



Niitsitapi Learning Centre

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Niitsitapi News | Week of October 9

This Week's Highlights

The Kindergarten students are working on developing their understanding of traditional drums and drumming. They are learning how to move to the rhythmic beat of the drum, and have been introduced to sacred drumming protocols passed down to us by Darcy Turning Robe. The students are fostering empathy and respect for the rich drumming traditions of their culture.

Grade one and two students are currently studying seasonal changes and drawing comparisons between past and present activities that are shaped by the changes in seasons. With the arrival of fall (oko), the students embarked on an educational walking field trip that combined Science and Social Studies today. On their trip, they explored the seasonal transformations taking place in Calgary (*Mohkinstis*), making observations and creating sketches to document their noticings.

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

Dreams Transportation

403-590-7433

Nutrition Plan

MON	No School
TUE	<u>Breakfast:</u> Cereal, Milk, Fruit <u>Lunch:</u> Soup, Cheese Scones, Fruit & Veggies
WED	<u>Breakfast:</u> Hard Boiled Eggs, Nutrigrain Bars, Fruit <u>Lunch:</u> Veggie Spring Rolls & Plum Sauce, Fruit & Veggies
THUR	<u>Breakfast:</u> Yogurt Tubes, Pan Granola Bars, Fruit <u>Lunch:</u> Soup, Cheese Toast, Fruit & Veggies
FRI	<u>Breakfast:</u> Muffins, Yogurt & Fruit

Mark your Calendars

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Day - No School

Oct 12 – Fire Drill

Oct 20 – Non-instruction Day – No School

Oct 26 – Celebration of Learning

Oct 26 – School Council/Parent Advisory

Oct 31 – Halloween at NLC (Costume/Pajama Day)

Wellness Clinic at Niitsitapi Learning Centre

Alberta Health Services is opening a wellness clinic to provide culturally safe, primary healthcare services to students, their siblings, and caregivers. The clinic will be supported by Elbow River Healing Lodge medical practitioners and specialists. Please check your email sent earlier this week with the subject *Wellness Clinic at Niitsitapi Learning Centre* for a survey that was sent to determine the clinical resource needs.

Halloween at NLC

Halloween will be a special learning day at NLC. Classes will not be having parties but may engage in Halloween or Autumn-themed learning activities. On October 31, We invite students and staff to wear costumes or cozy pajamas for the day if they wish. To celebrate our school spirit, we will have a parade in the main gym.

When choosing a costume to wear to school please consider the following:

- Prioritize your child's comfort and safety, taking into account both indoor and outdoor activities. Ensure they can wear a coat and appropriate indoor and outdoor shoes with their costume.
- Avoid long capes, uncomfortable shoes, or things that could make you trip. We'll be playing inside and outside, so it needs to be safe. Students should be able to participate in gym and outdoor play safely throughout the day.
- It's important that their costume does not obstruct their vision. Therefore, we recommend that masks not be worn.
- Please leave loose props at home. We cannot be responsible for anything lost or left behind at the school before Halloween night and there will be no staff here to accommodate entrance to the school for any forgotten items.
- Do not send costume weapons, such as swords or guns, to school.
- Refrain from extremely gory or frightening costumes, considering the presence of small children, students, and staff with varying levels of sensitivity. Our aim is for everyone to feel secure and have an enjoyable experience.

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.

Bussing and Transportation

Please ensure that you promptly notify the school of any address changes, as it may take 10-12 days to update transportation routes in our system. For information about your student's specific bus route or if you encounter issues like late or missing buses, please phone **Dreams Transportation at 403-590-7433**.

Inii's Insights

"Land-based learning is not an intellectual exercise...it forces us to use our feelings - our heart." ~ Blackfoot Elder Casey Eagle Speaker

As we head into a time of gratitude, we offer tobacco teachings through the hearts of our learners. We are grateful to our Niitsitapi Learning community for each day.

Watch | [Tobacco Teachings at NLC](#)

