

# NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

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February 2025

## Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

We hope January was good to you and that February has welcomed you into it's loving arms. Even though February is the shortest month of the year we have much going on! This month is all about love!

Our Culture and Language teachers, Ms. Prince and Ms. Smith-Mink, are leading the school through classroom feasts. It was a pleasure to have the students, families and guardians attend. The Feasts allow our students to show gratitude, share thanks to their classroom teachers, support teachers and support staff. We are personally thankful for all of the efforts of our staff that work hard to create learning communities with the students, guardians, families and community members to make Niji Mahkwa successful.

The reason many of our students choose Niji Mahkwa as their school of choice is because of our mandate to include of Indigenous perspectives, culture and tradition in all aspects of our school. Our students enjoy learning about their past, a past that may have been lost to them but can be brought back to them through story telling. The curricular connections made between contemporary materials and traditional indigenous teachings help our students understand our world in a much deeper sense. We would also encourage you to think about what learning experiences you can give them at home as well as well as family history stories.

Thank you, Miigwech, Ekosani,

Mr. Reuben Boulette

Principal

& Niji Mahkwa School

Ms. Leigh Ann Dysart

Vice Principal

**Theme:** Feasting

**Moon:** Eagle

**Teaching:** Wisdom

**Medicine:** Cedar

**Song:** Bear Song

**Animal Spirit:** Bear

**Colour:** White

**Doorway:** Northern Doorway



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Inquiries, Questions & Bus Information, Caregivers can call transportation at 204-586-8800**

**I LOVE TO READ - MINO AYIMICKETAN**

February is *I Love to Read* month!

During the month, the students of Niji Mahkwa will celebrate their love of reading with special school wide literacy activities.

Join us for Family Fun Night for I Love to Read crafts and activities!

Thursday, February 6th

4:30-6:30



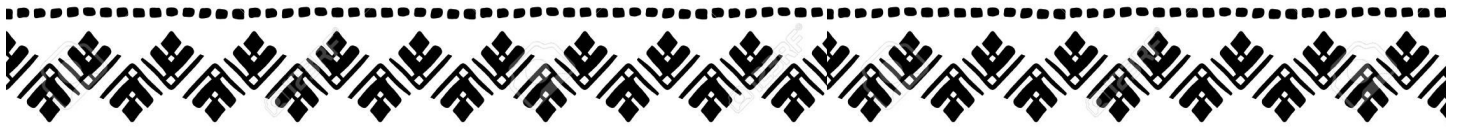
**Daily Timetable:**

- 8:30 am.....Building Opens
- 8:55 am.....All students report to class
- 9:00 am.....Morning Announcements
- 10:15 am—10:45 am.....Morning Recess/nutrition break
- 11:45 am—12:45 pm.....Lunch
- 1:55 pm—2:25 pm..... Afternoon Recess/nutrition break
- 3:25 pm.....School Ends

CHILDREN • OF • THE • EARTH • HIGH • SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

- ▶ COME SEE THE PROGRAMS WE OFFER
- ▶ MEET OUR TEACHERS



**R.B. Russell**  
Vocational High School

# Open House

364 Dufferin Avenue

**February 13, 2025**  
204-589-5301  
3:30 - 6:30pm

**Vocational Programs:**

- Carpentry
- Child Care
- Assistant
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Trades
- Technology
- Graphic Design
- Hairdressing
- Health Care Aide
- Horticulture
- Welding
- Technology

**Join us for:**  
Community Housing and ID Resource Event.  
Food from 4 - 6pm.  
Prize draws and School tours.

**We offer:**

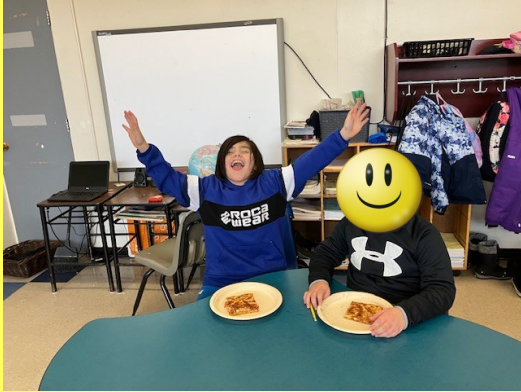
- Full academic programming.
- 9 vocational programs.
- High school and post high vocational options.
- Career education.
- Work experience.
- High school apprenticeship program.
- Cultural programming

**Respect • Belonging • Responsibility**

## Room 206 News

**In January, room 206 had a celebration of reading pizza party! The students had a chance to bond as a group and be rewarded for their hard work in reading.**

**Great job room 206!**



## SAFE ARRIVAL

### **TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE.**

Before the bell time of the day,

Call 1-855-278-4513

Visit: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Absences can be put in ahead of time!

If Attendance is becoming a concern please contact the school at 204-589-6742 to speak with your child's teacher.

## GENERAL SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Please read and review with your child

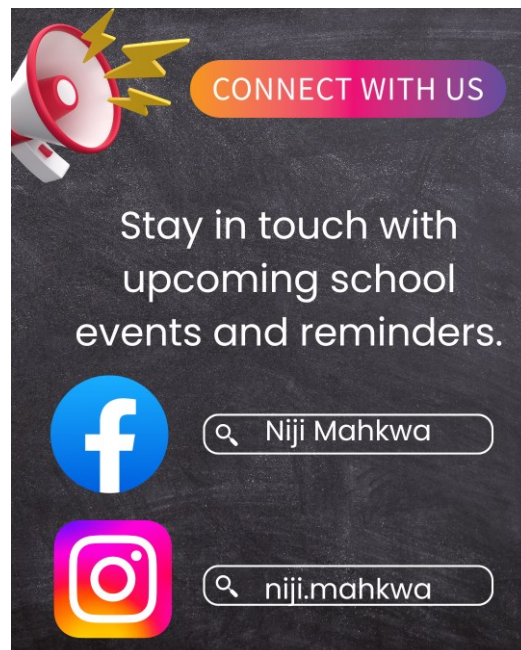
- \* Skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters are NOT allowed on school grounds. Bikes can be locked in the bike cage during school hour.
- \* No Slurpees or Energy/Caffeine Drinks. Students are provided with a water bottle and can have water during class.
- \* NO NUTS or nut products due to allergies. We have severe allergies in the school so please send nut free items and snacks.

## CELL PHONE POLICY

A gentle reminder that students are not allowed to use their cell phones in school. This includes during breaks and lunch hour. If you need to contact your child, we kindly ask that you phone the school so we can connect you to them

## LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED PROPERTY

**Please be aware:** The school is **not** responsible and does not pay for cell phones, other electronic devices or student property that is lost, stolen, misused or damaged on school property. All items brought to school are at the owner's risk. Backpacks or desks are never safe places to store valuable items. Leave all non-instructional items at home (this includes sport equipment).



# NIJI MAHKWA SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY 2025



Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
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2	3 <b>DAY 1</b>	4	5	6	7	8
	LANGUAGE CLASSES SWITCH	GR 4-6 SWIMMING  GR 7/8 FIELD TRIP TO FORT WHYTE	GR 8 RB RUSSEL TOUR @9:30	GR 4 SWIMMING 11:30-1:30  RM 312 FEAST  FAMILY FUN NIGHT  FOOTBALL CLUB 3:45-6:30		
9	10 <b>DAY 6</b>	11	12	13	14	15
		GR 4-6 SWIMMING		GR 4 SWIMMING 11:30-1:30  FOOTBALL CLUB 3:45-6:30	VALENTINES DAY  RM 203 FEAST	
16	17	18 <b>DAY 5</b>	19	20	21	22
	LOUIS RIEL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	GR 4-6 SWIMMING		FOOTBALL CLUB 3:45-6:30		
23	24 <b>DAY 3</b>	25	26	27	28	29
		GR 4-6 SWIMMING  RM 314 FEAST		FOOTBALL CLUB 3:45-6:30		