



# Nipisihkopahk Primary Newsletter



## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents;  
Tansi! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Wilda Swampy. I am the Principal here at the Primary School for this year.  
I would like to welcome all the staff and students to the 2008-2009 school year. I wish everyone an exciting and successful year.

**Important dates to remember:**  
Sept. 11, 2008– Meet the teacher night.. 4-7 pm  
Sept. 10 –25, 2008– Book Fair.  
The K4 and K5 classes will run 4 days a week, Tuesdays to Fridays full days.  
We will continue to take registrations as long as we have room.

New Things we are planning for this years' fundraising. Each month there will be a pizza party for classes who have the highest attendance. There will be a **rice and ribs** sale every **Friday @ \$4.00**. There will be a taco, bannock & neckbone sale once a month, watch for notes to go home. We are selling **Chocolates @ \$2.00**. All our proceeds will go towards fieldtrips, Christmas concert, Cultural week, K5 Grad, Incentives for students, and K4 year end party.  
Parents it is very important to phone this school before 2:00 pm if your child/children are going home on a

different bus, Phone# 780-585-2075.  
Volunteers: Parents if at any time you would like to volunteer at our school feel free to come in and help out, it would be so awesome and we would really appreciate it. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to give us a call at the school.  
Announcements for weather, school closures; listen to the following stations @ 6:30am. Hawk Radio 89.1, CFCW Camrose 790, & Global Edm TV.

Hai Hai  
Mrs. Wilda Swampy  
Principal

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### Calendar of Events:

- Sept. 8th– K4 and K5 classes begin
- Sept. 10 –25, 2008– Book Fair
- Sept. 11, 2008– Meet the teacher night.. 4-7 pm
- Sept. 25 Early dismissal @ 2pm
- Sept. 26– PD day—No School
- Every Fridays is Rice & Ribs



## Associate Principal's Message:

Tansi Parents/Guardians,  
Welcome back!! I am excited to be back at work and looking forward to working with the staff, students and parents. This year I have been given to the opportunity to work with Mrs. Swampy as her Associate Principal. This will be my 11th year working at the Primary school and each year seems just as fun and challenging as the year before. Attendance is very important for the success of you child. Please make sure your child attends everyday and is on time. We also have many services available in our school for your child's learning and we will assist you with your concerns. We want to make this year a wonderful experience for you and your child. Ask your child about their day at school, the bus ride and what they liked or didn't like about their day. Please make us aware of any concerns you may have. Parents, you are a treasure to our school and student learning. You are part of the team to create success, respect and love of knowledge. Let's make this year an awesome one!! **"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."**  
Robert Maynard Hutchins  
Hai-Hai,  
Miss Cheryl Saddleback

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## K 4

Tansi,

**Welcome Back K4 Kindergarten Classes.**

**There will be a few tears during our first week as kids leave their parents for the first time. Your child will adjust and begin to settle into a routine.**

**Just to let you know our day begins with a snack. Please ensure your child brings a snack each day.**

**During the next few weeks, we will focus on introducing classroom expectations to ease your child's transition from home to school.**

**If you have any questions about our classroom please do not hesitate to call the school. It is a**

**pleasure to teach your children everyday. We look forward to watching them grow and learn throughout the year.**

**A small reminder as the days begin to shorten and the days get colder that your child will need to dress appropriately and will require inside shoes.**

Mrs. Sue Gizzie / Mr. Mike Saddleback  
Ms. Beryl Swampy / Ms. Sharon Lightning  
Ms. Alanna Saddleback / Ms. Tenille Bull

Hi my name is Pam Johnson and would just like to say welcome back to school.

This is my second year in K4 I really enjoy working with children and with the staff,

The year went by so fast last year that I didn't get a chance to Thank Nipisihkopahk Kindergarden/Primary School for giving me the opportunity to work in the school, Mrs. Margaret Saddleback, Mrs. Wilda Swampy and Gloria Baptiste . I would especially like to Thank Mrs. Gizzie for helping me through the whole year and Alanna Saddleback for being my E.A. Also, helping me out, all the K4 Teachers Beryl Swampy, Pam Swampy, Melissa Moonias, Mike Saddleback, Barb Thomas. All the office staff and all staff in the school are friendly and awesome to work with.

## Kindergarten

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
My name is Lisa Allan and I have been teaching at Samson Primary School since the school opened in 1993. I will be teaching K5 this year with my educational assistant Miss Sharon Lightning. I am looking forward to another wonderful school year!

Lisa Allan

K5 Teacher

Tansi! Welcome to K5. We hope everyone had a great summer. As most of our language art skills are in the morning, it is very important for your children to be attending on time everyday. Please ensure that you send a snack for your child everyday. Also, please do not forget that your child requires inside shoes. We are looking forward to meeting you at Meet the Teacher night on September 11. Feel free to join us in our class at any time.  
K-5 Teachers  
Mrs. Dennehy and Pam Swampy  
Miss Verbonac and Melissa Moonias

Tansi!

My name is Andrea Saskatchewan. I am your new K5 teacher. I look forward in teaching and meeting all the students and parents. I am very happy and eager to make learning fun in my classroom. Furthermore, I welcome all my students' parents to come in and spend some time in our classroom.

Hai! Hai!

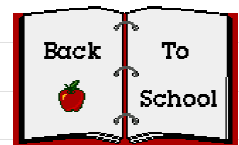
Ms. Andrea Saskatchewan.

Ms. Alanna Nepoose

## Blue Sky Room

It is another exciting year for the Blue Sky Program. We are starting the year in a new cozy classroom that is characterized with lots of color and lots of energy. Mrs. Sawatzky and Miss Littlepoplar are returning for another year of great fun and lots of laughs. Miss Arnott is joining our teaching team and we are

pleased to have her on board. The program is designed to provide individual students with unique learning opportunities and a high rate of success. We are working towards creating a safe and inviting environment for the students in the class and the school as a whole. Please drop by to visit us and see our awesome classroom!!



## Grade One

Welcome to Grade One ! We are looking forward to a great year in grade one. We have been working hard on establishing classroom routines, rules, and expectations. Grade one is very different from Kindergarten. We have so much material to cover , so regular attendance is very important. It would also be very helpful for the students to have a backpack and inside shoes. If your child is unable to tie shoes, slip-on shoes might be considered, however it is important to spend a few minutes to teach your child to tie shoes. It is quite hectic during the

beginning of the year ensuring that every student is placed on the correct bus, so if you have changes to where your child goes at the end of the day, please notify the school as soon as possible.

We have a new teacher to the Grade One corridor, Mrs. Leah Omeasoo-Syrette. We feel very blessed to add her to our "grade one team". Also teaching grade one this year are Mrs. Duberry, Mrs. Overly, Mrs. Odiobala and Mrs. Ouellette.

We look forward to seeing every parent this year on Sept 11 for "Meet the Teacher " night. If you have

any questions, concerns or would like to volunteer to help out in your child's class, just let us know. We are hoping that every child will be successful in grade one this year.

Hai Hai  
Mrs. Ouellette, Mrs. Overly, Mrs. Odiobala, Mrs. Syrette and Mrs. Duberry.

A special prayer and good wishes to Mrs. Isabel Valli's family. Mrs. Valli, who recently passed away, was a great teacher who touch many hearts. She will be dearly missed

**Birthdays:**  
**August:**  
Laurelle Smallboy  
**September:**  
Matthew Saddleback  
Dezrick Buffalo

## Staff

Wilda Swampy	Principal		
Cheryl Saddleback	Associate Principal		
Toni Potts	Admin. Assistant		
Laurencine Saddleback	Receptionist	Marilyn West	Gr. 2A+
		Connie Bergstrom	Gr. 2 Reg.
		Elizabeth Nelson	Gr. 2 Reg.
Teachers	Education Assistants		
Sue Gizzie K4	Michael Saddleback		
Beryl Swampy	Sandra Lightning	Brenda Buffalo	Reading Recovery
Pam Johnson	Shauna Johnson	Linda Saddleback	Cree Language Gr.1 & 2
Alanna Saddleback	Tenille Bull	Druscilla Littlepoplar	
		Barbara Thomas	Cree Language K4/5
Nicole Sawatzky Bluesky	Lindsay Littlepoplar,	Christine Kiefert	CAI Lab
Courtney Arnott		Cory Malloy	Gymnasium
		Wilma Okeymow	Library
Andrea Saskatchewan K5	Alanna Nepoose	Connie Romaniuk	Speech & Language.
Beatrice Dennehy	Pam Swampy		
Lisa Allan	Sharon Lightning	Elders:	Custodians:
Francine Verbonac	Melissa Moonias	Norma Crane	Curtis Saddleback
		Monica Soosay	Flora Crier
Lenore Ouellette	Gr. 1 Trans.		Tyson Johnson
Tanya Overly			
Sarah Duberry			
Erica Odiobala			
Leah Omeasoo-Syrette	Gr. 1 Reg.		

## C.A.I.

Computer Lab  
Tansi, my name is Chris Kiefert, I am an Educational Assistant and for the 2008/09 school year I will be working in the Computer Lab and the canteen. Grades 1, 2 come to computers 4 times a week and K5's will come twice a week. The students work on Math, Discover English & Reading programs when they come to the computer lab. They also play games when done their work and on Fun days. Feel free to pop in to the lab anytime and see what your child is working on. Let's have a great year!  
Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Gym News

I am pleased to be working with your children in the gym this year. We have many fun activities that we will be doing throughout the year. I would like you to check your child's shoes to make sure that they fit comfortably and that they are a running shoe with a non-marking sole. I cannot allow sandals or high heel shoes in the gym due to safety issues. Students who do not have proper footwear will have to go in bare feet, which is not very safe for their feet. If your child is feeling ill or has a medical condition, please make sure that you send a note or call me with an explanation to make sure that I am aware

of it. I look forward to meeting you at the, "Meet the Parents" night, and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come in and talk to me.

Thank you,

Mr. Cory Malloy  
P.E. Teacher



## Reading Recovery

Tansi Parents and Guardians;  
Welcome to a new school year. I hope everyone had a restful and an enjoyable summer.  
I look forward to working again with my continuing students and the upcoming new students.

I wish all staff and students a successful year.  
Hai! Hai!  
Ms. Buffalo

## Library

There will be a Book Fair on September 10—15th. Come in to the Library to see what is on display.  
Wilma Okeymow  
Librarian

## Cree News >>> + <<<<

Tansi, nitotemi'tik,  
We are all excited to be back for another school year, 2008-2009. The students are already getting into the routine of every school day.  
Ms. Linda Saddleback will be teaching the Cree language program for the grades one and two classes with Mrs. Druscilla Littlepoplar as her Education Assistant. Mrs. Barb Thomas will be teaching the Cree language program for the K-4, K-5 classes and the Blue Sky Room. These lessons will be taught in both English and in Cree.

Our theme for the month of September-onochihtowipisim is 'miyowichehtowin-getting along with each other'. Our Cree words for this week are; niya-I, me, kiya-you, tansi-hello, tansi kiya-how are you?, namoya nantaw- I am fine. Our animal for this month is horse-misatim.  
We look forward to working with your children and meeting everyone on 'Meet the Teacher' night.

That's all for now  
Ekosi pitama  
Ms. Linda Saddleback, Cree Instructor, grades one & two.  
Mrs. Druscilla Littlepoplar, Education Assistant, grades one & two  
Mrs. Barb Thomas, Cree teacher, K-4, K-5, Blue Sky Room



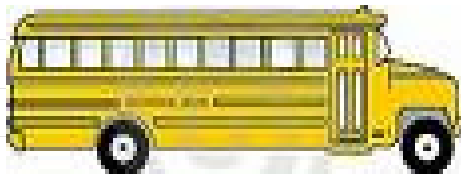
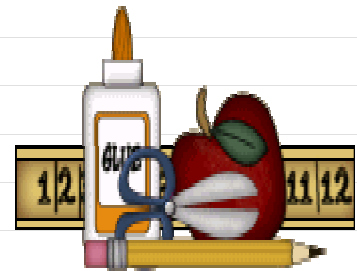
## Grade Two

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
 Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I have been with the primary school several years and I am looking forward to another exciting year teaching grade 2. Please feel free to visit our classroom whenever possible. I look forward to working you to ensure your child has a very successful school year.  
 Mrs. Nelson

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,  
 I am very pleased and excited to be teaching Grade 2 again this year at Nipisihkopahk Kindergarten/Primary School. My name is Marilyn West and I wish to extend a welcome for you to drop in to our classroom at any time. This is our children's home away from home for the greater part of the week and I want both them and you to feel a part of our classroom community. If you at any time have any concerns or if your child is expressing apprehension

or experiencing unhappiness please let me know immediately. I can be reached at the school any-time between 8:15 & 4:30. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Together with you, I will do my best to make this a successful, happy, super year for our children in helping them become the very best that they can be.  
 Mrs. Marilyn West

Tansi Parents/Guardians,  
 Welcome to a new school year. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer with your children. My name is Connie Bergstrom and I will be teaching Grade 2 in Room 26. I live by Bashaw with my family, and I am very happy to be starting my 8th year of teaching at the Primary School. We have a very busy year of learning ahead of us in Grade 2 and I look forward to a wonderful, successful year with you and your child. You are welcome to visit our classroom anytime. I hope to see all of you on September 11th for "Meet the Teacher Night."  
 See you soon!  
 Mrs. Bergstrom



Fill out and return to enter draw for a free book.

Student- \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: Please call the school for any bus changes by 2:00 pm. Also, please dress your child according to the weather. Contact Delphine Simon for information @ 780-585-0011