



# (L'Kwal) St. Michael Community School

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As a Métis School of Excellence, we teach through Métis perspectives and celebrate all cultures! We are Safe, Respectful & Responsible!

## April 2021 Âcimôwin l'papi – Newsletter #11

### Dates to Remember

#### Ayikipîsim - (April)

1 – Last day of school before Easter Break

2- Good Friday - No School

5-9 – Easter Break -No School

12 – Classes resume

#### Opiniyâwîwîpîsim – (May)

7 – PLD - No School

21 – Staff Retreat - No School

24 – Victoria Day- No School

#### Pâkâwîhowîpîsim - June

7 – No School – PLD

24 – Last Day of School

### Tân'si from your Admin Team

#### Happy Holy Week!

Holy means “set apart.” Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

**Holy Thursday – We commemorate the Last Supper and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the Garden**

**Good Friday – We observe the day Jesus was crucified, pray the stations of the Cross.**

**Holy Saturday – We observe the day Jesus was in the tomb and reflect on what we would miss in a world without Jesus.**

**Easter Sunday – Hallelujah Christ is Risen! We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and evangelize with great JOY!**

We wish you a blessed Holy Week and Easter Season with your family!

Ma Tânt Cristin and Mônôk Mike

St. Michael Community School is now Facebook Official!

Like and follow our page. Keep up to date on activities at the school.

## **Acahkos Kiskinohamâkan - STARR Student Safety-Respect-Responsibility**

Here are the names of our star student for January are:

**Prek & Kinder – Natalie, Brody, Michelle, Ezreal**

**Michif Kinder – Kitana, Alex, Aurora, Tyrone**

**Gr. 1/2- Farrah, Lola, Landon**

**Gr. 3/4 – Artorius, Liam, Ellicia, Koby**

**Gr. 4/5 – Kian, Jesslynn, Jacob, Denisha**

**Gr. 6 – Brielle, Colton, Andrei, Dawson**

**Gr. 7/8 – Kelsyn, Jamilah, Cheyanne, Shaniel**

### **Gift of Honour**

The Gift of Honour winner for the month of March was Mallori in the 6 class.

### **Awesome Attendance - M'Wihkac Patahamâk**

These are the students that were at school 90% of the time or better:

**Kindergarten – Kandrey, Brody, Zaiden, Lorena**

**Michif Kindergarten - Aurora, Maddie, Alex, Tyrone**

**Gr. 1/2 – Artoz, Calli, Raj, Selena, Karralea, Landon, Lola, Eclipse**

**Gr. 3/4 – Nevaeh, Seth, Jed, Ciro, Kaleb, Brooke, Travis, Kaylup, Soul, Artorius, Kayden, Sophia, Merle, Cara, Marchello**

**Gr. 4/5 – Tyrone, Thomas, David, Kendra, Kian, Lailanie, Louise, Francheska, Vernice, Jacklyn, Jacob, Tristan, Jasper, Anika**

**Gr. 6 – Cody Kingston Brennan Brody Mallori**

**Gr. 7/8 – Rosalie Jamilah Kayden Aiden Cheyanne Yuan**

### **COVID19 Safety Information**

Thank you to everyone for keeping us all safe when you keep your children home when they are ill. Our community is doing a great job and our cohorts are keeping small groups of classrooms safe.

### **Grade 9 Registrations**

It's an exciting time of year—our Grade 8s are starting to think about high school! As a feeder school for E.D. Feehan Catholic High School, they have done some outreach and many of our Grade 8s have already registered! If you have any questions or feedback regarding registration, please connect with Cooper at 1-306-659-7420 or [cskjeie@gscs.ca](mailto:cskjeie@gscs.ca). Marrisî!

**MICHIF  
PILOT PROJECT**

We know how important it is for children to have a successful start through education. Often children who have a strong cultural identity and shared respect for a multitude of language and cultures have increased academic success. We are proud to announce a new Michif Language program.

This initiative is part of a broader partnership between Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and the Royal Canadian Geographic Society aimed at revitalizing Michif language within the Province. We will continue this important work together to protect, promote, and practice Michif language.

Under the guidance of teachers and Michif Language Keepers, this program will connect children with Métis culture and immersion in a full-day Michif language program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL DIVISION OR EMAIL: [LFLEMING@MNS.WORK](mailto:LFLEMING@MNS.WORK)

CELEBRATING MÉTIS CULTURE AND HELPING CHILDREN BECOME ANAAMA NIYA-STRONG, CONFIDENT MÉTIS

## Michif Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-22 school year is open. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2022 (birthday January 31, 2017) can register for kindergarten by contacting the school or visiting [www.gscs.ca/kindergarten](http://www.gscs.ca/kindergarten).

At this time, we are not able to give families a tour the school and the opportunity to meet the teacher in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Michif Bilingual Kindergarten

- City-wide transportation
- Catholic Faith-based learning
- Nutrition provided
- Metis language and culture learning environment

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7420 or [st.michael@gscs.ca](mailto:st.michael@gscs.ca).

## Michif Bilingual Kindergarten

### St. Michael Community School

#### All-Day, Every-Day Early Learning Program

- Catholic, faith-based learning
- grow in your Métis identity through an emphasis on language and culture
- integration of land-based learning
- transportation provided
- nutrition support provided (breakfast, lunch and snack)

**Meena kawapimitin!**  
(See you soon!)

[www.gscs.ca/MIC](http://www.gscs.ca/MIC)  
306.659.7420

## Métis Nation-Saskatchewan

Whether you are 12 years old or 100, MN-S wants to make sure all of our citizens receive the supports they need in all areas of good mental health. Individual counsellors are available to connect adults, youth, and families to the appropriate professionals to address their needs, from crisis management to financial consultations. Assessment and treatment will be provided in a timely manner and follow ups are offered. Call toll free 1-855-671-5638 from 8am to 4pm central time Monday to Friday. For crisis situations a 24 hr Crisis Line is available at 1-877-767-7572. For more information visit <https://metisnationsk.com/2020/06/15/mental-health-and-addictions-program/>

**MÉTIS SPECIFIC HELP LINE FOR NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SUPPORT**

AVAILABLE TOLL-FREE 1-855-671-5638 / 8AM-4PM, MON-FRI

CRISIS LINE AVAILABLE 1-877-767-7572 / 24HR

## Community News



**We are excited to be launching our Caregiver Connection Pods!**

**You can sign up or read more on our website.**

**Below are some frequently asked questions:**

**What is a Caregiver Connection Pod?**

***A group of 3-5 caregivers all of whom share something in common.***

**Who else will be in my pod?**

***You will be in a pod with other caregivers who are similar in some way.***

***We are currently offering the following pods which will begin to meet in April:***

- 1) expectant parent pod***
- 2) new parent pod***
- 3) just for dads pod***

**What if I would like to join a pod but don't fit into the above categories?**

***We plan to form new pods as interest arises. If you're interested in being a part of a pod, sign up and we'll work to match you up with other caregivers who may be a good fit!***

***We hope to have pods based on children's age, cultural background, geographical location, type of caregiver and more!***

**When and where do pods meet?**

***The Centre Facilitator matched with your pod will connect with all the pod participants to find a day and time that works to meet. Pods may meet over the phone, Zoom, Facebook calls or outdoors (if and when safe to do so with COVID restrictions).***

**How often will the pods meet?**

***The pods will meet weekly for 6-8 weeks. At the end of this time, the pod can decide together to continue meeting or to wrap up the group.***

**What will the pod meetings look like?**

***Each pod will decide what they would like the meetings to look like! You may want to do activities, or learn about a specific topic. The facilitator will get the materials needed for meetings to all participants and work to bring in additional early childhood experts if needed to address the topics of interest.***

## Can my children attend the pod meetings?

*The discussion and activities will be geared towards the caregivers in the pod, however your children are very much welcome and the facilitator can try to bring engaging activities for the children to do while the caregivers meet. When safe to do so in accordance with our COVID Risk Mitigation plan, we will offer similar groups specifically for children called "social butterfly groups" during which the children and caregivers together will partake in different activities. Stay tuned for more information in the months to come.*

**If you have more questions, we'd love to chat! Give us a call at 306-652-7515 ext. 301 or email us at [frc@ymcasaskatoon.org](mailto:frc@ymcasaskatoon.org).**



### Looking for family learning opportunities?

Join us for fun, interactive literacy activities for kids ages 3-5 and their caregivers!

- literacy kits
- weekly sessions
- parent sessions

## Learn & Grow Together

No cost to participants

Families encouraged to register for 1 program only as space is limited

All programs start in April

One-hour sessions

Online via zoom

To register call Kayla or Lindy from READ Saskatoon at 306-652-5448 or email [kayla@READsaskatoon.com](mailto:kayla@READsaskatoon.com)



## Kitchen Conversations: Facts About RESPs

Join us for an information session and learn:

- Benefits of opening an RESP
- What government grants are available for you
- What you need to open an RESP

Workshop dates (register for ONE of the following):

Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Online Zoom Webinar

Register on our website at [www.READsaskatoon.com/events](http://www.READsaskatoon.com/events)

or email [info@READsaskatoon.com](mailto:info@READsaskatoon.com)



## Have a Voice in Creating an Accessible Saskatchewan

The first phase of public engagement on accessibility legislation is live. Have your say and help us build the foundation for accessibility legislation. This phase will be open from February 4 to March 31, 2021.

Accessibility legislation is an important step towards removing barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating fully in our communities. The legislation will cover a wide range of accessibility areas, including the design of public spaces, information and communications, service animals, public sector employment, public sector procurement and public transportation.

About a quarter of Saskatchewan citizens 15 and older have a disability. This group might include you, a family member, a friend, or a colleague. Participating in engagement on accessibility legislation will allow you to share your ideas and suggestions about accessibility legislation on behalf of yourself or someone you know.

Developing legislation is a long process. This first phase of engagement focuses on the act, which is the foundation of the legislation. We are asking for input on key definitions, areas under which regulations can be developed, the process of creating accessibility regulations and standards, enforcement measures, requirements for review, and time frames for implementation of the act. The second phase of engagement will begin in fall 2021 and will focus on specific regulations under the act.

While we can't safely offer in-person engagement opportunities right now, we are asking for feedback online, by phone, by email or through the mail. You can take a [survey](#), register for an [online discussion forum](#), or fill in a discussion guide and send it in. To learn more about the engagement opportunities, visit [accessiblesk.saskatchewan.ca](https://accessiblesk.saskatchewan.ca).

