



Principal's Message

Dear families,

I hope everyone had a great summer. It is great to see everyone back again this year and to welcome our new students and staff. Chiganois is a great school, we are glad to have you with us.

Please take the time to read this newsletter and the others during the course of the year. They will keep you up to date on everything we have happening here.

I would encourage you to consider joining our School Advisory Council and Parent Teacher Group. Both are important supports to our school and many extra things that we are able to do are because of the support of these two groups. We are seeking two community members for SAC. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let me know.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a great year and wish you all the best in the 2023-24 school year.

Clinton Harvey



September 1st - Orientation Day for Staff (No School)

September 4th - Labor Day (No School)

September 5th - PD Day for Staff (No School) / Meet the Teacher 5:30 PM

September 6th - Welcome Back Students! / Picture Day!

September 8th - Orange Shirt Day

September 22nd - Profession Development Day (No School)

September 29th - Terry Fox Run 2:30 (On playground; All welcome!)

October 2nd - Truth & Reconciliation Day (No School)

Welcome to Chiganois

Chiganois is a school with approximately 180 children in attendance. The classes range from grade Pre-Primary to grade 5. The children are taught in cooperative and child centered classrooms. For the 2023-24 school year, we have the following class configurations: Primary, Primary, One, One/Two, Two/Three, Three/Four, Four and Five. We pride ourselves in providing a caring and high quality learning environment in which the individual child's learning needs are recognized and nurtured. Chiganois will have 8 classrooms, Resource Support & Learning Center. We also have a shared School Psychologist, Guidance Teacher, Speech Pathologist, Child and Youth Care Practitioner and offer Music and Physical Education programs and Core French for grade 4 and 5.

The school was constructed in 1965 and has a large playground and play field. Our school community draws from a largely rural area although many parents work in Truro and Bible Hill. Parents have a voice in our school through the School Advisory Council and the Parent-Teacher Group. We encourage a high level of positive community support.

Safe Arrival

In the interest of student safety, please notify the school in the event your child will be absent from school or late. You can do this via the school messenger app found on your devices app store, by emailing our Administrative Assistant Mrs. Keizer or by calling the school before 9:15 am and leave a detailed message on our school voicemail 902-662-4420.

Drop Off and Dismissal

Please remember that students may **NOT** be dropped off at any of the entrances before 9:05 AM each day. There is no one to supervise students before this time.

Students getting picked up at the end of the day will be dismissed out the back and/or end doors depending on their homeroom locations. Students in Primary Phillips, Primary Chestnut, Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 will be dismissed at the end doors (down by the primary classrooms). Grade 2/3, Grade 3/4, Grade 4 and Grade 5 will dismiss out the back door by the office.

When picking up students, we ask that extreme caution is used when driving behind the school as we want to ensure the safety of all our students.

CCRCE Late Busing Information

CCRCE will be sharing late bus information with families through text notification. Once families have opted in to receive text messages from their school, you will automatically receive text messages if a bus is running 20 minutes late or more from your school. To receive texts, please verify your contact information is up to date in PowerSchool and opt-in with our service provider by texting Y to the shortcode 978338.

You can also see information on cancelled buses and bus runs with significant delays on the **Late Bus Notification** page.



Chiganois Elementary School Newsletter

September 2023

Daily Schedule

9:05 - Doors Open
9:15 - Instruction Begins
11:20 - 11:35 - Recess
1:05 - 1:45 - Staggered Lunch
3:15 - Dismissal

Our Staff

Principal - Mr. C Harvey
Administrative Assistant - Mrs. K Keizer

Pre-Primary - Ms. H Hart & Ms. J Culgin

Primary - Ms. K Phillips
Primary - Mrs. A Chestnut
Grade 1 - Mrs. A Lynds
Grade 1/2 - Mrs. K Simms & Mrs. B Hunka
Grade 2/3 - Mrs. J Hominick
Grade 3/4 - Ms. D Christensen
Grade 4/5 - Mrs. A McCarthy 90% & Mrs. Saunders 10%
Grade 5 - Ms. M Putnam

Physical Education - Mr. C Gunn
French - Ms. A Rushton
Music - Mrs. M Berry-Michaud
Learning Support Teacher - Mr. C Mcinnis
Learning Support Teacher - Mrs. S Ash
Reading Recovery - Mrs. B Hunka
School Counselor - Mrs. E Langille
Child & Youth Care Practitioner - Ms. B Rushton

Educational Assistants - Ms. M Bowers,
Ms. L George, Mr. D Robertson, Ms. V
Singer, Ms. S White

Speech Language Pathologist - TBA
Psychologist - TBA

Cook - Mrs. D MacLellan
Custodian - Mr. N Yorke

Student Monitors - Mr. R Wenham,
Ms. S Petrie, Mrs. R Edmonds, Mr. D
Goodwin



School Communication

Our school [website](#), [Facebook](#) page & [email](#) are used as vital communication tools between school and parents/guardians. 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.

On our website we house our monthly newsletters, calendar and menus, our parent handbook, school communication plan, minutes from our PTG and SAC, email links for all our staff and important notices from our school and community news.

All notices will be emailed out to parents/guardians as well as our monthly newsletters and an extra copy of our menu.

Our school Facebook page is very active as we enjoy sharing our news and school activities with our school community!

It is a good idea to check our Website & Facebook pages often to stay up to date with Chiganois news.

You can also reach the office by contacting [Mr. Harvey](#) or [Mrs. Keizer](#).

Cafeteria / Hot Lunch Program

For our students in Primary - Grade 5, we are pleased to offer daily hot lunch program provided by our cook Donna MacLellan with the Cobequid Schools Catering Society.

Each month menu's will go home with students. You can order daily, weekly or monthly. Please cut out the day(s) you wish to order, circle your choices and place in a baggie with the fee. Lunch is \$5.25 with white milk/water or \$6.00 with chocolate milk. Additional lunch items and recess snack items are available for purchase.

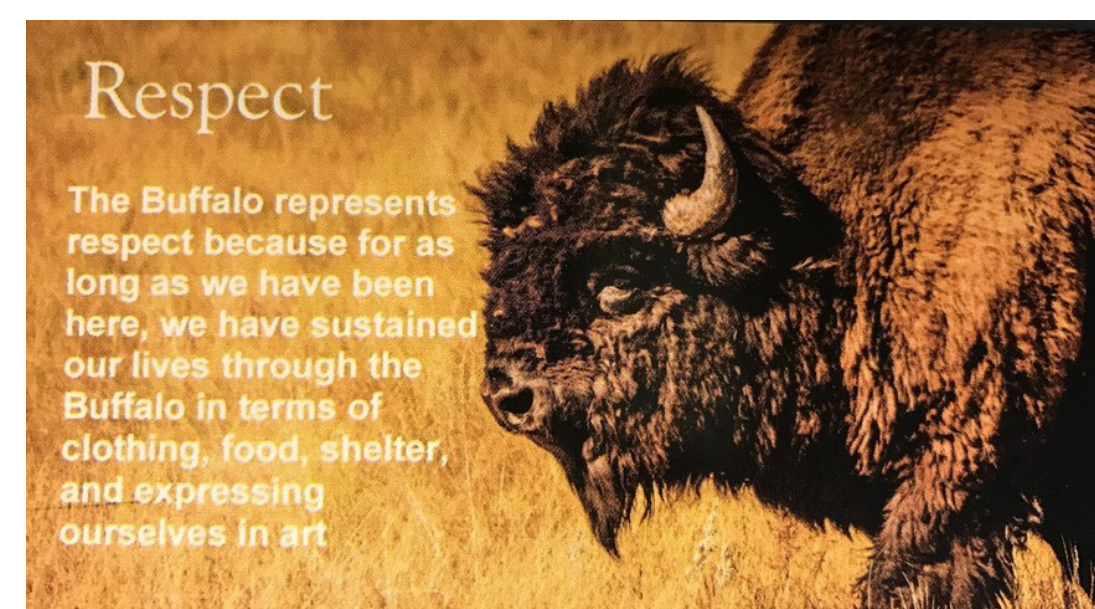
If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the Cobequid Schools Catering Society. Unfortunately we don't accept online payments, e-transfers or work as an I.O.U. system.

Seven Sacred Teachings

These seven teachings (also known as Grandfather Teachings) are all aspects of our emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual development. Many native people follow the seven sacred teachings to help live their lives in balance and harmony.

The seven sacred teachings include:
**Wisdom, Truth, Humility, Bravery,
Honesty, Love & Respect.**

For the months of September and October staff and students at Chiganois will be recognizing **Respect**.



OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SCHOOL HOURS

9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

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