

# NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

"MY FRIEND THE BEAR"

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## Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

Students and staff are settled into the school routine and it has already been a busy month of learning.

Niji Mahkwa held our Biindigen Feast at the School on Thursday, September 25th. Kitchi miigwetch to parents, grandparents, and guardians who attended the pipe ceremony/feast. We feasted on delicious stew and bannock. We prayed for a successful school year for the children and families we work with.

In September staff & students went sage picking at Birds Hill, for sage to be used in all of our Smudge ceremonies throughout the school year.

If you have someone picking up your child who is not listed as a contact please call the school beforehand. New medical information such as allergies need to be shared with all staff in the event of an emergency. If you are planning on moving or getting a new phone number please notify the school as soon as possible.

Niji Mahkwa students along with Children of the Earth and R.B Russell students went on the Truth and Reconciliation Walk to remember the lost children and honour residential school survivors. It was a tremendous opportunity to show solidarity and pride in our people and community.

As always, we welcome you into the school to share your ideas, concerns, and celebrations.

Thank you, Miigwech, Ekosani

Mr. Reuben Boulette, Principal

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Ms. Leigh Ann Dysart, Vice Principal

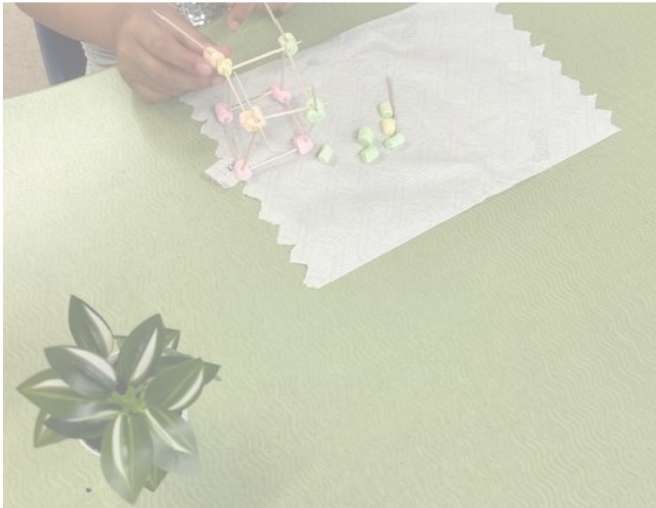
**Theme:** Smudge  
**Teaching:** Respect,  
Sweat Lodge/Tipi,  
Feather & Moon  
**Moon:** Autumn  
**Medicine:** Sage  
**Song:** Helper Song  
**Animal Spirit:** Buffalo  
**Colour:** Red  
**Doorway:** Western Doorway

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## Room 115

As part of our Fun Friday celebration, room 115 participated in engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities. The students had a wonderful time exploring their creativity and problem-solving skills as they built a variety of impressive structures. It was a fun-filled afternoon full of collaboration, innovation, and hands-on learning!



### Student Appreciation Day!

We at Niji Mahkwa wanted to recognize and celebrate the hard work and unique talents of every student. Student Appreciation Day is not just a day to have fun, but also a meaningful reminder that each student plays an important role in making the school a better place.



## 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.
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## 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).




CONNECT WITH US

Stay in touch with upcoming school events and reminders.



Niji Mahkwa



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## SAFE ARRIVAL

### TO REPORT YOUR STUDENT'S ABSENCE.

Before the bell time of the day,

Call 1-855-278-4513 or

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

Or you can download the School Messenger app for your phone

Absences can be put in ahead of time!

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# OCTOBER



Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Gr. 7 & 8 CEDAR HARVEST FIELD TRIP		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Non- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY No CLASSES	Gr 7 & 8 FIELD TRIP TO FORT WHYTE		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	THANKSGIVING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED 					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	BUS RIDERSHIP				Non- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY No CLASSES	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	PICTURE DAY 				HALLOWE'EN ACTIVITIES 	