



# Chiganois Elementary School Newsletter

March 2024

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already into March. Having a few warm days with some melting of the big piles of snow makes it a little more hopeful for some good weather with spring just around the corner.

With both March Break and Easter falling this month, I hope that you get to spend some quality time as a family together. We also look forward to welcoming parents and guardians into school at the end of the month for Parent Teacher meetings. It is always great to sit and talk about your kids and how they are doing.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Clinton Harvey



**March 1st** - Orange Shirt Day

**March 7th** - Exploratory Afternoon

**March 8th** - Assessment & Evaluation Day

**March 11th - 15th** - March Break

**March 25th - 26th** - Fluoride Round 2

**March 25th** - Term 2 Report Cards Go Home

**March 27th** - Parent Teacher PM

**March 28th** - Parent Teacher AM/In-Service PM

**March 29th** - Good Friday (No School)

**April 1st** - Easter Monday (No School)

## Registrations are NOW OPEN!



### Program Registrations Now Open

- Optional French
- Primary
- Pre-Primary

**Pre-Primary registration** is now open for the 2024-2025 school year.

The program is voluntary and open to all children who are at least four years old by December 31st, 2024 and live within a school catchment.

**Primary registration** is now open for students to register for school for September 2024. Children who reside in Nova Scotia and reach the age of five (5) years on or before December 31, 2024, are eligible for enrolment in the Primary program beginning September 2024.

## Term 2 Report Cards & Parent Teacher Conferences

We are pleased to provide regular reports on student progress.

Report cards are issued at the end of each school term. Term 2 report cards will be issued electronically Monday, March 25th via EduPost. Parent teacher conferences will be held in-person by appointment only.

Appointments will be held the evening of Wednesday, March 27th between the hours of 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and the morning of Thursday March 28th between the hours of 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

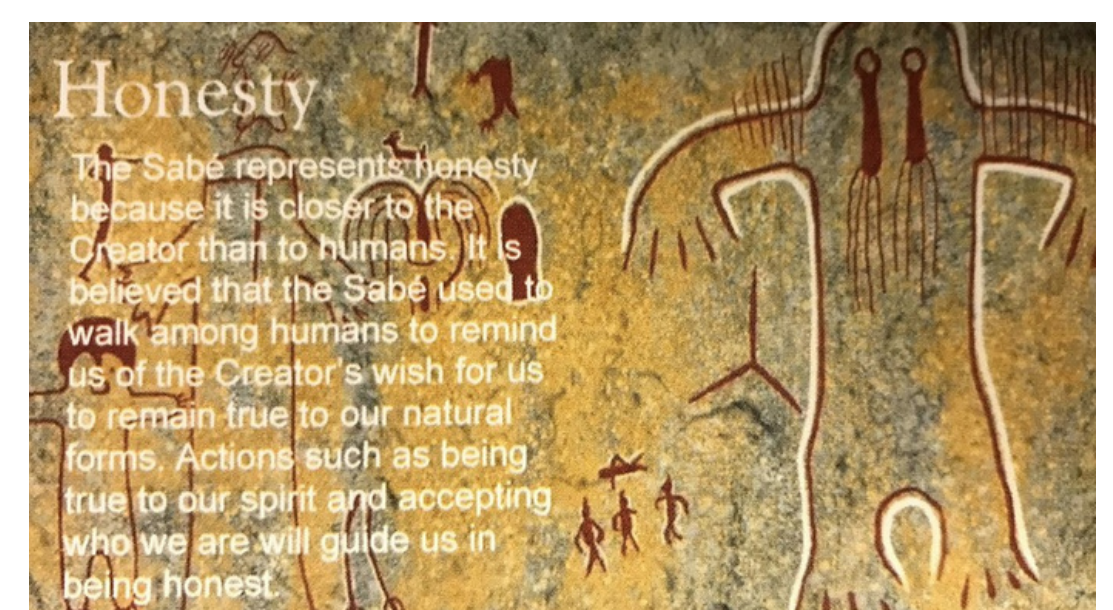
More communication to follow on booking your appointments times online!

## Seven Sacred Teachings

These seven teachings (also known as Grandfather Teachings) are all aspects of our emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual development. Many indigenous 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 March staff and students at Chiganois will be recognizing **Honesty**.







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## Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has some sort of water bottle every day. It is imperative that students come to school each day with a water bottle, clearly labeled with their name.

Staying hydrated throughout the day is important for focus and optimum learning.

## Morning Drop Off

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.

## Housekeeping Tips

- Please continue to send water bottles with your students, even just a plastic bottle is fine.
- Please send mittens and a hat with your child to school every day!
- Please make sure you loop the office in any correspondence regarding changes to your child's end of the day routines. This is to ensure the message does not get overlooked in case the classroom teacher is absent that day.



## Winter Carnival

A huge “**Thank You**” to Chiganois PTG and our many volunteers for making Winter Carnival week so much fun for students!



# Thank You

**OFFICE HOURS**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SCHOOL HOURS**  
9:15 AM - 3:15 PM

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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 ***Ms. Chestnut*** our ***Grade Primary/One Teacher***

### About Ms. Chestnut



#### 3 Fun Facts:

- My husband, Marvin, and I have 5 kids: Erin, Andie, Connor, Johnathon and Clara.
- I have been involved in 4H since I was 9 years old. First as a member, then a leader and parent.
- I taught myself to sew and made the dresses Clara and I are wearing in my family picture.

#### 3 Favorite Things:

- The color blue
- Reading
- Coffee

#### 3 Things I Love:

- Watching my kids do what they love
- Teaching and learning
- The beach

## 100 Days of School!

On February 22nd we celebrated 100 Days of School. The primary/one's showed their knowledge of numbers up to 100 by filling in a 100's chart and then playing Race to 100 with a partner. They also wrote poems about things they would like and would not like to have 100 of. We ended the day by having some 100 second challenges. The students stacked as many pattern blocks as they could in 100 seconds. Then they wrote their names as many times as they could in 100 seconds.



## Poetry Writing

The writing form we worked on in Primary/One in February is Poetry. Students spent some time creating All About Me List Poems. They finished off this project by drawing a self-portrait.

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