



Niitsitapi Learning Centre

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Niitsitapi News | September 25-29

Last week, we welcomed our preschool students. They did great in their first week! We want to thank all the students and staff who participated in a successful first fire drill of the year. Also, we extend thanks to Ms. Chantal for engaging our learners in traditional songs and drumming.

Looking Forward & Nutrition Plan

MON	Ms. Angela – Indigenous Student Success LL joins our team	<u>Breakfast</u> : Cereal, Milk, Fruit <u>Lunch</u> : BB4CK Bagged lunches
TUE	School Photos	<u>Breakfast</u> : Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit <u>Lunch</u> : Soup, Cheese Toasties, Fruit, Veggies
WED		<u>Breakfast</u> : Hard Boiled Eggs, Nutrigrain Bars, apple sauce <u>Lunch</u> : Meatballs braised in gravy, roasted "rainbow fries", fruit
THUR	Orange Shirt Day	<u>Breakfast</u> : Pan granola bars, fruit, yogurt tubes <u>Lunch</u> : Soup, Quesadilla, fruit & veggies
FRI	School Closed in lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Day	

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

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 26 - Picture Day

Sept 28 - Orange Shirt Day

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

Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day Event

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving Day - No School

Oct 20 – Non-instruction Day – No School

Orange Shirt Day

Our school community will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 28.

Students have been working with their teachers this past week to create an art installation using orange shirts and Connecting to Spirit (spirit, heart, body, and mind). We will start the day with the raising of the tipi, storytelling in the tip, and then finish the day with a round dance. Each student will be given an orange shirt.

Calgary Police Youth Foundation Blue Bags

The Calgary Police Youth Foundation gifted each student a blue bag with family essentials and grocery gift cards. Any student who has not yet received their blue bag will receive it when they return to school. Families may also pick it up during school hours.

MRU Nurses

We extend a warm welcome to our guest practicum nurses, Ms. Wendy, Mr. Daniel, and Mr. Peter. They will be joining our kindergarten classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays until October 18.

Invite | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day Event - Sept. 30

CBE students, staff, and their families and friends are invited to join an event being hosted by the City of Calgary in partnership with the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District. The third annual ceremonial opening is taking place on Sept. 30 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Fort Calgary (750 9th Ave SE). This year's gathering will include a smudge tent, in-person Indigenous speakers and performers, an aerial salute ceremony, and other events. The events will also include an intertribal dance demonstration featuring Indigenous students from the CBE and CCSD. Participants are encouraged to wear orange.

Following the YYC, CBE & CCSD event, all are invited to join the Pokaiks – The Children Commemorative Annual Walk and Gathering 2023. The walk will begin at 11 a.m. at City Hall (a 15-minute walk from Fort Calgary or a 2-minute drive) and continue to Shaw Millenium Park (a 30-minute walk). The walk will be followed by drumming/dancing, Indigenous community speakers, artisan booths, and food sales.

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.



Inii's Insights | Fall Equinox

The fall equinox, September 23, marked the first day of autumn. On this day, na'toosi (Grandfather Sun in Blackfoot) and kokomikisomm (Grandmother Moon) share the sky; there is balance between day and night. The equinox brings a season of change. When we look to our non-human relations, they tell us it is a time to turn inward, to let things go that no longer serve us, and to prepare for a time of greater darkness and scarcity.

[Fall Equinox Teachings](#)

