

# Curve Lake First Nation School Newsletter



## October Bnaakwi Dabik Giizis, 2019

### Principal's Message

**Binaakwi Dabik Giizis, Falling Leaves Moon - October 2019**

Aaniin Families,

We have had a terrific start to our school year, and September was a very busy month as students settled into their new classes and learned about their new teacher and each other. We have been working on the gift of Respect, and what it looks like, sounds like and feels like. Each month we will be focusing on a Grandfather Teaching, and recognizing how using our teachings can assist us daily in a positive way as we interact with one another. This month we will be focusing on the Grandfather Teaching "Nbwaakaawin" (Wisdom). We will be discussing and learning how using this gift helps us notice what is going on around us, ask questions so we can learn and understand more, learn from our experiences, and to see that we have a lot to learn and to be excited about.

In September our students visited James Whetung and he shared with us his knowledge of ricing. As we were preparing for Pow Wow weekend, we were excited to have Theo Jacobs and Franklin Johnson come in to drum for us, and also share what being a drummer means to them.

October will be an equally busy month as our Grade 1-3 students will be starting Bridging the Gap program, in partnership with the Kawartha Sexual Assault Clinic and Getsinyag Program, again this year. We are looking forward to having Elders, Knowledge Keepers and community members in to share with the students and to build friendships through learning together.

This month we have some exciting programming starting and we will be having our first annual "Bboon Ozhiitaa" event at our school. We will be having a day with community members teaching us different aspects of how we get ready for winter. This is a two day event in partnership with Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board. During the first day our students and staff will participate in the learning activities, on the second day we will host KPR grade 5 students from 3 area schools. Students will also be visiting the McLean's Buckhorn Farm- Pumpkin Patch on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

It is exciting to see all of the busyness and learning that is happening. If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or myself.

Miigwetch for your support and partnership in your child's learning journey,

Ms Taylor  
Principal



## ALLERGY ALERT

Please do not send shell fish or nut products to school with your child.

## Back Into Routine!

### Stat. Holiday!

Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> is a holiday – the school will be closed. Happy Thanksgiving!



### Parent Circle

Parent Circle meeting will be on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 12:00 PM!

We look forward to meeting with everyone.

### Thanksgiving Soup Day

Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Thanksgiving Soup Lunch. Please send a small vegetable to school with your child. Whatever we get, goes into our soup! Families are invited to join us for lunch at 12:00 PM, bring your own bowl, spoon, and drink. We will be having a raffle for a ham \$2.00/ ticket or 3 for \$5.00



### IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

School Staff are ready to supervise your child on the school yard no earlier than 8:40AM. If you're here before 8:40AM you will need to stay with your child.

Class begins at 8:55AM. If your child arrives at 9:00AM or after, they are considered late. If your child is late, you will be required to sign them in at the office.

Class is dismissed at 3:20PM. If you are here before then, please kindly sign your child out and wait in the front foyer or outside.

If you need to pick your child up early, please stop in at the office and we will call them down for you.

If your child is on the bus list, you will be required to sign them out of school any time you pick them up.

For safety and security reasons, all adults entering our school are required to sign in as a visitor and sign out when they leave.

We appreciate your cooperation in making our school a safe place for our students, staff, and community.

### Kawartha Therapy Services (KTS)

Services have started up again for this school year! Services are available weekly for students as follows:

Tuesday's – Social Worker (Mandy)

Wednesday's – Speech & Language (Patty)

Thursday's – Occupational Therapist (Katy)

More information on these services will come home in the near future.



### Teaching of the Month – Nbwaakaawin - Wisdom

Nbwaakaawin helps me...

- Ask question so that I understand and learn more
- Stop and think things through before I act
- Notice what’s going on around me

### Popcorn Tuesday!!

\$2.00 / bag proceeds go to School Fundraising.

You may pre-pay for popcorn and we will keep your information at the office

### Safe Arrival

To ensure the safety of your child, please call 705-657-3651 to report your child’s absence. You may leave a voicemail if you need to.

You may also send a note in your child’s agenda if you know of their absence in advance. Phone calls will be made home starting at 9:05 AM if your child is absent and we haven’t heard from you.

### Extra Clothes

Please remember to send extra clothes with your child. If you want to ensure your belongings are returned – please label everything.

- Shirts
- Pants
- Underwear
- Socks

### Your Child’s Day

1<sup>st</sup> Block 8:55 – 10:40

1<sup>st</sup> Recess 10:40 – 11:00

1<sup>st</sup> Nutrition Break 11:00 – 11:20

2<sup>nd</sup> Block 11:20 – 1:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Recess 1:00 – 1:20

2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break 1:20 – 1:40

3<sup>rd</sup> Block 1:40 – 3:20

Home Time 3:20



Please have your child, along with their packed backpack, arrive before the 8:55 bell to limit interruptions and ensure a good start for your child and their classmates. Miigwech!

### Pumpkin Patch Trip

Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>

Permission forms will come home!



### Halloween Day

Here at the Curve Lake First Nation School, we like to dress up for Halloween! Please send your child with a costume on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> (there will be some fun activities & they will dress up at 11:30am!)

Please make sure you do not send your child with any weapons on or part of their costume.

Also, please remember to label anything you send. We do our best to make sure things stay with your child, but sometimes things get mixed up.

### Aanii ezhwebak kojing? What's happening outside?

#### Aw-nee azh-wa-buck ko-jing

Saagaate – It’s sunny  
Saw-gaw-ta



Noodin – It’s windy  
No-din



Nagwaankwad – It’s cloudy  
Nu-gwah-n-kwad



Gimiwan – It’s raining  
G-mi-won



Mno-Giizhgad – It’s a nice day  
Minnow – Gey-sh-gud



## Curve Lake First Nation School Visits James Whetung (Kindergarten Recount)

On Wednesday September 18, we went on our first class trip of the year to James Whetung's Black Duck Wild Rice.

We learned the process of wild ricing from harvesting the rice in the canoe with the giizhikisag (cedar wood stick), to separating the hulls from the rice using a blanket and wind.

When we arrived, James Whetung brought a smudge bowl to us and we were able to offer semaa (tobacco) to say Miigwetch to the creator. Then we watched James explain the way our Anishnaabe people collect the rice into the canoe, then bring it to a big kettle to be dried.

He explained that we use a wooden paddle to sift through the rice to keep it moving and prevent it from getting too hot. If it gets too hot, the rice pops and splits, similar to popcorn.

When the rice is dried, we put it into a larger kettle, put our moccasins on and dance on the rice in the kettle to separate the hulls from the rice.

Last, we put the rice on a blanket, and toss it into the air over the blanket and the wind takes the hulls, and we are left with the wild rice.

James sent us back to school with some of his Black Duck Wild Rice, and it was delicious!

