



Niitsitapi Learning Centre

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Niitsitapi News | Week of November 20

Nutrition Plan

MON	<u>Breakfast:</u> Cereal, Milk, Fruit <u>Lunch:</u> BB4CK bagged lunch
TUE	<u>Breakfast:</u> Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit <u>Lunch:</u> Chicken Soup, grilled sandwiches, fruit & veggies
WED	<u>Breakfast:</u> Hard Boiled Eggs, Nutrigrain Bars, Fruit <u>Lunch:</u> Lasagna, Fruit & Veggies
THUR	<u>Breakfast:</u> Pan Granola Bars, Fruit, Yogurt Tubes, Cheese Strings <u>Lunch:</u> Beef Soup, Buns, Fruit & Veggies
FRI	<u>Breakfast:</u> Parfait & fruit

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

Looking Forward

Nov 20– Decidedly Jazz Danceworks visit

Nov 23– Spirit North visit

Nov 23– Teacher Led Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

Nov 24– Teacher Led Conferences 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Nov 24– Non-Instruction Day – No School

Nov 27 – Lockdown drill

Dec 8 - Non-Instruction Day - No School

Dec 14 - Winter Solstice Gathering

Maatoomsii'Pookaiks

CBE's system-wide Maatoomsii'Pookaiks (Maah-doom-see Boo-gaaks) (Children First) Indigenous Education Professional Learning Day was held on Thursday, November 9.

This professional learning day was designed for all staff, regardless of role, to participate in developing foundational knowledge of Indigenous ways of being, belonging, doing, and knowing. This day of learning is part of the commitment to acknowledging and supporting the implementation of the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission \(TRC\) 94 Calls to Action](#) specific to education.

To meet these commitments, the CBE [Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework](#) positions us to develop the professional capacity of all CBE staff to work towards achieving the [CBE Education Plan](#).

Teacher-Led Conferences

- Thursday, November 23, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Friday, November 24, 9:00 am -12:00 pm
- Conference Bookings are made through your [MyCBE](#) parent account

MyCBE (PowerSchool) Parent Account

Please create a [MyCBE parent account](https://www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe) at <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. Your student's CBE ID# is needed to create the account. Please contact the main office for assistance at 403-817-3404.



Bussing and Transportation

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**

Winter Solstice Gathering



Inii's Insights

Blackfoot Language

pookaa = child, singular pookaiks = children, plural ópókásin = children as a whole; all children

Duane Mistaken Chief shared that they began as pókakiiks (spirits/whirlwinds) who then took human mothers to become Niitsitapi/real people. Niitsitapi are real people with spirit and body: physical (matapi and spirit (móták, or pókakii which is singular). Grandfather Sun (Naatosi/Kísóm) is í'htsipaitapiyaop— the source of life and life was created by the sun and air. This is the “pó” in the words above. We are grateful for Elder Duane's teachings and generosity in helping us to understand Spirit through Blackfoot language.

