



Chiganois Elementary School Newsletter

November 2023

Principal's Message

I hope everyone is settling into the fall. November is here, and we have a busy month planned at Chiganois. We have first term report cards going home, Parent Teacher, Remembrance Day and are welcoming the Maritime Academy for African Drumming.

Thank you to the PTG and the volunteers, including our Leadership group, for their work in organizing the dance. Also thanks to those who were able to donate to the canteen. I also want to say that we are honoured to be welcoming members of the Debert Legion for our Remembrance Day Service on November 9. It is always important to take some time to learn about Remembrance Day and its significance.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Clinton Harvey



October 31st - Orange & Black Day

November 7th - Orange Shirt Day

November 9th - Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:00 at Chiganois

November 10th - Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)

November 11th - Remembrance Day

November 13th - Remembrance Day Observed (No School)

November 14th - SAC/PTG 6:30 at Chiganois

November 21st - Term 1 Report Cards Sent Electronically

November 23rd - Parent Teacher 5:30 - 7:30

November 24th - Parent Teacher AM 9:30 - 11:30 / In-Service PM (No School)

December 1st - Orange Shirt Day / African Drummers Visit Chiganois

Terry Fox Fundraiser

One again Chiganois Elementary students not only stepped up to meet the challenge of our Terry Fox fundraising goal but they surpassed it by leaps and bounds!! Students raised a total of \$6425.95! Our top fundraisers chose Mr. Gunn and Mr. Harvey's outfit for our pie throwing day. Rapunzel and Puss in Boots looked great! Any student that raised \$100 or more could throw a cream pie at a staff member of their choice.

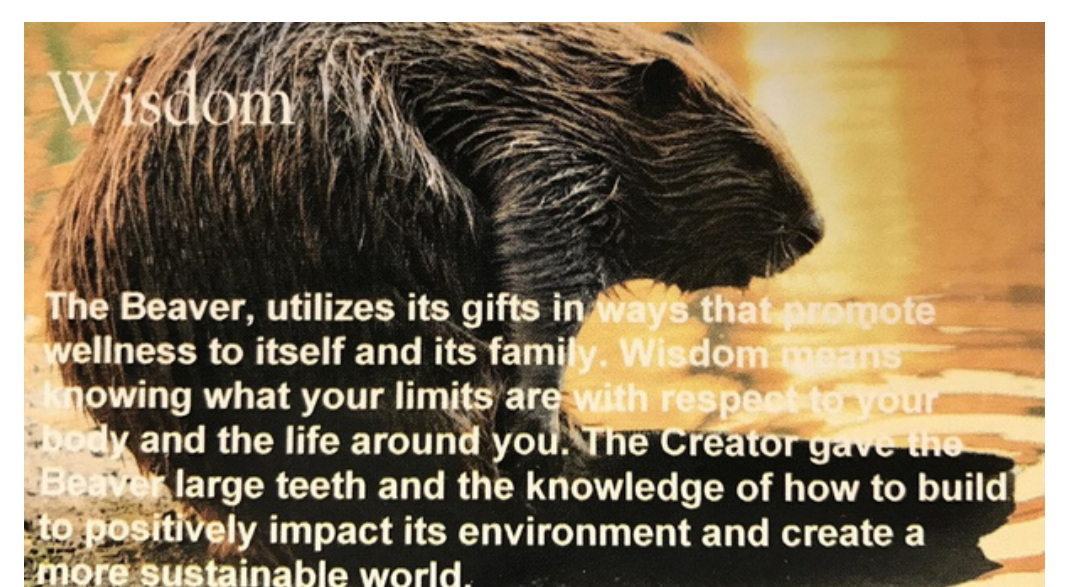


Seven Sacred Teachings

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 month of November staff and students at Chiganois will be recognizing **WISDOM**.





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Report Cards

We are pleased to provide regular reports on student progress.

Report cards are issued at the end of each school term. Term 1 report cards will be issued electronically Tuesday, November 21st via EduPost. Parent teacher conferences will be held in-person **by appointment only**.

Appointments will be held the evening of Thursday, November 23rd between the hours of 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. and the morning of Friday November 24th between the hours of 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

More communication to follow on how you can book your appointment times online!

Lost & Found

We seem to have a lot of clothing left behind daily that finds its way into our lost & found. We highly encourage labeling your child's clothes as it makes it easier for us to find the owners.

Mrs. Keizer will periodically post pictures on our Facebook of our lost & found. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated.

Code Black

Each year, schools are required to complete practice drills for Emergency Management, such as fire drills and lockdowns. They also have to complete a Code Black, which is evacuation and relocation. Should there be a scenario that requires us to evacuate the school, all students and staff will leave and walk to our relocation place, of 788 Shore Road. All families would be then contacted and we would dismiss from there.

These drills are in a three year cycle. Year one is table top (discussion), year two is small group relocation and year three is a full relocation practice. We are in the second year of the cycle and grade five is practicing this year.

Should you have any questions on Code Black, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Inclement Weather

Occasionally, weather conditions can impact school bus service and school operations – especially in the winter. When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, CCRCE's Transportation Services staff starts the day before 6:00 a.m. by:

- Reviewing weather forecasts from different sources, for various areas within the four families of schools.
- Talking with the local Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal depots.
- Talking with bus drivers from various communities throughout the region.
- Driving on sections of roads.

Based on the forecast, actual weather and road conditions in each area, CCRCE has the following choices:

- Maintain bus and school operations as usual.
- Maintain bus services on paved roads only, or cancel bus services.
- Close schools.
- Delay opening schools by two hours. For example:
 - If your school day normally starts at 8:30am, it will start 2 hours later at 10:30am.
 - If your morning bus stop is usually 7:30am, it will be 9:30am.
- School dismissal times remain the same.

As our region is geographically large, separate cancellation and closure decisions are made for each of the four families of schools.

When it is stormy or road conditions are poor, make sure to check if school is open and busses are running before you send your children to the bus stop or bring them to school.

The best way to find out closure information is:

- Monitor your local radio or television stations
- Visit the CCRCE website
- Check out CCRCE's Twitter feed and Facebook page.
- Sign up for CCRCE's inclement weather text notifications below

CCRCE makes every effort to contact local media by 6:30 a.m. to make the appropriate announcements, as well as to post the information to our website and social media pages.

Closure and cancellation notices are sent to:

- All local radio and television stations within CCRCE.
- CBC radio in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.
- CFCY radio in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

We ask that parents, guardians and students avoid calling schools on storm days, whenever possible.

School Closures During The Day

CCRCE rarely cancels school mid-day due to weather or road conditions. However, there may be other factors, such as power outages, that may result in a school closing unexpectedly during the day.

In the case that school closes early, CCRCE recommends parents and guardians keep their contact information up-to-date with schools and have alternate arrangements in place for their children.

Should a mid-day closure occur, parents/guardians will be notified either directly (in the case of elementary schools), via local media, our website and social media.

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SCHOOL HOURS

9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

CHIGANOIS ELEMENTARY

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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.

Helping Hands

Students at Chiganois Elementary are able to earn helping hands coupons to submit for weekly draws. The lucky winners get to select a prize from the reward cart in Mr. Harvey's office.

A big thank you to all the students for each way they help to make school life at Chiganois positive.

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.



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In The Spotlight

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

This month we'd like to introduce you to three of our specialists!

Mme. Rushton - French

Favorites

Coffee, the color pink, French, Dolphins and Nachos

Things I Love

My Family and Friends

Fun Facts

I just started playing hockey this year, and will graduate with my Masters in Technology in October.



Mr. Gunn - Physical Education

Favorites

Hunting and Fishing by myself or with my kids.

Gardening and eating fresh veggies throughout the growing season.

Things I Love

My beautiful wife Tracey and my four wonderful kids; Marley, Logan, Winnie and Lennon.

My dog Nugget and my cat Poppy.

Fun Facts

I run a small saw mill on my days that I am not at Chiganois.

I love building things and have built my entire house plus numerous other buildings and things.



Mrs. Berry-Michaud - Music

Favorites

Tim Horton's steeped tea and chocolate.

Things I Love

Family, friends and of course music!

Fun Facts

I lived and travelled throughout Australia for one year. While I was there, I attempted to play an Indigenous instrument called a didgeridoo.

Another fun fact is that I played basketball for Saint Mary's University in Halifax.

