

Little Bluestem School

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Students and Staff learning together



Principal's message...

Dear Little Bluestem Families,

What a great September! Our students and staff have had a great start to the school year. Way to go Little Bluestem Bisons!

This year we had our Renaming Ceremony and Meet the Teacher on September 17th. I hope you all enjoyed the ceremony, the ribbon cutting, the music, and meeting our staff and seeing the inside of our school and classrooms. We sure enjoyed having you!

On September 29th our school participated in Orange T-Shirt Day, as we now are observing September 30th as a national day for Truth and Reconciliation. We had an assembly where we learned about Orange T Shirt Day, raised the Every Child Matters Flag, and we wore orange and walked in the neighbourhood in recognition of the harm residential schools had on children and to express the message that everyone around us matters. Thanks for the overwhelming support!

Our Little Bluestem beliefs are: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. These beliefs help guide students when they are at school so they can learn and interact with others in a healthy, positive way.

Please remember to call the school office to report any absences for your children. At Little Bluestem School the bell rings at 8:55 am for students to enter the building before school starts at 9:00 am. Please do not send your children too early as there is no supervision outside until 8:45 am. After lunch, the bell rings at 12:55 pm for students to enter the building so teachers can resume class at 1:00 pm. Any late students are to sign-in, in the office before going to class. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive on time to class to avoid interruptions to learning.

Teachers in grade 1-6 have begun to conduct elementary assessments. This assessment assists teachers in planning next steps for learning to meet the individual needs of each student. Reading, writing, math, physical education and social emotional skills are the areas assessed. Teachers use the information they learn about students during this process to program for them and plan targeted reading, spelling and math groups, as well as to identify challenges and learning gaps.

We are off to a great start to the year! May October be an amazing learning month!

Brian Rogowsky

Principal

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Parent Council News...

Please come out to our AGM on October 7th at 6:00pm in the school library

LITTLE BLUESTEM PARENT COUNCIL

Join us for an important
COMMUNITY MEETING



VOLUNTEER. VOTE. SHAPE WHAT'S NEXT.

Join us for the Little Bluestem School Parent Council AGM. Hear updates from Brian and Parent Council committees, ask questions, learn what's happening around the school, and vote in new members of Parent Council.

WEDNESDAY
OCT 07
SCHOOL LIBRARY
6:00 PM

MEET THE COMMUNITY

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS

contact Parent Council anytime
WOLSELEY.PARENTS@GMAIL.COM
(yes, we have to update that)



Room 1 Grades 1/2...

September has breezed by so quickly. It is really amazing to see how much learning takes place in the Fall. Students are fully emerged in our routines and our community is thriving.

Students have started working on their own mini books in language arts and have been learning about Cats and Dogs in science. In math we have learned about number maps and have been skip counting by 10 and 5.

We helped plant a burr oak in the school yard which was an amazing experience. The Terry Fox run was a great success and our neighborhood walk's definitely helped build our stamina.

We are looking forward to seeing what October brings!



Room 2 Grades 1/2...

We've been having a great start in Room 2 getting to know each other and building our class community. Together we created our Room 2 class treaty which reminds us to be kind, respectful, responsible, to care for each other, to make memories and of course, to have fun! We practiced our collaboration skills and worked in groups to save the little gummy worm, Freddy from drowning.

In math, we have been practicing our skip counting skills, as well as representing numbers in a variety of ways. Almost every day we have a math choice time where we can practice our math skills in many different ways: playing a math game, building a pattern with counters, choosing a counting collection to count, or choosing an 'extra math' job such as a color by number or other math puzzles.

We've been writing about many things, responses to the stories we hear, ways we can show kindness, and things we've done on the weekend or during the summer. We've been working on choosing "good-fit" books when we're practicing our reading and as well, having time for choice books when we want to just enjoy the pictures.

Each day, we end with choice time and finally our class read aloud. So far, we've listened to a couple of Mercy Watson books and now The Princess in Black.



Room 3 Grades 3/4...

We have had a fun and busy start to the year in Room 3! We have been learning through lots of hands-on activities in math and art, while also beginning to explore our Treaty stories.

Inspired by Murray Sinclair's questions, we are exploring: *Who am I? Where do I come from? Who am I as a Treaty person? Where am I going?* So far, we have focused on "Who am I?" by creating self-portraits, writing "Who I Am" poems, and thinking about the people, places, and experiences that shape us.

In the coming weeks, we will continue exploring our stories and our connections to the land and one another. In Science, we will begin learning about habitats and communities, looking at how living things depend on their environments and how we are all connected to the world around us.



Room 10 Grades 3/4...

It has been a busy and exciting time in Room 10! Our students have been diving into new learning experiences and building skills that will help them become confident, independent learners. Our classroom turned into a little book café as students participated in a Book Tasting! Ms. Choy even dressed up as Betty Baker to help make the experience extra special. Students had the opportunity to sample books from a variety of genres and types. Just like tasting different foods, students "tasted" different books by exploring them and deciding which ones interested them most. This activity encouraged students to think about their reading preferences and helped them discover new types of books they may want to read.

Students also had the chance to read the Secret Files from last year's students! These special files contained tips and advice from former Room 10 students about how to be successful in our classroom. It was a wonderful way for students to learn from those who came before them and to think about what it means to be a responsible, kind, and successful member of our classroom community.

In math, students have been learning new games that help strengthen their addition facts and number sense. One favourite is Addition Battle, where students practise their addition facts in a fun and engaging way.

These games give students opportunities to practise important math skills while also developing flexibility and confidence with numbers. We are working hard to make math both meaningful and fun!

We are so proud of the curiosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn that our students are showing each day. There is lots more learning ahead in Room 10!



Room 8 Grades 4/5...

Hello and welcome (or welcome back) to room 8. September has been a short but eventful month for us. We have been busy getting to know each other, our classroom routines and doing fun things.

We have been fortunate enough to go on a few community walks to gather materials for art and learn about the different habitats that exist in our Little Bluestem community. We also walked to a former residential school in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day. We planted a tree, renamed the school and went to the division Pow Wow.

We are learning about data collection, representing the data we collected in graphs, and interpreting the data. We are enjoying free write time and writing fun sentences with lots of details. We have been making some art to put up on our walls. We will be learning more about habitats in the coming weeks.



Room 9 Grades 5/6...

It's crazy to think that the first month of the school year is already over. In Room 9 we've been focusing on strengthening our classroom community and building skills that will help us throughout the entire year. We've been talking a lot about independence and what we want our classroom to look, sound and feel like. We've created a classroom treaty and devised 8 strategies to help us when we get stuck.

We've started our year with some creative writing prompts to get our brains back into the swing of writing, and students have been eager to share their stories. The students have also been working on their editing skills twice a week so that we start the year out on the right foot.

In Math we've started with a unit on patterns. Students have been finding pattern rules, plotting graphs and putting their patterns into tables. They've been introduced to a few different problems on the white boards around the room and have had to work together to find answers and push their knowledge.

We set up our Interactive Notebooks (The IN) right away. The IN is how we do Social Studies in Room 9. Every week or so we do a new topic from Canada's history and then students get a chance to choose their own way of showing off their new knowledge. So far we've talked about the Bering Land Bridge and will soon be exploring the First Peoples of this land and their stories. Finally, we've started a unit on the Human Body in Science. We'll be going through some of the key systems that are integral for making our bodies work. So far we've learned about the respiratory system and the circulatory system.

It's been a great start to the year, and the class has been really focused. Looking forward to another month of learning and coming together as a group here in Room 9. If you're interested in seeing what goes on in our classroom, you can follow [@littlebluestem9](#) on Instagram.

Room 13 Grades 5/6...

This month in ELA we made "I'm from poems" they are things you remember from your childhood and now we are making Awesome stories that are the little things in life that are amazing. Sean also started reading barren grounds for read aloud.

In math we are doing patterns the grade 5s and 6s are doing addition, subtraction and multiplication patterns, grade 7s are doing input output algebra and recursive and functionship grade 8s more algebra.

In art we did all about me hexagon art and fall tree art. That is where you write about your name and your favourite food and favourite animal ect.

In science we are starting to study body systems and we are making healthy menus.

In social studies we are looking into democracy and what it is and we are talking about the municipal election.



Bv: Jeremiah and Jaxon

Room 17am N/K...

We've had a great start to the year in the morning Nursery/Kindergarten room. For some, it is learning what it feels like to come to school regularly. For others it is re-acquainting ourselves with how to be in school. But for all of us, it is meeting new friends and being a part of a community.

We have begun working our way through the vowels to establish a base for reading. Soon we will begin adding in consonants and beginning the process of blending sounds in our reading.

And early math games are helping us develop our numeracy skills. Moving into the fall season will give us the chance to explore the changing seasons, and the leaves on the ground will invite us to look at the trees.



Room 17pm N/K...

We had a wonderful beginning to the school year, meeting old friends and making new ones! Every day we take some time to play outside and observe what is happening in nature. We noticed busy buzzing bees in the garden and that the leaves are starting to change colour and fall to the ground. Fall is here! We are using the Super Secret Sack to introduce the alphabet letters. Inside the sack is a mystery object. One person is chosen to reach inside and describe the object without looking. The first object inside the Super Secret Sack was heavy, smooth, round like a jar, it had one pointed prickly end, and one rounded flatter end. The letter inside had 2 straight lines, and 1 diagonal line. Can you guess the first letter we practiced? What was inside the super secret sack? Hint, there is a picture clue to help you figure it out. We also painted zinnias, made paper coconut trees with the letters of our names on them, and built Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Trees and counted how many letters they could hold.

Room 19 Performing Arts...

In performing arts, we re-established our routines and expectations in our room in order to build a Culture of Creativity.

This is the foundation of our learning for the year: Notice, create, play, take risks, collaborate, and reflect.

The students started the year singing in a few languages. We learned songs in English, Cree and Michif in honour of our school's renaming as well as Orange Shirt Day. On September 29th, the whole school sang Music Alive, a song by Cree-Dene Artist and Educator, Sherryl Sewepegaham.

In dance, students are becoming familiar with our warm-ups and how to be choreographers already, working on name dances or AB pattern dances. Next month, all students will begin playing the barred instruments (xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels), and Rooms 3 and 10 will begin learning the recorder. The school will provide a personal recorder for each student in rooms 3 and 10.



Room 25 Physical Education...

My name is Florencio Castillo, I will be teaching your children Physical Education until Winter Break here at Little Bluestem School.

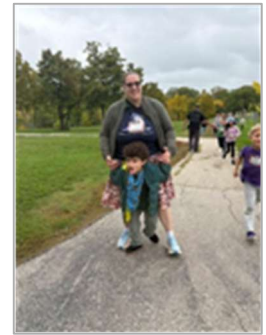
Here is a little information about me; I am a Physical Education Teacher and taught in the Philippines from July 1983 to January 2003. I came to Canada in April of 2005. I took the Internationally Educated Teachers (IET) Program at the University of Manitoba focusing on Physical Education and completed the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education at the University of Manitoba. I started my teaching career in Nisichawayasihk Noyo Ohtinwak Collegiate (NNOC), Nelson House, Manitoba in 2007 and then taught Phys-Ed at Holy Ghost School in Winnipeg. I also worked in the Frontier School Division.

Recently the students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run.

In October I will bring the Grade 5/6 students to the Central Division Soccer Tournament at Tec Voc School.

In December students will participate in the forthcoming Volleyball Competition. I plan to bring students to the different Divisional tournaments.

My goal is to inspire success, develop confidence and sportsmanship for every student.



Room 21 Adaptative Skills...

What a great start to a new school year in Room 21!

We have been learning with our new classmates and teachers, exploring new things in room 21 to play with and use and having so much fun while doing it. We have our talkers ready to use to help us communicate better with everyone. We are excited for swimming to start in October as well. We know this school year will be a great one for Little Bluestem students.





JOIN US FOR A GR. 1-3

PARENTS' EVENING



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on Structured Literacy!

- ✓ As a result of the MB Right to Read report, all Grade 1-3 students will participate in DIBELS reading screening throughout the year.
- ★ Come out and learn more about our school's approach to literacy and how you can best support your child's literacy at home!

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October 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 day 5	2 day 6
5 day 1	6 day 2 Division Wide Inservice NO SCHOOL	7 day 3 Parent Council AGM – 6:00	8 day 4 Grade 5/6 Soccer Tournament A.M.	9 day 5 Picture Day 
12 Thanksgiving Day School Closed 	13 day 6	14 day 1	15 day 2	16 day 3
19 day 4	20 day 5	21 day 6	22 day 1 Literacy Parent Event Grades 1-3 4:00 – 5:00	23 day 2 Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
26 day 3 Pizza Lunch 	27 day 4	28 day 5	29 day 6	30 day 1

November at a glance...

November 11 – Remembrance Day – School Closed

November 20 – Non-Instructional Day

November 30 – Pizza Lunch

