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Principal's Message

Tansi niwakomakanak ekwa opikinawsowhk,

It is hard to believe that we are winding down and the summer holidays are approaching. We have accomplished so much this year, and the awasisak are leaving with many new skills. They have grown a lot, and we are so proud of them!

This will be my last newsletter as I will be moving into a new MESC role. It has been an exciting journey and an honour to get to know the families and children of Nipisihkopahk. We have grown and learned a lot together, and I am proud of all the staff, students and families who have made the two years incredible.

In the last two years, Katherine (Assistant Principal) and I had a vision for this school, and we have created a space where students love learning, thrive and are proud of their culture and who they are. I know as Katherine moves into the principal role she will carry on this vision. We will continue to see great things happen at Grace Marie.

June is a busy month with different events and field trips happening. The K5 graduation is on June 14 from 10 – 12 pm. Hope to see you there. Report cards and the students' belongings will go home on June 19 and 20. The last day for the awasisak and the MESC powwow is on June 22nd. The students will be bussed over to the Pow-wow grounds at 2:00 pm and picked up from there at 3:30 pm. Please join us if you can.

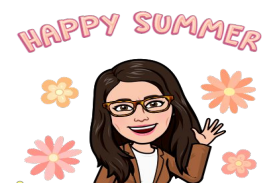
We ask that all parents/guardians update their information on the registration forms. The MESC website: www.maskwacised.ca/registration/ has all the instructions for registration. Don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have forgotten your login password or need assistance with the form.

The first day back to school is on September 5th. Please keep reading over the summer with your children. Literacy is key to their success when they return to school in the fall.

Once again, Ninanaskomon (grateful) for the opportunity to serve Nipisihkopahk and your support. Best wishes to you and your families, and I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Stay safe!

Ay-hay,

Sheila Dumonceaux
Principal



PARENTS

The Information You Need!

Upcoming Events

- June 5 - PD - No School for Students**
- June 5 - Kehtehya (Elders) Forum**
- June 13 - Awards Day - 10:00 AM**
- June 14 - K5 Grad - 10:00 AM**
- June 16 - Fun Day - Petting Zoo at the school**
- June 19 - Donuts for Dad - Father's Day (12 pm)**
- June 21- National Indigenous Peoples Day - No school**
- June 22 - Powwow & Last Day for Students**

Field Trip Reminders

- June 2 - K5 Field Trip - Allstars - Edmonton**
- June 7- interaction Field Trip- Chips**
- June 9 - K5 Field Trip - Ponoka Splash Park**
- June 14 - K4 Field Trip - AmazonePlayzone - Edmonton**
- June 14 - Grade 2 - Ponoka Splash Park**
- June 20 - K4 & Gr. 1 Field trip - Ponoka Splash Park**

Field Trips - Reynolds Museum, Allstars & Telus World of Science



"So often you find that the students you're trying to inspire are the ones that end up inspiring you." ~ Sean Junkins

COUNSELLOR'S MESSAGE

Summer Boredom Busters for busy kids

It is hard to believe that summer break is almost here. While it's fun to have no school, some days can get long - The kids may complain that they are bored and we may feel our patience wearing thin.



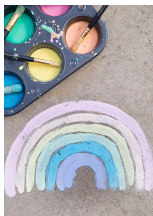
On those days, having some engaging activities for the kids is our best strategy to prevent challenging behaviour.

Screens are very engaging for children and there's nothing wrong with some lazy screen time here and there, but we also want to encourage our children to go outside, soak up the sun and burn off some energy. This will improve their mood, will help them sleep better and allow them to have fun with others face-to-face.

Coming up with some ideas and preparing some activities ahead of time will make the "I'm so bored" days much easier for everyone! You could even come up with a bunch of ideas (your whole family could brainstorm together), write them down on little pieces of paper and stuff them in an "I'm bored jar". Then, on days when the kids are whiny, they can pull out an idea and have some fun with it.



Here are some ideas to get you started:



Make your own sidewalk chalk paint:

Mix equal parts of cornstarch and water.

Divide the mixture into a muffin tin.

Add some drops of food colouring, stir it up and let them paint!

Freeze some toys:

Find some little toys, add them to a bowl of water.

Freeze the bowl overnight.

Pop out the frozen surprise and let them dig out treasures with spoons.



Homemade bubbles:

Mix 1 cup water with

2 tablespoons of corn syrup and

4 tablespoons of dish soap.



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Mrs. Karg-Magas



Speech and Language Corner

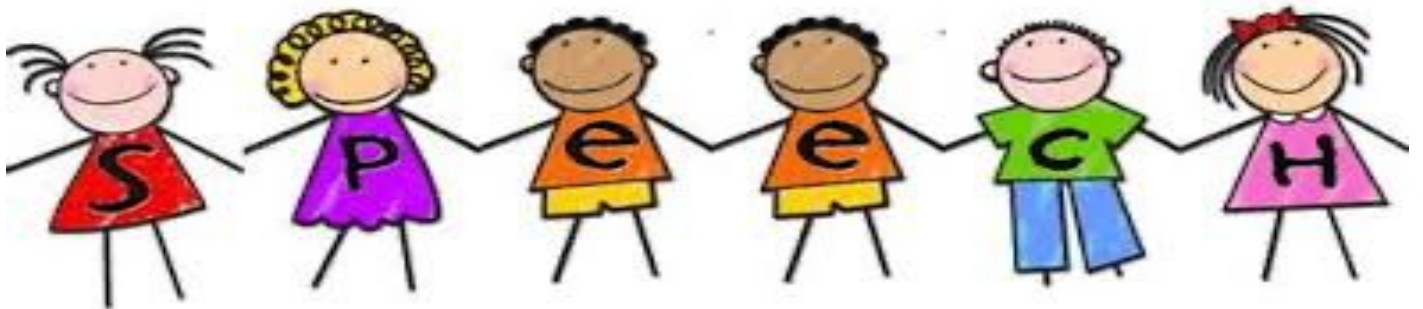
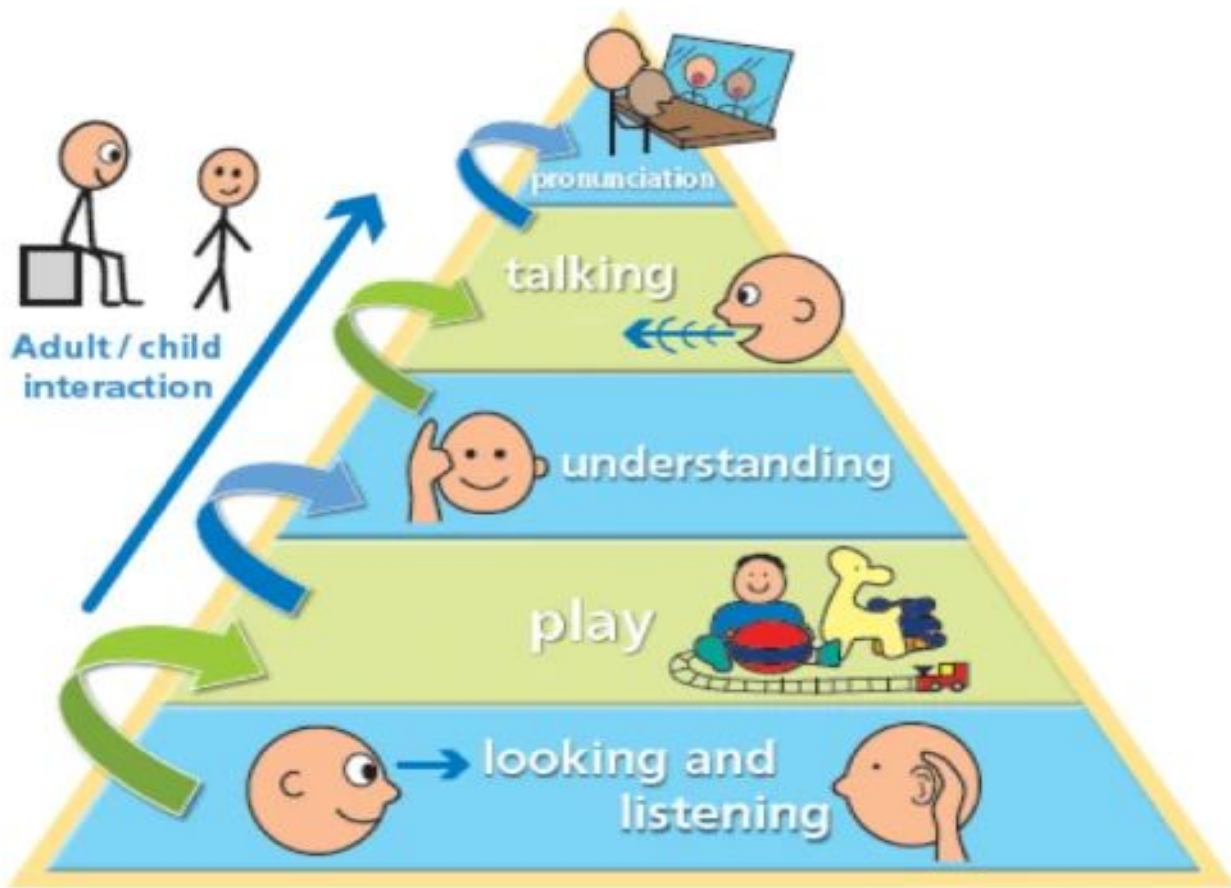


Speech Tips



Language Development Pyramid

Skills at the bottom have to be in place before the skills above them can be developed



k4 Message

Tansi Wahkomahkanahk ekwa onikikohmawak (parents/guardians),

Tansi Wahkomahkanahk ekwa onikikohmawak (parents/guardians),

June is here, and another school year is coming to a close. We had such a fun and interesting year. We learned, danced, and cried a little, but most importantly, we had a great time in K4. We practised Manâtcihewin (Respect), Sakihitowin (Love), and Kisewâtisiwin (Kindness) every day.

We want to thank all of the parents for sending their children to school every day. You are your child's first teacher, and as a team, we create success for your child.

We are looking forward to having a great time on our year-end field trips to Amazone Indoor Playground (June 14th) and Ponoka Splash Park (June 20th). We encourage you to send a hat with your child, as we will be outside all day, as well as a bathing suit or change of clothes and a towel. Lunch will be provided for each student on both field trips.

Don't forget to join us at Bear Park for our MESC school Pow-wow on June 22nd! See you there! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to know, understand and teach your child.

The K4 Staff would like to wish you all a safe and fun summer, and we would also like to wish all the Dads a Happy Father's Day!!

Ay, Hay!

Miss Swampy, Mrs. Omeasoo, Mrs. Roberts. Eas: Ms. Lightning and Miss. Crier.



Tansi Parents & Guardians,

Wow! It's hard to believe we are at the end of the school year! It is amazing at how fast this year has come and gone. It was wonderful teaching and watching your awasak grow and learn! You have such brilliant awasak! We will miss you, and we wish you all the best of luck in Grade 1. We know that you will do great! Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you in the Fall.

Summer activities

Please continue reading lots of books with your child at home during the summer break. This will help enhance their literacy skills. Also, have your child draw lots of pictures and write lots of stories. Never stop learning!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped out throughout the year with classroom parties, food/treat donations, and chaperoning on our field trips! We appreciate it and we could not have done it without you!

June 9- Field Trip-Ponoka Splash Park

June 14 - K5 Grad

June 15 - Awards Day

June 16 - Fun Day

June 21 - NO SCHOOL

June 22 - Last day of school (Powwow)

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER! STAY SAFE!

Ay hay, Ms. Ermineskin, Ms. Buffalo, Ms. Samson, and Ms. Wolfe.



1st Grade

Tansi Parents/Guardians,

Please make sure your kitawasimsak attends school every day, as we will be testing them. Reading, writing, word study, addition and subtraction, and measurement have been a huge focus in our classrooms, and the awasisak need to be in class daily to benefit from it.

Report Cards will be sent home this month.

Reminders:

- Our Literacy Time starts at 9:00 to 10:30 am
- Field Trip (Ponoka Spray Park) - June 20, 2023
 - No School - June 21, 2023

A Big thank you to all our parents and guardians for your support and help throughout the year.

Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Ay Hay!

Mrs. Bergstrom and Mr. Swampy
Miss Verbonac and Ms. McArthur
Ms. Jeremiah and Ms. Littlepoplar



Tansi,

Can you believe it's already June? We are excited to see the warmer weather approaching and look forward to taking more of our learning outdoors! Please ensure your child comes to school with proper clothing for the hot weather ahead.

Report cards go home on Monday, June 19th. All students must attend daily to ensure not to miss the meaningful learning being taught in class. Grade 2 are still practicing their literacy skills by reading more books and writing what they've learned in the book. We are also learning to write our own stories in Language arts and all about the different things we need to make a great story. In Math, we are hard at work on subtraction strategies and reviewing everything we learned throughout the year. We also have some exciting activities and events in June to prepare our Grade 2 transition to Grade 3.

Let's have a great summer ahead of us.

Ay-hay!

Miss Hejnar, Mr. Uy and Mrs. Crane



