

NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

"MY FRIEND THE BEAR"

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Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

Second term report cards were issued electronically in March. Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who participated in student led conference at the school. When our students see the school and home working together they know we are strong and care. We don't have a lot of school remaining and we are entering the final term for the school year. There are still many opportunities to see students grow academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally. The staff at Niji Mahkwa is more than willing to share their time and efforts to ensure that all the students are as successful as possible.

April is a time of renewal and life as the water flows again, the animals emerge from hibernation and the birds again join us from the South. With the warm weather upon us the school is also mindful that students will be leaving to go to nearby convenience stores. The following beverages will not be permitted in classrooms: Slush/Slurpee) drinks

Energy drinks (any kind) i.e. Red Bull 1 can = 26g of sugar

Soft drinks (ie: Coke 1 can = 12oz = 39g

The reason for not allowing these beverages is as follows:

It is a safety risk for students crossing the busy roads near the school.

The ingredients found in these beverages are not healthy.

Students are sharing their drinks, this spreads germs.

They can be a distraction to the classroom learning environment.

As part of our schools Health program the teachers will be spending time with the students discussing healthy choices when it comes to beverage choices. Niji Mahkwa School staff, students, parents and community collaborate and consult as a team. We are committed to providing culturally-based quality education in an environment that will afford students the opportunity to develop the necessary skills, attitudes and social behaviours that will help them meet the challenges of life. If you have any questions please contact the school anything to Speak with administration.

Thank you, Miigwech, Ekosani

Mr. Reuben Boulette

Principal

&

Mr. Leigh Ann Dysart

Vice Principal

Theme:	Sweat Lodge
Teaching:	Humility
Moon:	Frog
Medicine:	Sweet Grass
Song:	Eastern Doorway
Animal Spirit:	Robin
Colour:	Yellow
Doorway:	Eastern Doorway



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

SECOND ANNUAL TREATY DAYS

Teachers planned many fun activities for the week of Treaty Days, which took place from March 18th - 22nd. Unfortunately due to the lack of snow this year some activities were moved to the gym. Classes were able to warm up by the fire pit with some hot chocolate.

Our Elders held a pipe ceremony and feast and the grade 7 & 8's organized spirit week dress up events and held a concert on Friday.

It was a very busy week filled with fun & learning!



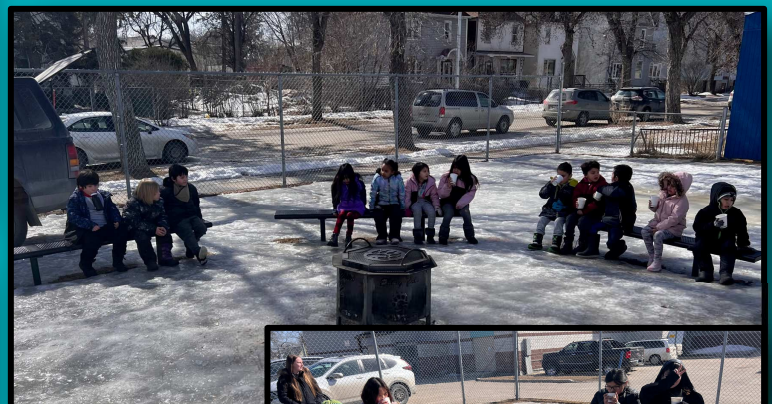
Students getting ready for the pipe ceremony

5TH ANNUAL
WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION
CELEBRATION
POW WOV
HONOURING THE LEARNING JOURNEY
June 6, 2024
Tec Voc High School Field
1555 Wall Street
Outdoor event – rain or shine
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
Master of Ceremonies: Michael Esquash Sr. Host Drum: Spirit Sands
EVENT SCHEDULE
9:00 am: Participant registration
10:30 am: Grand entry
11:30 am: Knowledge sharing sessions begin
Honour Song Indigenous Excellence
1:45 pm: Closing ceremony

Mark your calendars for the upcoming WSD powwow.



Indigenous games day activities



Students enjoying hot chocolate around the fire.

REGISTRATION

Niji Mahkwa School is now accepting registrations for Nursey and Kindergarten for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Please complete an application online or stop by office to pick up. Children have to be at least 4 years old (turning five by December 31st, 2023) to register for Nursery.

Please submit supporting documents with your application that include:

1. Birth certificate
2. Medical Number
3. Proof of address
4. Any guardianship papers or immigration papers



All students who currently attend Niji Mahkwa will be enrolled next year.

Grade 8's attended COTE's open house. Please pop over or complete a registration online if your grade 8 student is interested attending COTE next year.

REMINDERS

Students who go home for lunch are to **come back no earlier than 12:50 and line up by their doors.**

Students who stay for lunch will eat inside for the first half hour and go outside for the second half hour.

Students go outside everyday unless it is -25 or thunderstorms. Please have them dress for the weather.

Remember to pack healthy lunches!

No heat up lunches as we do not have microwaves.

No Slurpee's or soft drinks are allowed at school.




CHILD NUTRITION COUNCIL OF MANITOBA

A big **Thank you** goes out to The Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba for supporting healthy food in schools. Classes are provided a snack between 9:30 - 11:30 everyday!

**Niji Mahkwa
School Calendar**

April



Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
	1 DAY 1	2	3	4	5	6
	SCHOOL REOPENS	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 5:00 - 7:30				
7	8 DAY 6	9	10	11	12	13
			INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK 			
14	15 DAY 5	16	17	18	19	20
			BUS RIDERSHIP		NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO CLASSES	
21	22 DAY 4	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29 DAY 3	30	MAY 1	2	3	4