



Niitsitapi Learning Centre

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Niitsitapi News | September 11-15

We are excited to share that the first weeks of the school year have been delightful! We had the pleasure of reuniting with familiar faces and extending a warm welcome to new families at the Batter Boys Back to School Pancake breakfast. Our students even savored the leftover pancakes as snacks throughout the day. Students are settling into learning smoothly and establishing positive learning routines.

You are invited to our Open House / Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, September 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a chance for families with preschool to grade 2 students to visit the school, meet the teachers, and explore their learning environments. Plus, students will receive a bag of goodies from the Calgary Police Youth Foundation as part of the Pohkaiksiniimaatsoh'taksist Backpack Campaign.

Hours of Instruction

PRESCHOOL

Monday - Thursday

AM Class: 8:25 - 11:15 AM

PM Class: 12:15 - 3:05 PM

Friday (no classes)

KINDER - GRADE 2

Monday - Thursday

8:40 AM - 3:05 PM

Lunch: 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Friday (early dismissal)

8:40 AM - 12:00 PM

Before school supervision starts at 8:25 AM Monday to Friday.

Afterschool supervision is until 3:05 PM Monday to Thursday.

For more information, please visit our Parking & Drop-Off school webpage.

Looking Forward & Nutrition Plan

MON	Regular school day for K-2 students	<u>Breakfast</u> : cereal, milk, fruit <u>Lunch</u> : Hope Mission brown bag lunches
TUE	Regular school day for K-2 students	<u>Breakfast</u> : muffins, yogurt fruit <u>Lunch</u> : grilled cheese, soup, veggies & fruit
WED	Regular school day for K-2 students	<u>Breakfast</u> : Nutrigrain bars, hard-cooked eggs, fruit <u>Lunch</u> : sticky pork & rice, fruit & veggies
THUR	Regular school day for K-2 students Open House / Meet the Teacher 5:00 – 7:00 PM	<u>Breakfast</u> : pan granola bars, yogurt tubes fruit <u>Lunch</u> : soup, toasted bagels, fruit, veggies
FRI	Early Dismissal school day for K-2 students	<u>Breakfast</u> : parfait, fruit
*** PRESCHOOL STARTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ***		

Mark your Calendars

Sept 18 - First Day of Preschool

Sept 19 - Fire Drill

Sept 22 - PD Day – No School

Sept 26 - Picture Day

Sept 28 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept 29 – In lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Day – No School

Calling the Office

Thank you to all families who have been diligent in calling the office to inform us about absences and/or changes in routine pickup arrangements. A reminder that you can let us know about any upcoming absences 24 hours per day at 403-817-3404 ext. 1

Bussing & Transportation

Any address changes should be communicated with the office as soon as possible as route updates can take between 10-12 days to get set up in the system. At the beginning of the school year, these changes can take up to 4-6 weeks. If you have any questions regarding your student's bussing, please contact the CBE transportation department at transportation@cbe.ab.ca. For information regarding your student's bus route, please contact Dreams Transportation at 403-590-7433. Please call them when you are concerned with late or missing busses.

MyCBE (PowerSchool) Parent Account

Please create a MyCBE parent account. MyCBE provides parents online access to register for transportation and lunch supervision, pay fees and request fee waivers, book school conferences, and view attendance and report cards. Student CBE ID# is needed to create the account. Please contact Ms. Charmaine in the main office for assistance at 403-817-3404.

Inii's Insights

Moon Teaching: September Full Moon

Our lessons from Kainai call this month the Deer Moon awakaasiiki'somm, when the deer begin transitioning for autumn's changes. Hardening their antlers and shedding the soft velvet layer that protects the growing bone and cartilage. They are sleeping in the warm days, and are most active at dusk and dawn, protecting themselves from predators by finding food in the cold evenings. The Northern Saskatchewan Cree/Métis, Sakitawak know this Moon, as the Rutting Moon nōcihitowipīsim, when the bull moose's call echoes across the lake. The cervidae family movement patterns, change as the seasons do. The connection between land, water and, sky for our hooved relatives, as o'ko (fall) approaches is that the change in day length, rainfall and temperature causes a chemical release of hormones sparking the beginning of their cyclical breeding activity.

