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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April is here and that means warmer weather and melting snow. These conditions make the playground muddy. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear, and a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they arrive at school.



At Natoaganeg School we live by the **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Spirits**

philosophy and we

do our best to

impart this message to the students. One

way we do this is by providing the

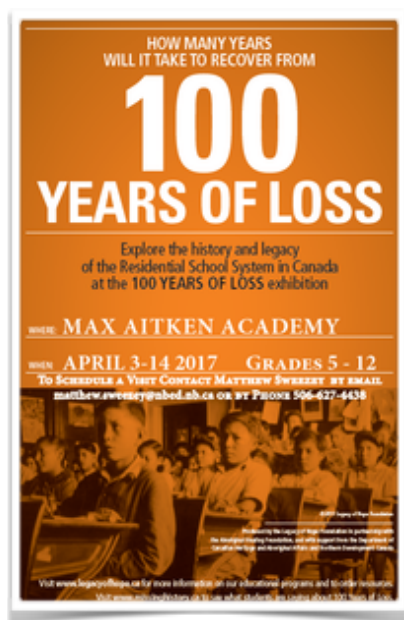
children with a

healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch each day.

Children should come prepared with a healthy snack that is **low in sugar and sodium**. Some

examples of an appropriate snack are:

applesauce, fruits, veggies, cereal bar, granola, yogurt, cheese, milk (white or chocolate), crackers.



Join us on Thursday, April 6th from 6:30-8pm at Max Aitken Academy for the Legacy of Hope Foundation's "**100 Years of Loss**" exhibit. "The exhibit explores the history of the Residential School System and traces its legacy to the present. 100 Years of Loss uses contemporary photographs, works of art, primary documents, and recent research to reveal the histories of First Nations, Inuit and Metis children who were forcibly removed from their families and institutionalized in residential schools."

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ARRIVE ON
TIME AND BE
PREPARED TO
LEARN

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BE POLITE TO
CHILDREN
AND ADULTS

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WORK HARD
TO BE
SUCCESSFUL

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RESPECT OUR
ENVIRONMENT

Anchor Night for students in gr.6-8 will be held at Castle Bowling Lanes on Tuesday April 4th from 6 - 7:30pm. Students brought home a separate notice outlining the event. Contact John Fletcher for more information.

Some of our classes will be participating in the Music Festival Program at JMH and MVHS. Grade 1, 2 and 3 on April 21st @ JMH and finishing up on April 24th with a Traditional Dance by the Grade 3 class @ MVHS.



Natoaganeg School is pleased to be holding a Heart and Stroke Foundation **Jump Rope for Heart** event in April. All money raised will support the Heart and Stroke Foundation in their mission to promote children's health and fund vital heart and stroke research.

More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Our very first Book Fair was a great success! Thank You to everyone who made a purchase. We had over \$3000 in book sales.

We had a good turn out for Parent Teacher Day. Thank You to everyone who completed the survey for Antle. The winners for the \$10 Tims Cards were: Chief George Ginnish, Jessica Dunnett, Alisha Sweezey, Natalie Patles, Joshua Sark. The \$25 gas card winner was Matt Patles.

REMINDERS:

- Due to the Easter Holiday there will be **no school Friday April 14th and Monday April 17th.**
- **Friday April 28th** is a PD Day. (No school for students)
- We would like to remind parents that we have a healthy snack policy at our school. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack low in sugar and sodium.
- \$1 Popcorn sale every Friday

ATTENDANCE MATTERS...because when students are absent or late for school it affects the whole classroom.



Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early
School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they can learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days



GOOD ATTENDANCE
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Adapted with permission from materials provided by Attendance Works (www.attendanceworks.org)

NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN We're always at school- Perfect Attendance Program

The goal is to promote attendance at school, encourage punctuality, and discourage tardiness.

Everyday that a class has perfect attendance they will receive a letter from the phrase **NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN**

The first class to spell out this phrase will receive a pizza party or ice cream party at the end of the week in which they won.

Congratulations to Miss Cooper's grade 1/2 class for winning a pizza party!

WIN THE TROPHY

We would like to remind parents/guardians that it is very important to contact the school office as soon as possible if your child will be absent from school on any given day.

Clear and timely communications from home is essential for the school to keep track of student absences, also in case of an emergency the school must have a valid phone number to be able to contact a Parent/Guardian.

The class that has perfect attendance for one full month will get to keep the "perfect class attendance" trophy in their classroom until the next month.

Note

Perfect attendance is awarded to students who are at school **on time** everyday.

every 3 lates = 1 absent

In recognition of this month's perfect attendance.
We would like to express THANK YOU to all parents for recognizing the
importance of our attendance policy.
Congratulations to our perfect attendance draw winners for March:

Brysen Kelly
Khrissa Ward

K4

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Fisher Patles

Grade 1/2

Sammy Stewart

Grade 4/5

Blade Simon

Kaido Simonson

Khrissa Ward

Xavier Ward



Grade 6/7

Kaitlyn Hamiton -
Ward

Cameron Ward

Kohen Simonson

Grade 8

Terri Ann Vicaire

Shauntay Ward

SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Have your child return this ballot to the ballot box located at the school office by Friday April 21st. At the end of the month a draw will be made for a gift certificate from all the ballots that are returned.

March winner: **Isabella Vicaire-Chiasson**

Parents Signature

Childs name

Class

Girls Volleyball

There is practice every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:40-4pm. Players should come prepared with gym shoes, shorts, knee pads and a water bottle.

GAMES

April 4- Blackville @ EG (4pm)

April 11-MEJHS @ EG

April 19- EG @ Nelson

April 21-EG 2 NSER

April 25- DL @ EG

April 28- GG @ EG

May 2 - EG @ MAA

May 6 - Championships

- Games start at 4:30pm
- * Parents/students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the games.
- * For more information contact Mrs. Dunnett
- * schedule is subject to change



Grades 5-8

Starting afterschool on Wednesday, April 12th there will be drumming for the boys with George Paul, and traditional dancing for the girls with Janessa Francis.



Here's
whats
happening at
our school...

Cross Stitch

Every Monday afterschool

Daily Schedule:

8:05 - 8:20am - Breakfast
8:30am - Classes Begin
10:10 - 10:25am Recess
10:30- 11:00am SWI
12:00pm -12:45pm - Lunch
12:45 - 2:40pm - Regular Classes
K4 students Mon.-Thurs. dismissed at **4pm**
Fri.-11:45 am
K5 students are dismissed at **2:00pm.**
Grade 1-8 are dismissed at **2:40 pm.**

Elementary Basketball is done for the year.

Congratulations to the team for playing an undefeated season!



DRAMA

Practice every Monday and Wednesday afterschool.

7 Sacred Teaching Awards

Students...You could win free popcorn for the month or a \$5 book of your choice from scholastics!

Here's how to participate:

If any staff member at Natoaganeg School observes a student doing one of the 7 Sacred Teachings:

Truth, Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Humility, and Wisdom, they will give you a certificate and enter your name into the monthly draw for these prizes!

Let's get started on showing others how to be truthful, honest, courageous, wise, humble, loving and respectful to each other. Lets bring our school closer together and work as a team!!!

This months winners are:

HONESTY

Ian Ginnish

LOVE

Terri-Ann Vicaire

HUMBLE

Shelby Kelly

TRUTH

Ian Ginnish

RESPECT

Brooklyn Savage

COURAGE

Shayna Ginnish

WISDOM

Elexis Stemm



PATHS IN OUR SCHOOL

Parents...have you noticed your children complimenting you and others more? Or maybe your child has brought home a compliment list from school? During PATHS time, one child is chosen to be our PATHS Kid of the Day.

This student helps out with the lesson as a special helper. At the end of the PATHS lesson, the class gives compliments to the PATHS Kid of the Day. During this time, we learn how to give a compliment and how to receive a compliment. Giving compliments helps build self-esteem in our students by pointing out their accomplishments and positive things that they do.

We notice that the children try harder to make good choices and are proud of their skills!