



Niitsitapi Learning Centre

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Niitsitapi News | September 18-22

Thank you to all the families who made it to our Meet the Teacher / Open House event. It was an energizing evening! We look forward to seeing everyone next time!

Looking Forward & Nutrition Plan

MON	Preschool Starts AM Class 8:25am – 11:15am PM Class 12:15am – 3:15pm	<u>Breakfast</u> : cereal, milk, fruit <u>Lunch</u> : Hope Mission brown bag lunches
TUE	MRU Nurses start in Kindergarten classes Fire Drill	<u>Breakfast</u> : muffins, yogurt fruit <u>Lunch</u> : grilled cheese, soup, veggies & fruit
WED		<u>Breakfast</u> : Nutrigrain bars, hard-cooked eggs, fruit <u>Lunch</u> : Chicken nuggies & fries, fruit & veggies
THUR	Special guest Chantal Stormsong Chagnon	<u>Breakfast</u> : pan granola bars, yogurt tubes fruit <u>Lunch</u> : soup, toasted bagels, fruit, veggies
FRI	PD Day – No school	

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.

Attendance Line

403-817-3404 ext. 1

Mark your Calendars

Sept 18 - First Day of Preschool

Sept 18 - MRU Nurses Start

Sept 19 - Fire Drill

Sept 22 - PD Day – No School

Sept 26 - Picture Day

Sept 28 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept 29 – School Closed in lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Day

Special Guest

We are also excited to have special guest, Chantal Stormsong Chagnon, visiting on September 21 to share traditional songs, stories and drumming with students and staff in the central gathering space.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is held on September 30 annually. It began in 2013 when residential school survivor, Phyllis Webstad shared how her orange shirt was taken away on her first day at residential school. This story is an opportunity for students and staff to reflect on

history, legacy, and implications; to discuss stories of survival and strength, and to share ways we can work together toward truth and reconciliation. It is also an opportunity to commit to commemorating the children who attended residential schools, recognizing their experiences, honouring them, and sharing a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters and that each student is welcome, safe, respected, and cared for in their learning community every day.

This year we will create an art installation using orange shirts and Connecting to Spirit. Please note that each student will be given an orange shirt on Thursday, September 28.

MRU Nurses

We are delighted to welcome third-year MRU Nurse program students to our school. They will be starting their five-week practicum on Tuesday, September 19, and will spend five weeks (Mon, Tues & Wed) assigned to kindergarten classes. Their first day will be Tuesday, September 19 and their final day is Wednesday, October 18.

Call Out for CBE Indigenous Student Dancers

The third annual City of Calgary, Calgary Board of Education, and Calgary Catholic School District ceremonial opening of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Fort Calgary (750 9th Ave SE). The Indigenous Education Team is looking for CBE Indigenous student dancers to perform at this event. Please see the poster linked to the right. To register or gather more information, please contact [Crystal McPherson](#) (CBE Indigenous Education Team).

MyCBE (PowerSchool) Parent Account

Please create a [MyCBE parent account](https://www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe) (<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe>). 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 the main office for assistance at 403-817-3404.

Ini's Insights | Treaty 7 Day

On September 22, 1877, Canada (Britain) made Treaty 7 with the Niitsitapi (Kainai, Siksika and Apatohsippiikani), Tsuu T'ina, and Nakoda. The North-West Mounted Police were present to keep the peace and to reinforce the authority of the Crown. This meeting reflects the great differences between the cultures. The government wanted the First Nations to cede their claims to the land. Ownership of the land was incomprehensible to people who believed that they were a part of the world and not the owners of it. The First Nations believe they had agreed to help the newcomers in return for help from the government in adjusting to a new way of life. After nearly two centuries of epidemics, the First Nations also wanted assurance that their health care would be looked after. The First Nations believed that they were making a treaty according to their traditions. The government looked only at what was written down, ignoring much of the First Nations wishes, but assuming that they now had full title to the land and all of its resources." (Glenbow Museum Virtual Treaty Kit) To acknowledge this land is to acknowledge the spirit and intent of Treaty 7. Treaties are important pieces of history, understood through oral histories and the written word. Each treaty is alive and has its own story, characters, plot, and outcomes - Treaty 7 is no exception. Living in Southern Alberta and the city of Calgary, we are all in Treaty 7 territory. We are all treaty people.

