

Give Thanks



October 2020

Virtue:
THANKFULNESS

Chiganois Newsletter

Our Chiganois Website & Facebook Page

Our Chiganois Website & Facebook Page is used as vital communication. We believe in providing our school community with information on the happenings in and around our school and do so by posting these types of opportunities and events under our "Community" tab. On our website we house our monthly newsletters, calendar and menus, our parent handbook, communication plan, minutes from our PTG and SAC, emails for all our staff and important notices from our school. It is a good idea to check our Website & Facebook Pages often to stay up to date with Chiganois news. We also use the SwiftK12 Alert system to notify parents of important dates and other reminders



Math Tip of the Month

When students attempt to solve story problems they should use the three read strategy which older students should be very familiar with at Chiganois Elementary School as we have poster in our classrooms outlining the strategy and teachers refer to them regularly in their teaching.

First Read:

The students try to visualize the problem in order to get an impression of its overall context. They do not need specific details at this stage, only a general idea so they can describe the problem in broad terms.

Second Read:

The students begin to gather facts about the problem to make a more complete mental picture of it. As they listen for more detail, they focus on the information to determine and clarify the question.

Third Read:

The students check each fact and detail in the problem in order to verify the accuracy of their mental picture and to complete their understanding of the question.

School Photos

Pridham's Studio are offering school photos in a socially distanced manner at their studio on Prince Street. Please call 902-895-1694 to book your spot!



Water Bottles

It is imperative that students come to school each day with a full water bottle, clearly labeled with their name. Staying hydrated throughout the day is important for focus and optimum learning.

PTG

The PTG held their first meeting on September 22th. The 2019-2020 Executive is Jen McKay (President), Clarissa Millen (Vice President), Shelley Vandenburg (Treasurer), and Susie Bower (Secretary). Please come out and support your child's school. The next Zoom meeting is set for October 20th. Everyone is welcome!

SAC

DID YOU KNOW? The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists as an advisory body to the administration of the school. It is comprised of staff, parents and community members, and meets six times throughout the school year to discuss a wide range of issues including policy, curriculum & programs, and the ongoing efforts of the school to improve student achievement & performance to mention a few. The SAC met on September 29th for the first meeting of the school year. This year our meetings will be virtually through Zoom, from 6:30 to 7:30. Join us for any or all meetings; if you are interested please email Jolene MacEachern, the SAC chair at jmaceachern@dal.ca. It is a great way to get involved in school life.

Literacy Tip of the Month

Children can learn letters and letter sounds from environmental print. Parents can help teach the letters to their children starting with the letters in their name, followed by the letters in alphabetical order, followed by the letter name pronunciation such as b, d, j, k, p, t, v, f, l, m, n, r, s and finally ambiguous letters such as h, y, and w. Upper and lower case can be taught at different times.

Taken from Multiple Paths to Literacy by Miriam P. Trehearne

Virtue of the Month: Thankfulness

I will show gratitude through my emotions and attitude. I will show thanks when I receive a benefit from someone else or when I give to others through my thoughts, words and actions.

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Safe Arrivals

In the interest of student safety, please email the Administrative Assistant at gouldrb@ccrce.ca or telephone the school before 9:30 am and leave a message on our school voicemail if your child is ill, absent from school or expected to be late. Office hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Humongous Thank You's

The staff and students would like to extend a huge thank you to **Dooley's** for their very generous donation to our breakfast program. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and generosity. The funds will be put to good use to provide breakfast items for the students in our school. Also, a special thank you to **Darcy Dobson**, one of our parents, for thinking of our school community and organizing such a wonderful donation.

To the **Parent Teacher Group** and their helpers for planting the new trees on the playground and for installing the moveable seating for enhancing outdoor classroom space. Your hard work and dedication to our school, students and staff is truly appreciated.

We would like to thank **Marie Irving-Benoit** for the donation of the Tupperware water bottles for students and staff in the school. This is greatly appreciated.

Halloween Treats

In the event that your child's class is having a Halloween celebration, please note that any Halloween treats that are sent in to class cannot be homemade. They must be individually prepackaged items.

Cafeteria

Michelle Smith is our cook Mon, Tues, Thurs and Shantel Hankey is our cook Wed & Fri. The menu will go home at the beginning of each month and if your child would like to buy, then just cut out the slip for the appropriate days and send it to school with the correct money with drink choice circled. There will be canteen items available at recess to purchase. If you have any suggestions please feel free to forward them to Mrs. Smith at the school.

During the next few weeks the cafeteria kitchen will be undergoing some renovations with a new range hood and suppression system being installed. Cafeteria services have adjusted the menu for a few weeks while the work is being completed. Also, on the menu you will notice a series of letters; these represent the drink options available. Please ensure that the drink option is circled when the order is submitted to allow for ease of service. Thank you for your attention to these two items.

Please remember that the microwaves are not available for student use at school this year, so please do not send anything that needs to be microwaved as we cannot accommodate this.

Upcoming Dates

October 1st - 31st

Mi'kmaq History Month

October 1st

Treaty Day

October 12th

Thanksgiving - No School

October 20th

PTG 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

October 27th

SAC 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

October 30th

Orange, Black & Yellow Day

November 11th

Remembrance Day - No School

November 13th

Assessment & Evaluation Day - No School

November 26th Evening

Parent Teacher (virtual meeting/phone calls)

November 27th

Parent Teacher AM (virtual/calls) - No School

PD Day PM

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to the Chiganois community for your support for the Terry Fox run. Things were a little different this year with how our run took place, although the students were excited and enthusiastic while running many laps around our beautiful playground. The children set goals and had a lap tally to keep track of their progress. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to next year's run!

Mr. Gunn



Parent Handbook Snippet

A copy of our parent handbook can be found on our website, and is in the process of being updated. We ask that you please take a moment to review the handbook as it contains important information regarding our schools' policies and procedures.

Housekeeping Things:

- ✓ Please have your child to school by 9:10 AM
- ✓ You can pick your child up at 3:15 PM outside the back door.
- ✓ October is Mi'kmaq History Month.
- ✓ We are a nut aware school. Please do not send any products containing peanuts to school with your children
- ✓ Mr. Gunn will be on leave from October 19th, 2020 to January 11th, 2021.

Boston Pizza Reading Program

The Boston Pizza Reading Program is a great incentive to engage students in reading. All students are given a reading form log to complete from Boston Pizza for their reading program. If your child reads 20 minutes for 20 evenings, they can fill out the sheet and hand it in to their teacher. This is recorded daily. At each PTG (Parent Teacher Group) meeting, students that achieve the goal and have completed and returned the reading log will be rewarded with a gift certificate from Boston Pizza for a free kids meal with no strings attached (no other purchase required). As each child finishes one reading log form, they may start another. This program will run throughout the school year... happy reading!!!!



Boston Pizza Challenge

The Boston Pizza Challenge is another initiative the PTG has decided to be a part of during the school year. The Challenge requires collecting receipts from Boston Pizza Purchases (eat in/take out). The PTG will receive 10% of the money back from the total receipts purchased to be donated back to Chiganois for student year end activities. **Please send the receipts in with your child to hand in to their teachers, or email a picture to Jennifer McKay (jennmckay@gmail.com) or Clarissa Millen (clarissa@millenfarms.com).** The receipts have to be entered within 1 week of purchase so this has to be done quickly. Let's see what we can do this year!!!!

