

NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

"MY FRIEND THE BEAR"

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November

Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

Niji Mahkwa School is committed to putting our children at the center of their school community to promote belonging and to keep our culture strong; our children are sacred beings. Our school has been busy with activities and lots of learning. The classrooms have been weaving cultural teachings into their curriculum to provide the highest quality of holistic education. We look forward to sharing your child's progress during student-led conferences on November 16th, 2023.

Our students welcomed The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Jordan's Principle Advocates to share Jordan River Anderson's story on October 23rd. We learned about the origins of Jordan's Principle, about Jordan, and the legacy he has left. Every student was gifted a copy of Jordan's book, as well as a special bear that symbolizes the importance of unity and support for all children. We send a big bear hug to the AMC for this opportunity.

On November 8th, Niji Mahkwa School will hold our Remembrance Day and Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony. Our staff and students will acknowledge and recognize the contributions of Indigenous Veterans' service to Canada. Their traditional ways of life, like hunting and tracking, were highly valued skills they brought with them when they joined the war effort and continue today in their peacekeeping efforts.

Please take note of the daylight saving time change happening this month & we look forward to seeing families on November 16th for parent teacher conferences.

Mr. Boulette
Principal

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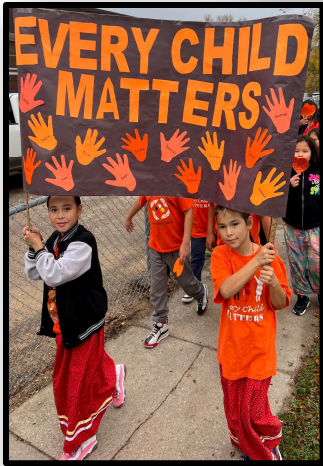
Ms. Dysart
Vice Principal

Theme: Love
Teaching: Circle Unit
Moon: Frost
Medicine: Sage
Song: Helper Song
Animal Spirit: Buffalo
Colour: Red
Doorway: Western Doorway

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WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



Orange Shirt Day

Niji Mahkwa school made posters and banners to carry for the Every Child Matters Awareness walk on September 29th. Our students and staff wore orange shirts to honour residential school survivors and remember those that did not make it home.

Niji Mahkwa



ILLNESS

Just a reminder that if a student is ill they cannot attend school.

Even if they are not covid positive we ask that all students who are experiencing a fever, vomiting, diarrhea or a cough and cold stay home until their symptoms pass. At school your child takes part in a bunch of different activities all over the school and it is very easy for the common cold and flu as well as covid to spread.

Please enter your child's absence into Safearrival when they are going to be away.

Call 1-855-278-4513

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

Absences can be put in ahead of time as well)

What You Can Do to Fight the Flu



1. Cover your coughs and sneezes.



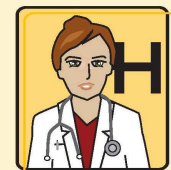
2. Wash your hands a lot.



3. Get a flu shot.



4. Stay home and call your doctor if you are sick.



5. Go to the doctor or hospital right away if you get worse or have trouble breathing.

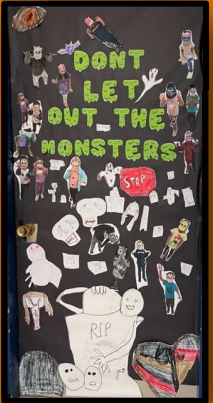
For more information about the flu, call Health Links-Info Santé at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

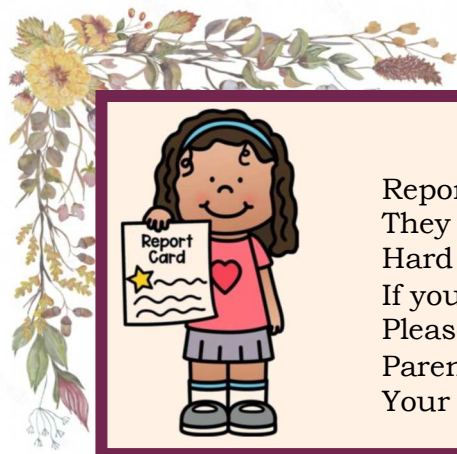


HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

This year MPI provided light flashers to N/K - Gr. 6 students to help everyone stay safe and be seen by vehicles on Halloween night. Classrooms travelled through the Spooky Niji Mahkwa Haunted Hallway on October 31st and from Nursery & Kindergarten up to Grade 8 all classes took part in decorating their classroom door for Halloween. 3 decorated doors were chosen to receive a pizza party. Does your child know which room is theirs?

BOO!





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report Cards will be sent home electronically on Monday, November 13th. They are sent to primary caregivers the school has listed for your child. Hard copies will no longer be printed.

If you require a hard copy please come by the school to sign a print request. Please make sure the school has your updated email on file.

Parent Teacher conferences will take place the following Thursday, Nov 16th. Your child's teacher will call to set up an appointment.

R.E.M.I.N.D.E.R.S

LUNCH TIME

Just a reminder that students cannot bring lunches that require heating up. Microwaves are **not** available at school.

Remember to pack your child a fork or spoon or utensil they need to eat their lunch. No candy bars, pop, slurpee, or energy drinks at school. Items will be confiscated.

Students who GO HOME FOR LUNCH are dismissed at 11:55 and cannot be let back in till 11:55. Students who STAY FOR LUNCH, eat inside for the first half hour and go outside for the second half hour.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

On November 5th at 2:00 am the time FALLS BACK, to 1:00 a.m. Remember to change your clocks before bed!

COLD WEATHER

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

For November & December winter jacket, scarf, mitts, tuques, boots & warm socks. Students are outside for recess and lunch (30 mins) unless the temperature falls below -25.

KOATS FOR KIDS

If your child is in need of a winter coat this year please contact **Mr. Fred** at the school in November and he will apply for a free coat for your child.

Parents are not able to order by themselves, Koats for Kids only supplies schools, daycare, or a social service agency in Winnipeg. Coats are FREE of charge!




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!





NOVEMBER

Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6 DAY 2	7	8	9	10	11
Time Change Tonight			NATIONAL ABORIGINAL VETRANS DAY CEREMONY		REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY	REMEMBRANCE DAY
12	13 DAY 1	14	15	16	17	18
	REPORT CARDS ISSUED ELECTRONICALLY			STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 4:00 - 7:00	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO CLASSES	
19	20 DAY 6	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 DAY 5	28	29	30		
