

NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

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March 2025

Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

We would like to begin with a heartfelt miigwetch, ekosi and thank you to all of the students, parents/guardians and staff that made February's "I Love to Read Month" a success. We welcomed many readers into our school, including Ms. Bernadette Smith, Mr. Michael Champagne, Ms. Lisa Monkman, & our Divisional Kookum, Ms. Marsha Missyabit. We also welcomed Boogey with the Beat for a school wide assembly that had our students dancing.

The month of March is an extremely busy month as we move into spring break. We will be hosting our Mahkwa Feast on March 25th. Families welcome. In our Indigenous Languages, Winter Feast in Cree is Piponi Makosewin and in Ojibwe, its Biboon Wiigongewin. The feasting of Winter is a time of praying for guidance and protection for all people to make it through the winter months. We believe that these practices have practical and applicable value in contemporary life. The students who come to our school fully participate in acquiring the basic understandings, protocols and fundamental underpinnings of our ancestor's way of life. The goal is to assist our students and parents/guardians to embrace the idea that these practices serve good purposes in a student's life, in the modern world.

Report cards will be sent home on Monday, March 10th & Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday March 13th, from 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Please attend to celebrate your student's successes and to see the amazing work they have done.

Thanks, Miigwech, Ekosani,

Mr. Reuben Boulette

Principal

&

Leigh Ann Dysart

Vice-Principal

Theme: Sweat Lodge

Moon: Goose

Teaching: Humility

Medicine: Sweet Grass

Song: Eastern Doorway

Animal Spirit: Robin

Colour: Yellow

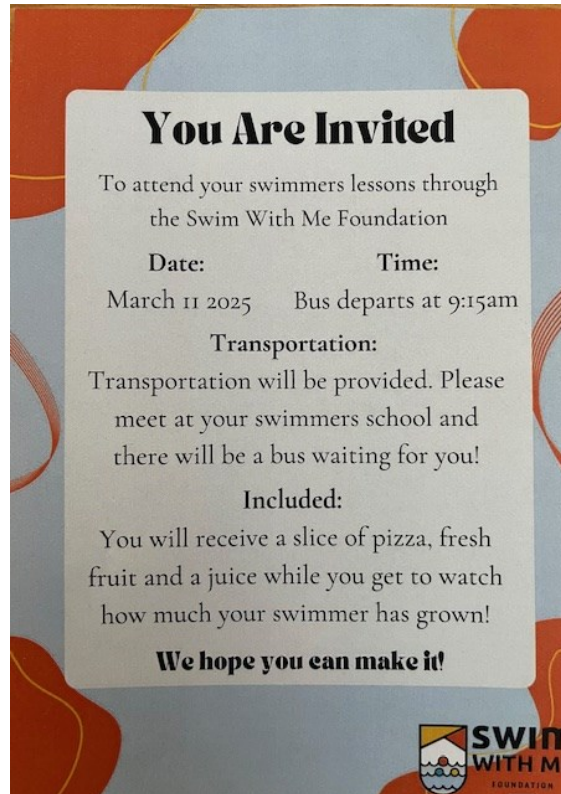
Doorway: Eastern Doorway



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

TIME CHANGE!
TURN CLOCK AHEAD 1 HOUR

To the families of our grades 4-6 students who participate in the Swim With Me Program:



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

NIJI MAHKWA PARENT COUNCIL



Parent Programs, March 2025

-Sewing program, Indigenous ribbon skirts, blankets, pillow making, earring's, drum ornaments, Wednesdays and Thursdays afternoons. Family Room 108 and/or sewing room Home Ec. Room 304

-Moccasin making, Wednesday afternoons, Family Room 108

-Bread and potatoes, Tuesday afternoons, first floor hallway

-Baking with parents, dates to be determined, weekly, Home Ec. Room 302

-Once a month parents Make and Take with Home Ec. teacher, room 302, dates to be determined

-Sewing/Crafts programs snack and coffee provided, please contact Family Room 108 for weekly baking and monthly baking dates.

-The Family Room (rm108) can also help provide access to community resources such as housing, food banks, ID information, Status Cards information and community event dates. Can also help assist in accessing to online registration forms pertaining to family community resources for families. Help assist faxing for parents as need be. Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Wednesday March 5th, 1pm, Family Room 108, all parents welcome to attend lunch provided.

Please contact F. Boulanger, Community Support Worker, Niji Mahkwa School, Family Room 108, 204-589-6742. Ext: 512, if you have any questions of any of the above programs/services we offer to parents/families.

Thank you,

F. Boulanger

CSW

Niji Mahkwa School

MANIDOO GI-MIINI GONAAAN
THE GREAT SPIRIT IS GIVING

SUPER CLINIC

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2025
LOCATION: TURTLE ISLAND 510 KING STREET
PHONE NUMBER: (204) 415-1147
TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SERVICES:

- EMPLOYMENT INCOME ASSISTANCE
- FREE INCOME TAX CANADA REVENUE AGENCY
- SERVICE CANADA
- STATUS CARDS WITH SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATION
- WRHA PUBLIC HEALTH

EDUCATION :

- KAAKIYOW LI MOOND LIKOL
- LORD SELKIRK PARK ADULT EDUCATION
- NETES EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (FORMERLY CAHRD)
- URBAN CIRCLE TRAINING CENTRE

RESOURCES:

- CITIZEN'S BRIDGE
- LORD SELKIRK PARK RESOURCE CENTRE
- MANITOBA HOUSING
- NORTH END WOMEN'S CENTRE
- OFE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT
- POINT DOUGLAS SENIORS COALITION
- SARA RIEL MANITOBA SUPPORTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- SEED WINNIPEG

FREE LUNCH

NIJI STUDENTS IN ACTION



Our grades 5-8 students went out to Lockport and spent the day learning how to ice fish. It was an opportunity to participate in land based education. Fish were caught, filleted, cooked and eaten! We are looking forward to next time!



Rooms 312 & 314 enjoying a marshmallow break after a day of land-based learning.



Zane showing our school his dancing moves with Boogey and the Beat.

INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES IN HOME ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Rooms 114 & 115 making Bannock.



Room 305 making spoons in woods for their Metis Kitchen Party
Winter Concert performance.

Room 313 making shakers in metals.



NIJI MAHKWA SCHOOL

MARCH 2025



Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
2	3 Day 2	4	5	6	7	8
		GR 4-6 SWIMMING	PARENT COUNCIL 1PM LUNCH PROVIDED KINDERGARTEN AM/ PM FEASTS	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 4:30-6:30	TREATY DAYS	
9	10 DAY 1	11	12	13	14	15
	REPORT CARDS ISSUED	GR 4-6 SWIMMING CELEBRATION CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME!		MATH CRAFT DAY RM 206 FEAST STUDENT LED CONFERENCES	IN - SERVICE DAY NO CLASSES	
16	17 DAY 6	18	19	20	21	22
	 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	GR 4-6 SWIMMING				
23	24 DAY 5	25	26	27	28	29
	SPORTS DAY	GR 4-6 SWIMMING MAHKWA FEAST ALL WELCOME ROCK YOUR MOCS/RIBBON SKIRTS& SHIRTS	MEDICINE WHEEL COLOUR DAY	GRAPHIC SHIRT/BAND T-SHIRT DAY	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PAJAMA DAY	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING ENDS CLASSES RESUME APRIL 7	