



Chiganois Elementary School Newsletter

December 2023

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are in December already. We are gearing up for a busy month. Thank you in advance to all those people who will be volunteering with us. Without your time and dedication, many of the things we have planned for the students would not be possible. We have African Dance, Turkey dinner, concert, Random Acts of Kindness, the store, and Exploratory all happening in December. A special thanks to PTG, for their work with organizing the clothing upcycle event, and their support with the Random Acts of Kindness. As well, thanks to all of those who donated to the Upcycle and purchased or sold cheese. It is much appreciated!

As always, it is a good idea to have some extra clothes in your child's backpack in case they get wet out on the playground and to have them be dressed for the weather.

On behalf of the staff, let us wish you a safe and happy holiday season and all the best for a Happy 2024.

Clinton Harvey



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

December 13th - Turkey Dinner for all students (FREE)

December 14th - Holiday Concert at CEC at 6:30 (doors open at 6:15)

December 18th - Holiday Sing Song with Mrs. Saunders in the morning for all students.

December 19th - PTG Annual Christmas Store

December 20th - Red & White Day, Exploratories for all students in the PM

December 21st - Jan 1st - Christmas Break

January 2nd - Regional PD No School for Students

January 3rd - Welcome Back Students!

Random Acts of Kindness

In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Chiganois Elementary is running a Ten Days of Giving campaign from December 4th – 15th.

To take part, students are asked to do random acts of kindness at their home, for a neighbor, community member, or friend. Cut out a coupon (coming home with your child). Have the person who received the act of kindness fill out and sign it. The student will return the coupon to the office, to receive a “Chiganois Buck” that will then be added to our school mural.

Once the campaign is over, the “Chiganois Bucks” will then be converted over to free student lunch vouchers that will be distributed.

The Parent Teacher Group has generously donated “the real bucks” to make this happen. We very much thank them for their kindness.



Someone's entire day can be changed by one act

Nuts Allowed

As of now we have **zero restrictions** surrounding nuts/peanut butter.

This means peanut butter is allowed as well as nuts of any kind.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office

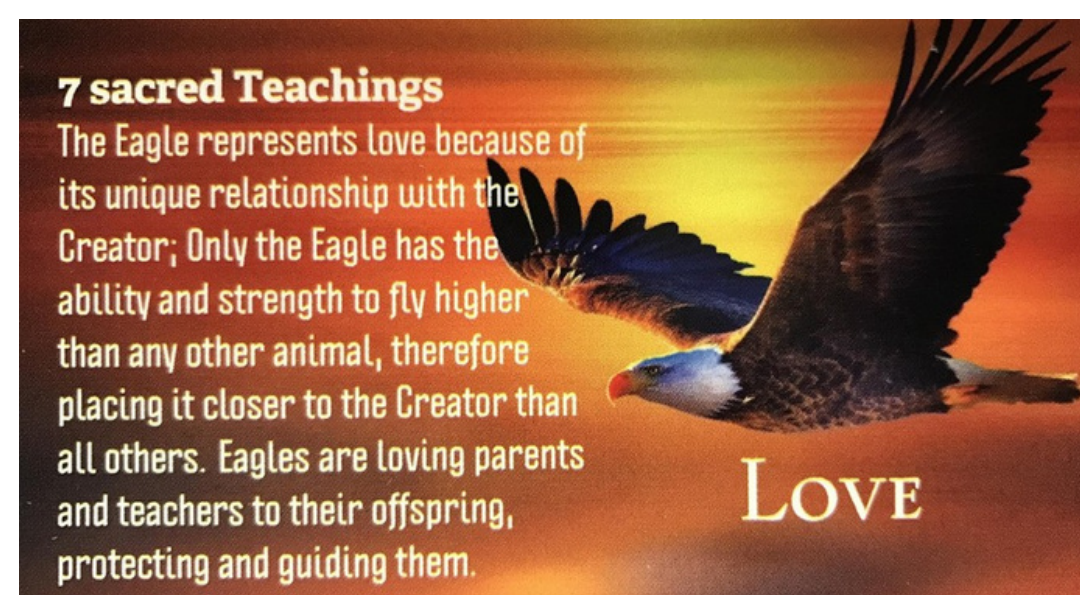


Seven Sacred Teachings

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 **LOVE**.





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Holiday Concert & PTG 50/50 Draw

Our Holiday Concert is happening Thursday Dec. 14 at 6:30 at the AV room at Cobequid Education Center. Doors will open at 6:15.

PTG will be doing a 50-50 that evening. Tickets will be sold at the door. Cost is \$2 for one ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets. Please note cash is the only method of payment accepted.

Turkey Dinner (FREE)

On December 13th all students will be provided with a free Turkey Dinner (potatoes, turkey, carrots, dressing, gravy, frozen yogurt/ or sorbet with milk/ or water)!

Please note, there are no other choices on this day. Please discuss with your child whether or not they will be ordering as Mrs. Keizer will be visiting classes on Friday December 8th to take pre orders.

Traffic

With our students now being outside every morning from 9:05-9:20, a reminder to please not drive behind the building when dropping off your child(ren) in the morning. You are able to stay in the driveway in front of the building to drop off your child(ren). Thank you for your help with this.



PTG Christmas Store

Chiganois Parent Teacher Group will be organizing the PTG Christmas Store for our students this year. It will take place on December 19 (snow date December 20) at the school.

Each child is asked to bring enough gift bags with pre-filled tags for each member of the family they will be buying for. Example- two parents and three kids in a family, one bag/tag for each parent and two for the siblings. Please bring these bags to school before December 18 so that they are ready. If you do not have enough gift bags, we will have extras. We will also accept donations of gift bags and tags if you are able to support in that way.

We stock the store by donations. We are hoping for donations of slightly used, clean items. Usually, gifts geared towards fathers and teenagers are a challenge to have enough of, so things that would be of interest to them are appreciated.

Suggested items are: toys your child doesn't use anymore, books, decorations, hats, toys, mugs, games and puzzles. We are always looking for teenager and dad appropriate gifts as we tend to run short on these.

Please keep in mind that we are unable to accept stuffed animals.

We will be collecting any donated items at school, starting on December 4. You can drop them off or send them with your child(ren).

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you are available, please let us know in the office.

Students are asked to bring no more than \$5 to purchase their gifts. **The best way to send this is in a sealed baggie with your child's name on it.**



We Are All Treaty People



We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SCHOOL HOURS

9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

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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.

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 **Mrs. Hominick** our **Grade 2/3 Teacher**

Favorite Things

Animal: Dog (We have a German Shepherd named Rudy)
Color: Purple
Hobby : Camping & baking
Food: Thai food
Drink: Coffee
Book: Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes
Family : I have a husband named Craig & 3 kids (Hannah, Caleb & Jacob)



Mi'kmaq Culture

We have been learning about Mi'kmaq culture and we had special guest speaker Gerald Gloade in to share with the kids some history.

We went outside and picked sticks out to make traditional Magit's doll.



Roots of Empathy

Our grade 2/3 class is taking part in the Roots of Empathy program. Last month we met with baby Oakley and a Roots of Empathy Instructor Mrs. Davidson who introduced us to Baby Oakley, a "Tiny Teacher" who is a baby from your community that we will get to know through 9 monthly visits to our classroom. Over the course of the school year, we will watch the baby grow.

The children will predict and cheer with their Roots of Empathy baby reaches the "developmental milestones" of the first year:
"She can roll over" "He got his first tooth!"
"She can clasp hands!" "He can sit up!"
"She can wave!" "He can crawl!"

This award-winning program supports children's positive mental health and well-being. Roots of Empathy is a tried, tested and proven effective program that increases children's kindness, caring, including, sharing and helping behaviors as they develop empathy.



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