

NIJI MAHKWA TIMES

"MY FRIEND THE BEAR"

ADDRESS: 450 FLORA AVENUE, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, R2W 2R8

PHONE: 204-589-6742 FAX: 204-582-7049

EMAIL: NIJIMAHKWA@WSD1.ORG

WEBSITE: www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/nijimahkwa



September

Administrator's Message

Dear Niji Mahkwa Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. We are very excited to see all of our students and families as we begin another year.

The lunch program is up and running. We will let you know when after school programs and sports are able to start up. Student who stay for lunch are to bring a lunch that does not require heating, as microwaves are not permitted in classrooms. There is a fee of \$20.00 per month for the lunch program.

If your child will be away from school please report them on the **safe arrival app** or call their number 1-855-278-4513. As we go into flu season we encourage you to keep your child home if ill. This will help decrease the chance of spreading the virus.

Our whole school will be going Sage picking on September 14th. The Sage picked will be used in all of our Smudge ceremonies throughout the school year. Our Biindigen feast will also occur the same week. Please keep your eye out for permission forms to make sure your child can partake in all out of school activities

We have a very supportive staff at Niji Mahkwa School. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the school, we will listen and help support parents & caregivers as much as we can.

Thank you, Miigwech, Ekosani

Ms. Marsha Missyabit
Principal
&
Mr. Reuben Boulette
Vice Principal

Theme: Smudge
Teaching: Respect,
Sweat Lodge/Tipi,
Feather & Moon
Moon: Autumn
Medicine: Sage
Song: Helper Song
Animal Spirit: Buffalo
Colour: Red
Doorway: Western Doorway



Niji Mahkwa School



WELCOME

Welcome back to school! We just wanted to send out a reminder to all families regarding what the day at Niji Mahkwa looks like. We are dedicated to upkeeping the safety and health of our students. If you have any questions please call the school.

- MORNING:** Students should arrive no earlier than 8:50 a.m.
Students will wait outside until their teacher meets them at 8:55 a.m.
Students are not allowed in the school prior to 8:55 a.m.
Students are to enter at different entrances depending on classroom. Please see the chart below for where your student will line up. If your child is late please drop them off at the front doors.
- AFTERNOON:** Students who go home for lunch are to come back no earlier than 12:50 and line up by their doors.
Students who stay for lunch will eat inside for the first half hour and go outside for the second half hour.
Lunch fees are due at the beginning of each month, payable to the classroom teacher or office. Lunch fees are \$20.00 (+10.00 for each additional child) per month.

Room #	Entrance/Exit Door	Line up Spot
102	Front door	Sidewalk
114	Courtyard door	Courtyard
115	Courtyard door	Courtyard
119	Back door	Hard Top
203	Courtyard door	Courtyard
206	Courtyard door	Courtyard
303	Back door	Hardtop
305	Back door	Hardtop
306	Back door	Hardtop
312	Front door	Sidewalk
314	Front door	Sidewalk

Please have your child dress for the weather. Cold weather is always around the corner and students cannot enter the building before 8:55 a.m. and will have to wait outside (and at lunch) if they show up early. There are two 15 minutes recess and 30 minute outdoor lunch if the weather is above -25.

If your child is ill please keep them at home and report their absence on the absence reporting system. The safe arrival phone number is 1-855-278-4513 or download the school messenger app.

NIJI MAHKWA HOMEROOM TEACHERS

See below for your child classroom teacher's name:

Nursery & Kindergarten - Ms. Ong	102
Gr. 1/2: Ms. Solomon	114
Gr. 1/2: Ms. Schalla	115
Gr. 2/3: Ms. Frost & Mr. Sagriotis	206
Gr. 3/4: Ms. Jackson	306
Gr. 4/5: Ms. Shah	203
Gr. 5/6: Ms. Pastetnik	305
Gr. 5/6: Ms. Kelly	303
Gr. 7/8: Ms. Beardy	312
Gr. 7/8: Ms. Levasseur	314
TAP: Ms. Linklater	119

*Important items coming home,
Be sure to check your child's backpack
daily, for notices, permission slips, home-
work etc.*

SAFE ARRIVAL

TO REPORT YOUR STUDENT'S ABSENCE.

Before the bell time of the day,

Call 1-855-278-4513

Visit: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Absences can be put in ahead of time!

**** If Attendance is becoming a concern please contact the school at 204-589-6742
to speak with your child's teacher****

Daily Timetable:

8:55 am.....School Opens

9:00 am.....Morning Announcements & Smudge

10:40 - 10:55 am.....Morning Recess

11:55 am - 12:55 pm.....Lunch

2:05 - 2:20 pm.....Afternoon Recess

3:25 pm.....School Ends

SAFE ARRIVAL: 1-855-278-4513 or <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to report absences
prior to 9:30 a.m.



BE PROUD, BE RESPECTFUL, BE SAFE



FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Through SEED Winnipeg Inc.
Located at 80 Salter St.
204-927-9945

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Winnipeg School Division student verification forms be sent home with students soon. Please make any changes necessary on these forms. These forms needs to be updated annually for every student. **Please update, sign, date and return the forms to the school as soon as possible.**

There will be a draw for 2 - \$25 gift cards on September 29th, but they have to be at school to win! There will be one draw before lunch and another before 3:25pm. Students will have to be there all morning or afternoon to win. If you know your child will be away from school this day, please contact the office to let them know so we can have you fill out a letter of absence. This is important as this is COUNT DAY for the WSD and determines funding for the year.



NIJI MAHKWA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The lunch program supervises students from 11:55-12:55.
No food is provided. Parents must supply lunch.

The cost is \$20.00/month for the first student and \$10.00/month for each additional student.

FEES ARE DUE ON THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH.

Payable to your child's teacher.

TRANSPORTATION

Inquiries, Questions & Bus Information, Caregivers can call transportation at 204-586-8800.



Niji Mahkwa
School Calendar

September

Sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 DAY 1	7 DAY 2	8	9	10
	LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED		FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!			
11	12 DAY 5	13	14	15	16	17
	EMERGENCY PRACTICE DRILLS		WHOLE SCHOOL SAGE PICKING 	PIPE CEREMONY & BIINDIGEN FEAST 5:00 P.M. 		
18	19	20 DAY 5	21	22	23	24
	NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY NO CLASSES		POPCORN DAY 			
25	26 DAY 3	27	28	29	30	
				TERRY FOX RUN WEAR ORANGE HOT DOG DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED ORANGE SHIRT DAY TRUTH & RECON- CILIATION DAY	