

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**

Seeing their smiling faces,
listening to their stories and
getting hugs.



Meet the Speech & Language Assistant

My hope for this year!

To help the kids with
their sounds, have
fun while they learn
and to possibly see
them not need SLP
anymore.

Contact

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lindadumkee@maskwacised.ca

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Ms. Linda

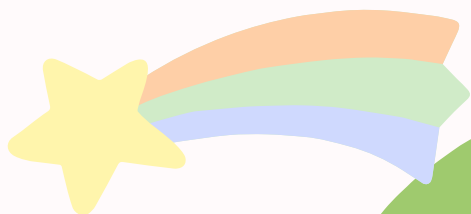
About Me

Summer highlight:
Spending time with my
grandkids and camping.

Years working at TWEL:
11 Years!

Favourite book growing up:
Anything by Dr. Suess.

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**
Their bubbly personalities,
watching them grow, and
continually seeing them
working so hard.



Meet the Cook



Ms. Jane

My hope for this year!

That we can all keep a smile on our face!

Fun Fact

Ms. Jane makes sure that all our awasisak have healthy and nutritious food all day long! Breakfast, lunch and snacks in between!

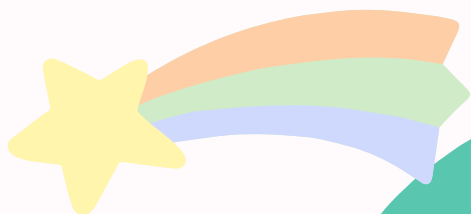
About Me

Summer highlight:
A family road trip to California!

Years working at TWEL:
This is my third year! I've been here since the school opened!

Favourite toy growing up:
Barbies, wooden train set

Best part of working with awasiak:
Their simple love and excitement for life.



Meet the Nehiyawewin Okiskinwahamakew

My hope for this year!

My hope is for the
awasisak to use
Nehiyawewin in
school and at
home.

Contact

Email:
noreenmackinaw@maskwacised.ca

Phone:
780-585-3788 ext. 205

Miss Mackinaw



About Me

Summer highlight:

Spending time with nicicmak.
Camping and hiking.

Years working at TWEL:

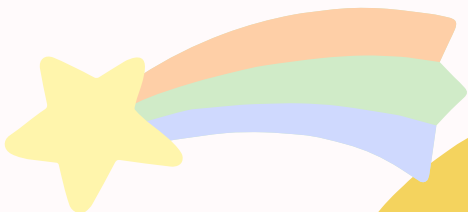
This is my second year!

Favourites as a kid:

Book - Are You My Mommy? by
Dr Seuss
Game - Jacks
Toys - He-Man figurines and cars

Best part of working with awasiak:

Watching them grow. Hearing
their laughs and receiving their
hugs.



Meet the Nehiyawewin EA



Ms. Jackie

My hope for this
year!

Our awasisaka to
learn more cree.

Fun Fact

Ms. Jackie is one of our
longest running
kindergarten employees!

About Me

Summer highlight:

Spending time with my mom.

Years working at TWEL:

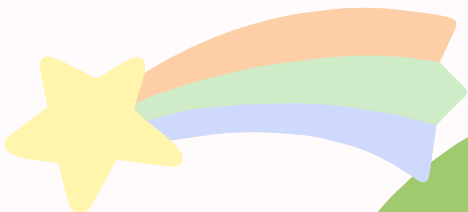
15 years

Favourite toy growing up:

Barbies

Best part of working with awasiak:

Teaching them our beautiful
language (Cree)



Meet the Interactions Teacher

My hope for this year!

That we have a great, fun, and calm year.

Contact

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Ms. Giselle

About Me

Summer highlight:

I recently took a trip to Los Angeles –it was my first time travelling to the United States, and I loved it!

Years working at TWEL:

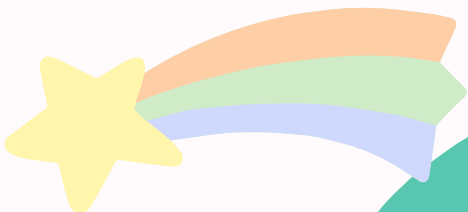
This is my third year.

Favourite book growing up:

The Harry Potter books, I read them in grade 4 and have loved them ever since!

Best part of working with awasiak:

I love teaching students from my own community because I was once one of them. Providing them with the best learning environment truly warms my heart.



Meet the Interactions EA

My hope for this year!

A good year!

Fun Fact

Ms. Christal is an amazingly talented crafter! She can make just about anything!



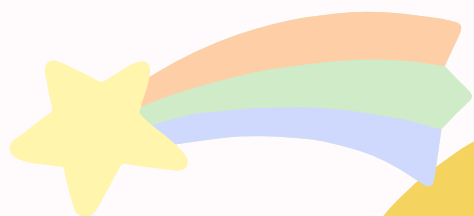
About Me

Summer highlight:
Pow wows!

Years working at TWEL:
This is my second year.

Favourite book growing up:
Clifford the Big Red Dog

Best part of working with awasiak:
Their little conversations, and how they sometimes catch you off guard.



Meet the Interactions EA



Mr. Jay

My hope for this year!

I wish for students to be the best they can be.

Fun Fact

Mr. Jay is the father of a beautiful daughter that the whole school loves watching grow up!

About Me

Summer highlight:

My sister/cousin's wedding

Years working at TWEL:

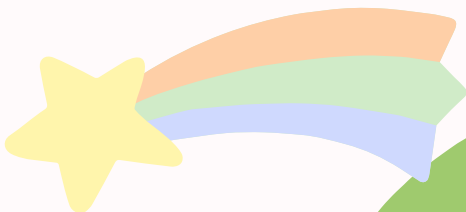
This is my 6th year here.

Favourite toy growing up:

Optimus Prime

Best part of working with awasiak:

The things they say and do.



Meet the K5A Teacher

My hope for this year!

That we build a loving, caring, and kind classroom community this year. I want to continue to strengthen our bonds between each other and see the academic, personal, social-emotional growth. I want our room to be a safe space that all can enjoy, and remember our kindergarten memories together for the rest of our lives.

Contact

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natalienelson@maskwacised.ca

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Mrs. A

About Me

Summer highlight:

I got married on July 19 and then went to the Philippines and Japan for my honeymoon!

Years working at TWEL:

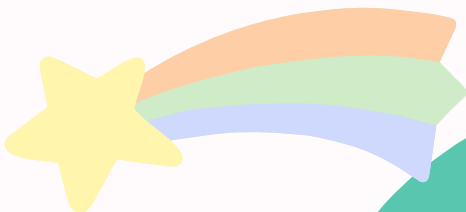
This is my second year!

Favourite book growing up:

Anything Robert Munsch!

Best part of working with awasiak:

The relationships (wahkohtowin) that we build as a class, and the growth that we have as teachers and awasisak together!



Meet the K5A EA

My hope for this
year!

To have made a
lasting positive
impact

Fun Fact

Ms. Natasha is one of the coolest
dressers at our school! She always
looks so fresh in her 'fits!



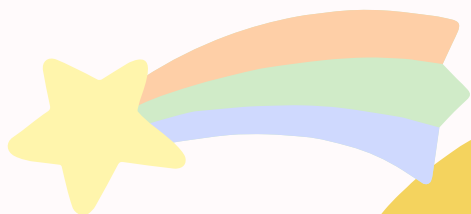
About Me

Summer highlight:
Travelling

Years working at TWEL:
This is my second year!

Favourite book growing up:
Love You Forever by Robert
Munsch

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**
All the conversations with
them.



Meet the K5L Teacher

My hope for this year!

I hope to teach
more social
emotional skills
throughout the
whole year.

Contact

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tonelleletcher@maskwacised.ca

Phone:
780-585-3788 ext. 211



Mrs. Letcher

About Me

Summer highlight:

Camping at our seasonal spot
on the river.

Years working at TWEL:

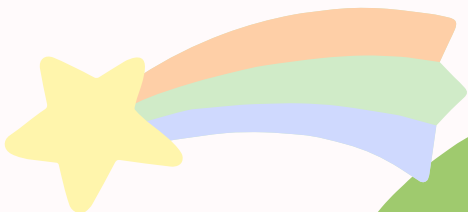
Almost 2 years!

Favourite game growing up:

Playing "house" outside.

Best part of working with awasiak:

Seeing the growth!



Meet the K5L EA



**My hope for this
year!**

To empower
students with
language and
culture.

Fun Fact

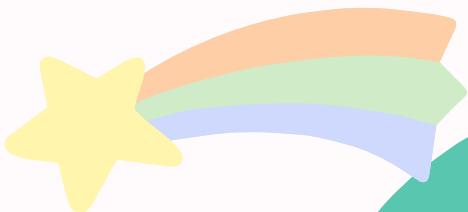
Ms. Colleen has been an EA with
the kindergarten long enough to
see 7 classes of her kindergarten
students graduate!

About Me

Years working at TWEL:
19 years!

Favourite book growing up:
Fairy Tales

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**
Makes you feel young at heart!



Meet the K5C Teacher

My hope for this
year!

I hope my
students learn to
practice
wahkohtowin.

Contact

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aaroncourtorielle@maskwacised.ca

Phone:
780-585-3788 ext. 210



Ms. Aaron

About Me

Summer highlight:

Going to Big Valley Jamboree

Years working at TWEL:

Since April 2024

Favourite game growing up:

Baseball was always my
favorite thing to do every
summer.

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**

Their smiles when they
understand something new.

Meet the K5C EA

My hope for this
year!

All the little ones
have a great year.

Fun Fact

Ms. Jorden is a really amazing athlete and also comes from a family of great EAs!



Ms. Jorden

About Me

Summer highlight:

Going camping in the mountains.

Years working at TWEL:

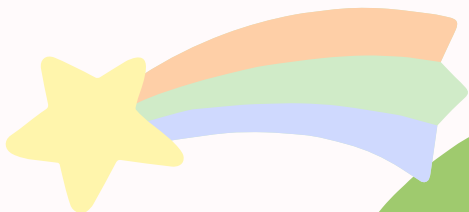
This is my second year.

Favourite toys growing up:

Barbies and Monster High dolls.

Best part of working with awasiak:

Loving all the stories they tell me and big hugs.



Meet the K4B Teacher

My hope for this
year!

I hope that every
child in my class
has an amazing
year.

Contact

Email:
tahneebull@maskwacised.ca

Phone:
780-585-3788 ext. 208



Ms. Bull

About Me

Summer highlight:

I love to golf and was able to do so a lot this summer.

Years working at TWEL:

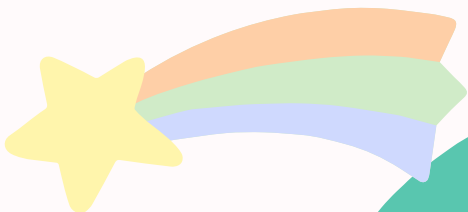
This is my third year teaching at TWEL.

Favourite book growing up:

Robert Munsch books were my favourite to read.

Best part of working with awasiak:

I love seeing the smiley faces and being the one teacher who makes a difference for them.



Meet the K4B EA

My hope for this
year!

To teach/ learn
more Cree.

Fun Fact

Ms. Angel is an amazing big sister
and one of our newest EAs at
TWEL!



Ms. Angel

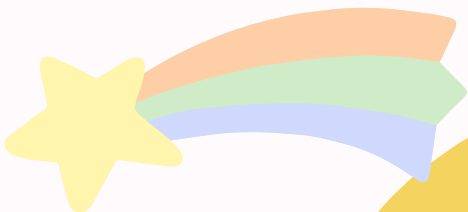
About Me

Summer highlight:
Sports! I love baseball.

Years working at TWEL:
Half a year.

Favourite book growing up:
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr.
Seuss.

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**
The rewarding experience of
witnessing their growth.



Meet the K4W Teacher

My hope for this
year!

To have a
classroom full of
Nehiyewewin-
speaking awasisak!

Contact

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Mrs. Wolfe

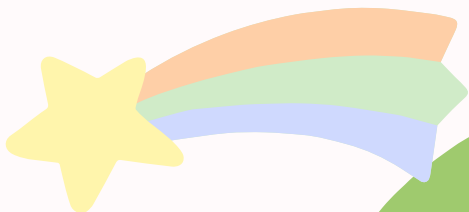
About Me

Summer highlight:
Travelling and making
memories with loved ones.

Years working at TWEL:
This is my second year!

Favourite book growing up:
Love You Forever by Robert
Munsch.

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**
They teach you more than
they learn from you!



Meet the K4W EA

My hope for this year!

To immerse myself
into Nehiyewewin
learning and to
grow with the staff
and students.

Fun Fact

Ms. Brandy has the most
infectious laugh there is! If she's
laughing, then so are you!



Ms. Brandy

About Me

Summer highlight:

Visiting my family up north. As well, I really enjoyed relaxing mornings with my daughters and family, beach days in the sunshine and sand in our toes.

Years working at TWEL:

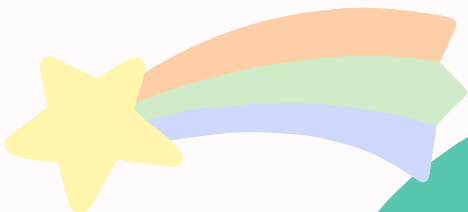
Under a year.

Favourite book growing up:

Stephanie's Ponytail and
Andrew's Loose Tooth by Robert
Munsch.

Best part of working with awasiak:

Seeing their eyes light up and sparkle
with excitement when they are
learning. I admire watching their
imagination while playing and building
positive relationships with their peers.



Meet the K4R Teacher

My hope for this year!

For students to
have a fun year full
of learning, making
friends and lifelong
experiences

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Ms. Remi

About Me

Summer highlight:
Visiting family.

Years working at TWEL:
6 years!

Favourite toys growing up:
Cabbage Patch doll and the
game of life.

**Best part of working with
awasiak:**
Little one's smiles, the
excitement the kids bring to
the classroom.

Meet the K4R EA

My hope for this year!

I am hoping I can make some new little friends that will be great friends too.

I wish for a wonderful, blessed year of health and happiness here at TWEL.

Fun Fact

Ms. Vanessa is an incredibly creative person! She can make any bulletin board look like a work of art!



About Me

Summer highlight:

I really enjoyed spending time with my family back home in Saskatchewan. We went golfing, went to the beach, and we sat by the fire singing karaoke.

Years working at TWEL:

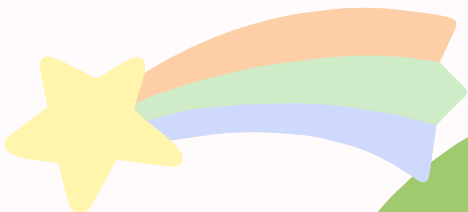
7 years.

Favourite game growing up:

I liked being outdoors, so the playground was my happy place.

Best part of working with awasiak:

Getting to know them and their personalities. Seeing their growth throughout the year is fulfilling and amazing too.



Meet the Heroes!

Our Custodial Staff



Ms. Emra



Ms. Carolyn

Ms. Emra, Ms. Carolyn, and Mr. Clinton work so hard to keep our school clean and safe, and we would not be able to function without them! AY-HAY!!!



Mr. Clinton

