



# GRACE MARIE SWAMPY MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Principal's Message

Tanisi niwakomakanak akwa opikinawsowhk,

Happy Takwakin! The awasak have been so excited to be back; we love seeing them daily. They bring so much joy to the school.

We are working to make our school environment a place where everyone can be safe, healthy and learning. Getting into the habit of daily attendance and being on time is more critical than ever. The awasak need to come to school every day as it reduces their stress, they connect with friends and teachers and develop their academic, social, and emotional skills. We will continue to build strong literacy and numeracy skills and deliver a Nêhiyawewin education honouring the Cree language, culture, and values.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on meet the teacher night. It is great that we can now gather together for special events. We will do our best to listen and partner with you so the children have a successful year. We are always looking for parents to join our parent advisory committee. Please let me know if you are interested to support the work we do at Grace Marie Swamy Primary School. Your support makes a difference, and your voice matters.

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who helps our awasak and also to the families who are persevering through these hard times. Thank you for partnering with us to help your child learn, thrive and succeed.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with your family and friends.

Ay Hay,

Sheila Dumonceaux  
Principal



*"Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart." ~ Roy T. Bennett*

# PARENTS

The Information You Need!

## Important Dates

**October 3 - Professional Development Day for teachers - No School for students**

**October 10 - Thanksgiving Day - No School**

**October 17-21- Scholastic Book fair**

**October 21 - Picture Day - Lifetouch will be here and more information will be sent home with the students closer to the date.**

**October 31- Professional Development Day for teachers- No school for students**

## Important Reminders

- Please **do not drop off students before 8:30.** This is important prep time for our teachers.
- Set up consistent routines like bed time.
- Limit the amount of time spent on video games.
- Read to your child(ren) every day.

## Go to our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pinkschool1993> for updates such as school closures or to see the great activities the students and staff are doing at the school.

**Please make sure we have your correct phone number where we can reach you.**

## Bussing

- Download the [MESC Bus Status App](#) for bus updates, closures, and delays. It is available on the MESC website.
- Ensure your child(ren) is dressed properly for the weather.
- Busses arrive at 8:35 a.m. and depart at 3:25 p.m.

## Hug Zone

We ask parents to please drop their students off at our Hug and go zone. Staff will make sure all students make it to class safely. Ay Hay!

## Book Fair

We will be having the book fair coming to our school on October 17-21. Money can be dropped off at the front office and we will make sure your child has a chance to visit the book fair.



***"Every Child Matters."***

# Nehiyawewin

## Nehiyawewin/Cree K4 - Gr.2



Tansi onikikohmawak (parents/guardians),  
Welcome October! October reminds us to be grateful- nanaskomowin for the things we are blessed with. For the beautiful fall colours, fantastic weather, family and friends, etc. This past September in Cree, we focused on our identity and who we are as nehiyawak -Cree people. Furthermore, we learned about treaty 6 and reminded the students what those treaties were and that those treaties were promised to last forever. We also started to learn and recite the Cree prayer, the O'Canada song and the Cree syllabic song.

### **Cree words for this month:**

Kaskatino Pisin - October - Frost moon

Takwakin - Fall

Nipiya - leaves

Ninanaskomon - I am thankful

Ekosi pitama,

Andrea Saskatchewan

Mrs. Eyahpaise



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# K4 News






Tansi Opikinawsowahk,

Last month we learned about classroom routines, reading books, colours, and the letters Ss and Aa, and for October, we will be learning the letters: Tt, Ii, Pp, Nn, Cc, Kk, Ee and Hh. All students are learning independence skills with shoes and jackets. Students are practicing their names and starting to print. If we can have parents and guardians support this name practice writing at home, it will help your child write their name on their very own faster.

We have support for speech that can be utilized for all students if you feel your child needs some extra practice with sounds and vocabulary. Attendance is very important in helping children have a successful learning year.

We want to encourage parents to dress their children appropriately as the weather is changing fast, and we will go outside as much as possible to savour the warmth mother earth has to offer us.

## Reminders:

-  Drop-off time is 8:30 a.m. & Pick up is at 3:10 p.m.
-  Please keep toys at home.
-  Label all items: Jacket, Shoes, and Backpack.
-  Please update new phone numbers.
-  Please make sure inside shoes are velcro and not laces if your child cannot tie shoes yet.

Thank you!

Mrs.Roberts, Mrs. Omeasoo, Miss Swampy. Ea: Miss Lightning



# K5 News

Fall is here!

Please make sure your child is dressed according to the changing weather. **Please provide indoor shoes with velcro strips, extra clothes, and a backpack.**

**K5E would like to welcome Miss Leah Mackinaw into our classroom as she joins us for 9 weeks to experience her field study in her final year in education. Welcome Miss Mackinaw!**

<p><b>Tatawaw!</b> The K5 teachers and EAs would like to welcome the awasisak back to another school year full of fun and learning! We look forward to working with your child and watching them grow and learn every day! <b>Regular attendance is important to ensure your child is grasping important concepts and progressing at a steady pace. Please send your child to school every day!</b></p>	<p><b>Literacy:</b> We begin our 100 minutes of literacy daily at 9:00 am. During this time students are engaged in shared reading/writing activities, independent drawing/writing activities, interactive read- alouds, practising letter formation, learning letters and sounds, vowels, punctuations, blends, diagraphs, parts of a book, etc</p> <p>Sept/Oct: Letters and sounds; S, A, T, I, P, N, E, C, K, H</p>	<p><b>Numeracy;</b> The students will learn math concepts using manipulatives, drawing pictures of objects, and learning to print numerals. Each math activity will be a hands on learning experience.</p> <p>Sept/Oct: Patterns Sorting Number formation (0 to 5)</p>
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If you have any questions or concerns please contact us:

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# Grade 1 NEWS

Tansi,  
The children have settled nicely into the school routine and are eager to learn. Thank you to all parents that participated in our Meet the Teacher night. It was greatly appreciated.

## Things to Remember

- In Grade One our 100 minutes of Literacy begins at 9:00 so **being on time** is very important in your child's learning.
- Send inside shoes and backpacks and extra clothes if needed.
- Please sign and return speech forms if your child received one.
- Please sign and return the dental forms as soon as possible.
- Update phone numbers with your child's teacher if there are changes.

Welcome to October and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween! Notes will follow regarding our Halloween party.

Please contact us at the school by email or phone call with any questions or concerns.

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EAs: Ms. McArthur, Mr. Swampy, Mr. Soosay



# Grade 2 News

Tansi!  
We would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to Meet the Teacher Night. If you were unable to make it and have any concerns, feel free to contact us at the school. Please send a pair of inside shoes with your child, so they have something on their feet in case there is an emergency or fire drill. Also, please have students dress in layers or send a sweater as the mornings tend to be cold and the afternoons warm. Unfortunately, we do not allow personal toys, and we would like you to remind your children to leave them at home.

This term, we are focusing on writing using correct letter formation and finger spaces, counting to 100, and learning about our community. Attendance is very important as we do 100 minutes of literacy everyday first thing in the morning. It is important that students attend this so they can become better readers and writers, therefore please bring your child to school by 8:30am.

Ay hay  
Miss Hejnar, Mr Uy, and Mrs. Crane



Tansi kahkiyaw,  
The first weeks of school are behind us and students are settling into a routine. I have been all over the school visiting classrooms, spending recesses on the playground, and joining classes for walks or in the gym to get to know the students.

I am still working on remembering everyone's names and making sure students get to know me and know that they can access me for support.

During our morning announcements we are learning about our different temperaments and how every one of us has strengths and unique qualities that we can use to be a good friend to others and contribute to our school community.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child and feel that they could use additional support, please don't hesitate to connect with me. I would love to find out how I could be of service to your family. I am usually at the school Monday – Wednesday.

Ay-hay! Miss Julia



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	<p>PD Day No School</p>					
9	<p>10 Give Thanks No School</p> 	11	12	13	14	15
16	<p>17 Scholastic book fair starts at 12:00</p> 	18	19	20	<p>21 Picture day</p>  <p>CHEEZE</p> <p>Last day of the book fair</p>	22
23	24	26	26	27	28	29
30	<p>31 PD Day No School</p> 					