



Principal's Message

I hope everyone is doing well and settling back into the school routine. We have been happy to welcome everyone back and have been enjoying getting to know our new students.

As the year is moving forward, we are excited with some of the things taking place in the next few weeks. Our annual Terry Fox run is Sept. 29. As well, we are welcoming staff from the Mi'kmaq Family Healing Center on Sept. 28 to make clothespins with every class to recognize Truth and Reconciliation. I wish you and your families the best for a Happy Thanksgiving, if you celebrate it.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Clinton Harvey

Parent Handbook

A copy of our [Parent Handbook](#) can be found on our website, and has been updated for the 2023-2024 school year. We ask that you please take a moment to review the handbook as it contains important information regarding our schools' policies and procedures.



October 1st - Treaty Day

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

October 3rd - SAC/PTG 6:30 at Chiganois.

October 6th - Pie Throwing @ 11:45, Orange Shirt Day

October 9th - Thanksgiving (No School)

October 9th - 13th - Fire Prevention Week

October 27th Provincial Conference Day (No School)

October 31st - Orange & Black Day

October is Mi'kmaq History Month

Treaty Day, (October 1st) marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia as proclaimed in 1993 by then Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy.

Its purpose is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaq culture and heritage for all citizens of Nova Scotia. A poster is produced and numerous events are organized throughout the month in recognition of Mi'kmaq History Month. For more information visit the [Mi'kmaq History Month Committee's website](#)



SAC (School Advisory Council)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for new members!

Are you looking for an opportunity to engage more with your child's learning? Or do you know someone who would be a great representative to discuss opportunities and concerns with the school team?

Being a member of SAC is a great way to learn more about what happens at school and how parents and community can support our student's school experience.

We will meet six times in the school year and the meetings will be held in person for one hour. The dates for this year are set and are as follows:

Examples of topics discussed are:

- How to spend extra funding to support students (we receive a \$5,000 budget each year)
- What extra events and activities can we help to support learning objectives?
- Are our kids meeting learning standards met by the province?
- Are there any safety issues or concerns that need to be addressed?

We would love to have you or a nomination for a friend!



Chiganois Elementary School Newsletter

September 2023

CCRCE Late Bussing 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.

Cafeteria / Hot Lunch Program

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 \$4.85 with no drink, \$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.

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.



OFFICE HOURS
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SCHOOL HOURS
9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

CHIGANOIS ELEMENTARY

11145 Highway 2
Masstown, NS
B0M1G0

902-662-4420 (P) 902-662-4422 (F)

FACEBOOK, WEBSITE
EMAIL



In The Spotlight

Each month we will feature a class or staff member
"In The Spotlight"

For our first edition we'd like to introduce you to our School Counselor Mrs. Erin Langille!



3 Fun Facts

- I've travelled to Winnipeg two different times to watch the Winnipeg Jets play hockey (and even got to be on the jumbotron!)
- My dog Ruby and Mrs. Phillips' dog Maisie are sisters!
- I went to university with Mr. Harvey a very, very long time ago!

Favourites

Colour - I love all colours, but I think blue is my fave!

Sport - I love to watch hockey and cheer for the Winnipeg Jets!

Food - Nachos, pizza, and my Mom's homemade lasagna!

Candy - I love chocolate, especially Snickers and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Hobby - I LOVE to read

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

A School Counsellor is a special kind of teacher who helps students when they have questions or problems at home or at school.

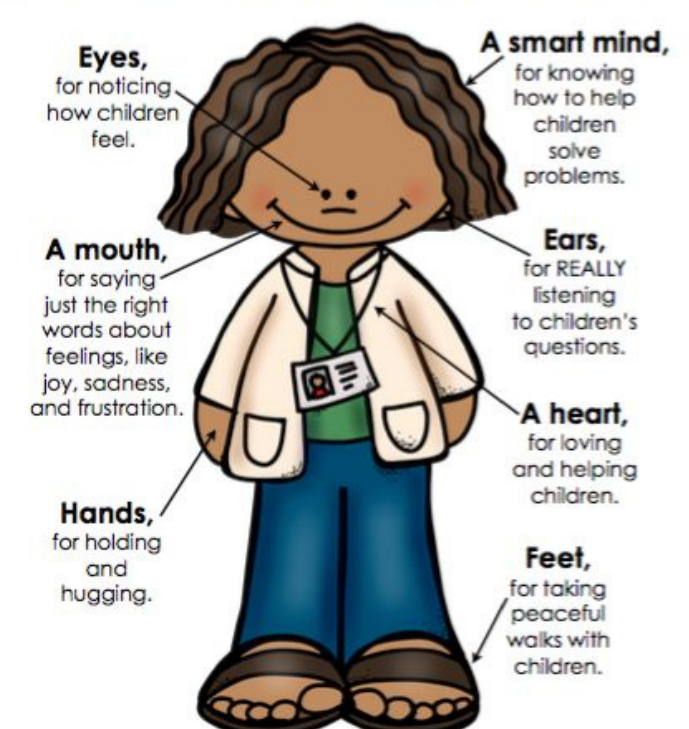
They help teach about feelings and emotions and are very good listeners.

School Counsellors want to help students feel happy and safe at school!

3 Things I Love

- Visiting PEI and eating COW'S Ice-cream
- Going to concerts to hear live music
- Playing and snuggling with my fur babies, Ruby, Newton, and Willow

The Parts of a Counselor



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**.

