

# LSK SCHOOL

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Merry Christmas!!!

It is that time of year and we are very busy getting ready to celebrate the holidays. Students were busy decorating our school Christmas tree with hand-crafted ornaments. Special thank you to Elle and Tammi Michael for purchasing our tree. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the crafting of ornaments, and to the community members who took part. This put our elementary students in the holiday spirit. Students were able to shop at our Christmas Bazaar for their families. It is nice to see so many students so excited to shop. Thank you to Helena Sack and her elves, and to everyone who made donations of either new or gently used items.

The Bazaar isn't the only event that is happening at our school. We are hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We have started off the fair with "Wish Lists". Thank you to high school student, Carly Brooks, for her assistance. She helped organize and display the books, along with bringing in the students to create their wish lists. Many of which "wish" they could have everything on their wish list. Lol

Our school has had a rough start to the month of December, but our staff is coming together to make it work. Unfortunately, Kim Martin is not longer part of our Administration. It was totally unexpected, but we would like to wish her all the best with her future endeavours. Kim made many positive changes to our school. It was her goal to include the community in school activities/events on permanent basis, and we hope it continues.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!!

Wela'lioq, Sharon Culbertson, Editor



## Upcoming Events

### December 4

Scholastic Book Fair

### December 4

Christmas Bazaar

### December 13

Christmas Concert @ 6pm



### December 15

Christmas Concert Storm Date @ 6pm

### December 20

Last day of classes – half day of school

### January 2

Teachers Return (No students)

### January 3

Students Return

## Grade Twelve...

Mrs. Tammy Maloney

Wow! December already. We have been busy up in Highschool.

We been learning about different types of Poetry and writing our own. We just finished our novel study on The Marrow Thieves.

We are preparing to help build the cottages being built in community.

Grads have a Christmas Basket Raffle draw and still looking for any donations towards our fundraising Will be drawing on Dec 19th here at the school.

We would like to wish Everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Tammy Maloney and Crew

## Grade Six...

Ms. Alisha Duhan



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting month of November in our sixth-grade class. Being a new teacher has been an incredible journey, and I'm thrilled to share that our class has transformed our classroom door into a Winter wonderland, adored with the theme "We are all like snowflakes- UNIQUE and one of a kind."

In EAL, we delved into the captivating novel "Touching Spirit Bear," exploring its themes and characters. Our small lessons focused on honing critical reading and analytical skills, fostering a deeper understanding of literature. The Word Work challenges encourage students to explore and use a variety of words, expanding their vocabulary. In mathematics, we tackled fundamental concepts like division, prime and composite numbers, and multiples. The students embraced these challenges, demonstrating impressive problem-solving skills by using different websites like IXL and Knowledgehook. Science brought us to the electrifying world of basic electricity concepts. Hands-on experiments and engaging discussions sparked curiosity and a love for scientific inquiry. Witnessing the students' excitement as they grasped the principles of electricity was truly rewarding. In health, we focused on nurturing a positive mindset and how the brain works. Understanding the importance of mental well-being, we explored strategies to maintain a healthy perspective in the face of challenges.

I continue to utilize Google Classroom as a central hub for assignments, ensuring easy access for students and anyone wishing to follow up on our classroom activities. This platform facilitates seamless communication and collaboration.

Looking ahead to December, I'm excited for more learning adventures and opportunities to inspire a love for knowledge in our incredible sixth-grade class. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a joyful and festive Christmas season!

Best Regards,

Alisha Duhan

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## Grade Four...

Ms. Tabetha Stephens



Kwe' from Grade Four,

Wow, How's it December already? Time flies by when you are busy learning. The 4th graders are excited it's December and are already in the holiday spirit. December will surely be an exciting and educational month. We are starting our second term and finishing off on a few projects. In Science, students are presenting their habitat dioramas and their PowerPoint slides about their animal they researched. They will be presenting them to the whole class. Next, we will start our Light & Sound unit.

In Language class, we started our sound wall work. The goal of the sound wall is to support students with learning those tricky high-frequency words. They also support students in retaining and learning to read unfamiliar words on their own. A sound wall does the work of matching our articulation of speech sounds/phonemes to the letters/graphemes that represent those sounds. We are working on writing letters. Our read aloud is, The one and only Ivan. We will compare and contrast this with the movie when we finish reading it.

The Grade 4s will be doing a Secret Santa exchange. This will take place during our Christmas party in late December. A letter will be sent home with a student's name. To make it fair for everyone, we are asking that you only spend a maximum of \$5-10 dollars.

**Nipi-Alasutmamk- Aqq Puna'ne'wimk - Merry Christmas and Happy New!**

## Grade Two...

Mr. Tyler Schussler

November was a month filled with lots of experiences that were both fun and educational. In literacy our class explored a variety of fictional texts that expanded our knowledge of writing, listening and reading. In math, we focused on patterns as students worked through a variety of growing and repeating patterns. Our school also commemorated Remembrance Day during the month of November with a ceremony that the whole school could attend in the gymnasium. It was really nice to have a traditional type of Remembrance Day ceremony in which veterans could attend, poetry and readings were also read by students. Remembrance Day lessons and art activities were also included within the classroom as students learned about the significance of the poppy through books and art work.

As we move into the month of December, I'm very excited to wish parents/guardians and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## K4/Preschool...

Mrs. Lyn Sack

We are all excited about the month of December and all that comes with this holiday season. Our class will spend some time exploring Christmas around the world and how others celebrate the season. We are also working on patterns, numbers and sorting activities.

We have a few birthdays to celebrate this month: Willow, Cerena, Jasper, Victoria, Avery and Gilbert.

**Have a safe and happy Holiday!!** Mrs. Sack & Staff

## High School Learning Centre...

Mr. Robert MacIntosh

Well, everyone we made it this far. Christmas is now fast approaching and it is a time for sharing. This Christmas I would like to share with you a message song. So here it goes.

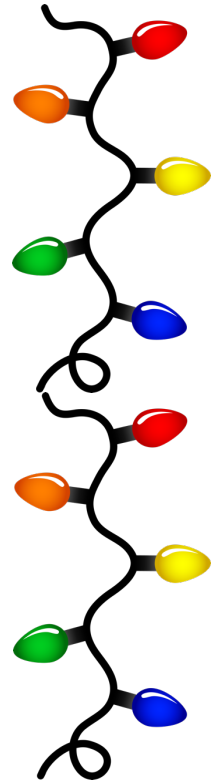
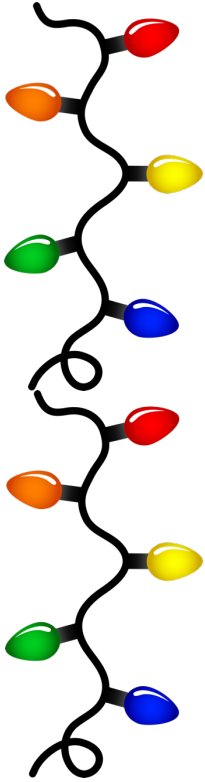
### Jack Frost and the Hooded Crow

Through long December nights we talk in words of rain or snow,  
while you, through chattering teeth, reply and curse us as you go.  
Why not spare a thought this day for those who have no flame  
to warm their bones at Christmas time?  
Say Jack Frost and the Hooded Crow.

Now as the last broad oak leaf falls, we beg: consider this:  
there's some who have no coin to save for turkey, wine or gifts.  
No children's laughter round the fire, no family left to know.  
So lend a warm and a helping hand:  
say Jack Frost and the Hooded Crow.

As holly pricks and ivy clings, your fate is none too clear.  
The Lord may find you wanting, let your good fortune disappear.  
All homely comforts blown away and all that's left to show  
is to share your joy at Christmas time  
with Jack Frost and the Hooded Crow.

Through long December nights we talk in words of rain or snow,  
while you, through chattering teeth, reply and curse us as you go.  
Why not spare a thought this day for those who have no flame  
to warm their bones at Christmas time?  
Say Jack Frost and the Hooded Crow.



Merry Christmas!

Mr. Mac

## Junior High Resource...

Ms. Lyssa Steponaitis

Kwe'

All students that I work with in Junior High are in different places in their learning. Each student, or pair of students, gets to work on what they need, and every student reviews all of the speech sounds that they know at the beginning of each lesson using a 'card deck' of sounds. Some students are learning consonants and short vowel sounds. Many people know consonants by being "not vowels" but with me, students learn the definition "consonants are speech sounds that are blocked by the lips, teeth, or tongue." When they first learn this definition, we listen to different sounds to figure out which part of our mouths are blocking the sound. For example, when you say the sound for the letter **f**, the sound is being blocked by your lips against your teeth. When you say the sound for the letter **m**, the sound is being blocked by your closed lips. When you make the sound for the letters **d** or **t**, you are using your tongue against the roof of your mouth. For some,

isolating the sounds can be very challenging! But knowing the sounds that each letter makes can help with both sounding out a word and spelling words. Next time, I'll tell you more about short vowel sounds.

As always, if you have any questions about your junior high child and what they're working on, please feel free to reach out. Email is definitely best: [LSTEPONAITIS@lkschool.ca](mailto:LSTEPONAITIS@lkschool.ca)

### Elementary Mi'kmaq Language...

Ms. Elle Michael

Our students helped to decorate our school tree by creating and placing their own hand-made ornaments.



*Wli-Nipi Alasutmank*

*Merry Christmas*

*PUSU'L PUNA'NE*

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*



## Grade Seven...

Ms. Erika Hilchey

Kwe'!

Wow, it's December already. I hope everyone is ready for the colder weather. I know I've got to dig out my hat and mitts for those cold early mornings.

December is going to fly by and students in grade 7-9 have some fun things coming up. To begin, they are selling tickets on handmade Taylor Swift inspired Christmas ornaments. One ornament for each of Taylor's albums! Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00 and can be bought by contacting myself or at the Christmas concert on December 13, 2023.

After this, students will be making a Christmas craft to either bring home or gift up someone. Keep your eyes peeled, they are going to be awesome.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing break and look forward to the New year with all my students!

Wela'lin,  
Ms. Hilchey



Teddy Bear Picnic

## Grade Primary...

Mrs. Sheri Brooks

The Primary class has been very busy throughout the month of November. We learned about our Sma'knis who went to war to fight for our freedom, and participated in LSK's annual Veterans Day ceremony. We have been learning about bears and celebrated with a Teddy Bear Picnic with lots of delicious fruits. Everyone enjoyed bringing their special friend to join us for the day, and a reminder, toys are usually left at home!

We have been practicing our Christmas concert songs, we hope that families and friends are able to join us for our concert on December 13. It will be a wonderful event. The primary students are learning about the different holidays that are celebrated in the month of December, we are learning that people may celebrate differently, it would be a great idea to share your families' traditions with your children so that they can share these with the class.

We hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season! We hope that you get to enjoy special moments with all of your loved ones! Happy holidays!

Mrs. Brooks

## Elementary Learning Centre...

Mr. Kyle Busche

This December we are working hard towards our student's social and academic goals in the Learning Center. Students are spending more time in class and have been enjoying all the holiday activities that have been planned. Our doors and bulletin boards have been decorated and it's feeling quite festive. If you see our students give them a warm holiday greeting. Happy holidays from the Learning Center!

## Grade Five...

Mrs. Raebeka Williams

The Christmas countdown has officially begun! Our classroom is filled with excitement as we prepare for the upcoming festivities. We will be engaging in various holiday-themed activities and discussions throughout the month. If your family has any special traditions or celebrations during this time, please feel free to share them with us.

In Mathematics, our focus has been on multiplication. Students have been working diligently on their multiplication tables, specifically with 1 and 2-digit numbers. We have also been exploring different methods to multiply large numbers. Encouraging your child to practice their multiplication skills at home will greatly benefit their progress.

For Science, the month of December will be dedicated to the exploration of changes in matter. We will be conducting hands-on experiments and discussing the various forms and properties of matter.

In Language Arts, we are nearing the end of our read-aloud book, "BFG" by Roald Dahl. It has been a joy to witness the students' enthusiasm for this story. As a culminating activity, we will be watching the movie adaptation to compare and contrast it with the book. This will allow us to explore the different ways in which a story can be portrayed.

On a different note, I am excited to share that our class had the opportunity to visit Dalhousie School of Law this week. We participated in a mock trial, where students had the chance to experience the courtroom setting and engage in a simulated legal case. It was a fantastic learning experience, and I am proud of how well our students conducted themselves.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season filled with love and laughter.

Warm regards,  
Ms. Rae



## Elementary Resource...

Ms. Leslie Paul

Kwe' /Hi

November has been a busy month completing assessments and we began working with thirteen students in resource support for their language arts skills. Many of our resource students are learning sound-symbol correspondence and/or decoding skills to improve their reading. Every resource student is working at their own pace and making gains in their literacy skills. It is now December and we are all enjoying getting ready for the holidays with fun classroom activities, book fair, Christmas bazaar and practicing for the Christmas concert. I wish everyone Happy Holidays!

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the program planning process or elementary resource, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Wela'lin/Thank you,  
Ms. Leslie Paul

## High School Mi'kmaq...

Mrs. Raylene Sylliboy

Kesikewiku's is the winter moon and the 12th of the Mi'kmaq moon cycle. The word Kesikewiku comes from the root word, kesik which translates into winter. Many events and gatherings happen in Kesikewiku's. The middle school students have been very active in learning the Mi'kmaq Ways of Being and Knowing, through the Two-Eyed-Seeing approach. We are currently collecting boughs to make Christmas wreaths. This tradition was very popular in the past, leading up to the day of Christmas. Mi'kmaq families would gather together to collect boughs to make beautiful wreaths to share with elders as decorations. Students are encouraged at this time to share what they will create, to keep in tradition of giving during this special occasion.

We were also very happy to welcome a special guest; Crystal Gloade, to teach us about quill work. Crystal and her sister had taught us how to make Christmas ornaments with birch bark and quill. Some of the students' work can be seen on the school Christmas tree in the foyer.

I would also like to welcome Mary Lou back to Mi'kmaw class.

Wli Nipi Alasutma aqq Pasu'l Pana'ne  
Mrs. Raye

## Wksankewo'tiewo'kuom (Comfort Closet Announcement)...

The grade 9 students are excited to announce that the "Comfort Closet" is now ready to provide our students from P-12 with emergency winter clothing. The grade 9's had the task in collaboratively creating a service-learning project, that addresses a need in the school. Wksankewo'tiewo'kuom translates to the peace/comfort place. Students will provide students in need of winter hats, gloves, jackets, winter pants, socks, pants & shirts. Their project is operating through donations from generous people and organizations within our community and outside our community. If you would like to make a donation, they can be dropped off in the Mi'kmaw Language class. On behalf of the grade 9 class, we would like to thank you all for making this service a success. Also, a big wela'lin to Rae Williams for collecting many items that are available now to our students. It is much appreciated by all of us.

If you have any questions or are in need of any of the items listed, please let me know and I will make sure the students will get them to you.

Wela'liq  
Raylene Sylliboy  
&  
Grade 9 Students





## Grade One...

Ms. Daphrose N

Dear Parents.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a positive and encouraging learning environment. We look forward to celebrating the joy of December together. In grade 1, each student decorated our classroom ceiling and door with their unique touch of holiday cheer. Take a moment during your -off or pick-up to admire the creativity on display.

Grade 1 is wishing you a Happy Holiday.



## December Birthdays...

- 02 – Kashton Julian (10)
- 03 – Jaici Syliboy (12)
- 04 – McKenna Maloney (2)
- 04 – Nadalia Paul (3)
- 07 – Kayli Raye Marr (10)
- 08 – Cerena Brooks (K4)
- 09 – Gilbert Paul (K4)
- 10 – Victoria Marr (K4)
- 13 – Isabella Francis (7)
- 17 – Jasper Paul (K4)
- 18 – Dalanie Paul (8)
- 18 – Avery Stephens-Toney (K4)
- 25 – Jakeria Maloney (10)
- 27 – Dallas Maloney (6)
- 28 – Jeffrey Paul (3)



**Etawey Wli-Nipi**  
**Alasutman**  
(Happy Midnight Prayer)

**Aqq**  
(And)

**Pusu'l Puna'ne!!**  
(Happy New Year!!)