



Chiganois Elementary School

Principal's Report
September 29th, 2020

- The virtue for the month of September is Respect and October will be Thankfulness.
- There are currently 155 students in the school and Pre-Primary (19 students) for a total of 174 students. There are currently 10 students being home-schooled.
- Air ducts were cleaned in December past. There was a new compressor installed in September. The roof on the addition was replaced during the summer. The kitchen is getting a range hood and suppression system installed beginning on October 5th. This may take up to 10 working days so the cafeteria menu was adjusted to reflect limited kitchen use during this time.
- Chiganois Elementary School had a professional development day on Friday, September 25th. Teachers worked on adaptations for student learning and Individual Program Plans. During the afternoon the staff looked at student services support and started to focus on Treaty Education and who the Mi'kmaq are historically and today.
- The students are settling into new routines and procedures within the school. Staff are adjusting as well and things seem to be running more smoothly as each week progresses.
- We have completed two fire drills to date. Our code Black (relocation) space is the Putnam garage and home on Shore Road. I was in contact with Paula and she was in agreement that this continued during Covid. We will do a table top drill practice of the code black and will not do the actual walk this year. Our Code Blue is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th. We were given some leeway to approach the idea of code blue with sensitivity and a bit of time.
- Orange shirt day is Wednesday, September 30th to honor survivors of Residential Schools. As well the school is honoring Terry Fox Day with a run/walk in students gym classes. Parents if choosing to do so, can donate online.
- There is about \$2277.00 from SAC Funds from last year to be spent. The money is coming in for this year. It will be \$5000 plus \$1 per student to spend to support schools.
- Addition to the playground - new drums, seem to be a hit with students.
- The chalk boards on the playground are currently being redone thanks to PTG.
- We had a little bit of vandalism the night before students started. There were two windows smashed (one door window by the music room and one window in pre primary). There has not been anything noticed since.
- Cafeteria services made a bit of money this past year. There were some food items frozen with a good expiration date so we were able to begin using stock this past month which will contribute to profits.
- Student Success Plan - no formal report required this year. We are focusing on student well-being.
- The soccer nets were not safe and had to be removed. The plan moving forward is to eventually purchase smaller ones for installation (possibly looking at next summer).

Respectfully Submitted,
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