

# NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

"MY FRIEND THE BEAR"

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February

## Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

We hope January was good to you. Please continue to send your child to school with winter clothing as we go outside daily. We are almost halfway through the school year and still have much learning to accomplish. School staff continues to work hard supporting students and keeping everyone safe.

An important part of Indigenous culture is storytelling. While oral stories have been our way to pass down knowledge and customs through the generations, books are another way to accomplish this. February is I Love to Read month, a celebration to encourage reading, writing, and literacy. Our elders, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Paynter will be telling the Turtle Island story to our students, there will be guest readers, and the scholastic book fair will be here.

Home reading has begun for our grades one to four students. Reading at home can make a huge difference in your child's school success. Students can earn prizes and a McDonald's lunch for completing their reading logs. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions

Thank you, Miigwech, Ekosani

Mr. Reuben Boulette  
Principal

&

Ms. Leigh-Ann Dysart  
Vice-Principal

- Theme: Feasting
- Teaching: Wisdom & Feather
- Moon: Eagle
- Medicine: Cedar
- Song: Bear Song
- Animal Spirit: Bear
- Colour: White
- Doorway: Northern



If you go out when it's snowing, And look up at the sky,  
You'll feel lots of icy kisses, As the snowflakes flutter by.

- Suzie Bitner



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

## Room 206

In Room 206, we have been very busy! The Moffat funds we have received this year have been used in our celebration of reading event, where we recognize student achievement in reading. The celebration also provides an opportunity for the class to socially bond at the lunch hour providing a social benefit to the students. We had a chicken lunch in January. Improvement in reading scores is known to improve student self-confidence and performance in other subject areas.

Attendance is very important to your child's learning, we appreciate when the students arrive on time and ready to learn.



READ

## SAFETY

Please do not use the staff parking lot for dropping off or picking up your children. There are many vehicles coming and going and it is **not safe** to have students walking through the parking lot. We appreciate your assistance with this important matter.



### Daily Timetable:

8:55 am	School Opens
9:00 am	Morning Announcements & Smudge
10:40 - 10:55 am	Morning Recess
11:55 am - 12:55 pm	Lunch
2:05 - 2:20 pm	Afternoon Recess
3:25 pm	School Ends

#### SAFE ARRIVAL:

1-855-278-4513 or <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to report absences prior to 9:30 a.m.



Welcome  
Biindigen  
Petikwe



OPEN HOUSE  
February 29 4-6 PM



## CHILDREN OF THE EARTH HIGH SCHOOL

>> OPEN HOUSE <<

Thursday, February 29  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

# FEBRUARY NEWS

### THANK YOU TO THE EARN FAMILY

We would like to thank the Earn Family for their generous donation of over \$2,000 to support our Breakfast program. Niji Mahkwa Students are delivered a snack or breakfast during morning classes every day.



## BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg  
School Division  
is hiring

When our students see themselves in the people around them, they are inspired to succeed. Be part of our community of inspiration.

JOIN US



### POTATOES' & BREAD

Niji Mahkwa gets a small donation of potatoes and bread every Tuesday. Please have your child stop by the front doors on their way home and pick up a loaf or a small bag of potatoes for home. Supplies are limited so it is on a first come first serve basis.



### LUNCHES

Just a reminder that we do not have microwaves and **CANNOT HEAT UP** lunches for students. Please pack a healthy lunch daily. Sorry for the inconvenience.



It's Valentine's Day!

The day of love because of that cupid guy shooting arrows from above. So let's sit back and have some fun, While we smile and cheer Happy Valentine's Day! The candy rush is near!

- Gathered Again





# FEBRUARY



Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
				1	2	3
				LANGUAGE CLASSES SWITCH	NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY <b>NO CLASSES</b>  GROUNDHOG DAY 	
4	5 DAY 3	6	7	8	9	10
	STORYTELLING WITH ELDERS IN THE LIBRARY	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 5:30 - 7:00				
11	12 DAY 2	13	14	15	16	17
			VALENTINES DAY 	ISLA BARKER PRESENTATION		
18	19	20 DAY 1	21	22	23	24
	LOUIS RIEL DAY <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (ALL WEEK)		SONYA BALLENTYNE PRESENTATION		
25	26 DAY 5	27	28	29	1	2
				COTE OPEN HOUSE 4:00 - 6:00	READING BINGO WINNERS ANNOUNCED	

Cold weather is on its way, remember to dress warm each and every day!