



Virtue:
THANKFULNESS

October 2017

Chiganois Monthly Newsletter

Principal Message:

As we enter the month of October, our attention is drawn to two main areas: change and giving thanks. As we observe our environment we notice a number of changes; the leaves are turning vibrant colors of red, orange and yellow, the birds are flying south to prepare for the winter ahead and the farmers are harvesting their crops. It is within these changes that we recognize the good as these changes prepare us for the next part of our seasonal journey. Not only do we notice changes in the environment, but also changes in our school community where we see students settled into the daily routines, connections are made with peers and teachers, and school life is moving forward. The school year is always one of change with new faces, families, events and activities. Change will enable us as a school community to move forward with the help and support of one another to benefit our students. It is within these changes that we can grow in strength together and learn from one another to prepare for tomorrow.

As we journey together we need to remember that our goal is the same, the best education for all of our students. We need to be thankful for each one's contribution, no matter how big or small, as every contribution is valued and important to our growth as a school community. As we celebrate our school successes throughout the year I encourage us to always be thankful for our school, our community, our friends and families. Let us be thankful for what we can offer and what we can accomplish as a team. As we focus on our virtue of "Thankfulness" we will work at showing gratitude through our emotions, words and actions. Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,
Mr. K. Harnish

Terry Fox Run

Wow! This year our school sure had incentive to raise lots of money for Terry Fox. Mr. Gunn provided the students with a challenge which was to raise at least \$2000.00 and he would wear something silly to school. In addition, any student who raised \$100 or more was eligible to throw a cream pie in the face of the staff member of their choice. In total our school raised **\$4500!!** Thank you to everyone for supporting such a worthy cause; this is amazing! ***Due to inclement weather, our Terry Fox Walk will now be held Monday, Oct 2nd at 2:45. All are welcome ☺***

Stand Up. Speak Out.

On September 14th our school worked together to show the community how we "Stand Up and Speak Out". Under the direction of Mrs. Saunders, staff and students came together outside and sang "Sing for Peace" to show our solidarity and to celebrate playing and working together peacefully at Chiganois. The video has been uploaded and can be seen on our school Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ChiganoisElementary/>

PTG

The PTG held their first meeting on September 26th. This year the group is looking for someone to step up as their Vice President. The 2017-2018 Executive is Jen MacKay (President), Shelley Vandenburg (Treasurer), and Amanda Eisses (Secretary). Please come out and support your child's school. The next meeting is set for October 24th. Everyone welcome! Please see the back of the newsletter for PTG News, Upcoming Events & Activities!

SAC

DID YOU KNOW? The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists as an advisory body to the administration of the school. It is comprised of staff, parent and community members, and meets six times throughout the school year to discuss issues that concern our school and ways to make Chiganois Elementary an even better place to learn and grow. The SAC met on September 26th for the first meeting of the school year. Items discussed included reviewing the School Success Plan, new Attendance Policy and updates on maintenance improvements to the school completed during the summer.

Front Doors

As most of you know the front doors of the building are locked. Please ensure that if you are dropping your child off that they enter the building safely. There is a buzzer outside that needs to be rung to have the door unlocked. Please be patient as sometimes there may not be a staff person in the office so the person may have to wait a bit for the door to be opened.

Virtue of the Month: Thankfulness

I will show gratitude through my emotions and attitude. I will show thanks when I receive a benefit from someone else or when I give to others through my thoughts, words and actions.

School Leadership Team

Our grade four and five students are actively involved in our school's leadership team. The students are helping to support the school through their efforts to be positive role models for one another and create an atmosphere of responsible citizenship. They are eagerly helping out in a variety of capacities through a schedule of activities, such as playground equipment helpers, recycling and cafeteria helpers (with the younger students). The students meet bi-weekly to discuss and brainstorm ways they can enhance our school community. We appreciate their efforts along with the support of Mrs. Matte our school Guidance Counsellor.

Breakfast Program

The students at our school have the privilege of accessing a universal breakfast program each morning. We have had an anonymous donation again this year to help support this program. Thank you! Without these types of donations our program would not be able to run for the entire school year.

Personal Property

The safekeeping of personal property rests with the students. Therefore, we discourage students from bringing electronic games, cell phones, I-Pods and any other valuables to school. If for any reason students must bring their technology devices to school they can be handed into the office for safe keeping. Due to our outdoor play initiative we encourage students to engage in joint play during recess and lunch so electronic devices are discouraged from being taken outside during these times. Students should not use their devices to take photos or videos.

Mad Science

Again, we are pleased to have Mad Science join us for an after school program. The topics they will explore are Under Pressure, Chem-Mystery, Fantastic Fliers, Super Structures, Fun-damental Forces and Science of Magic. It should be a fun and exciting learning opportunity for your child/children. Registration forms were sent home and the program will run for six weeks beginning Oct 2-Nov 20 for Grade 3-5 students and Oct 4 -Nov 8 for P-2 students.

Parent Portal

By now all families should have accessed the Parent Portal.

If you need help logging in please contact the school or email Mrs. Keizer.

Upcoming Dates

October 1st - 31st

Mi'kmaq History Month & International Walk To School Month

October 1st - 7th

Mental Illness Awareness Week

October 1st

Treaty Day

October 2nd

Virtue Assembly - Thankfulness 2:15

Terry Fox Walk - 2:45 (All Welcome ☺)

Mad Science (Gr 3-5)

PTG ADL Cheese Fundraiser Begins

October 3rd

Canadian Federation of Musicians visits our school : S'Cool Sounds 2:00-2:45

October 4th

Mad Science (Gr P-2)

International Walk to School Day

October 7th-13th

Fire Safety Week

October 9th

Thanksgiving No School

October 11th

Mad Science (Gr P-2)

PTG ADL Cheese Fundraiser Orders Due

October 16th

Mad Science (Gr 3-5)

October 18th

Mad Science (Gr P-2)

October 26th

Family Halloween Dance 6:30 - 8:00

October 23rd

Mad Science (Gr 3-5)

October 24th

Pancakes with the Principal for October
SAC 6:00 - 7:00 / PTG 7:00 - 8:00

October 25th

Mad Science (Gr P-2)

October 26th

Family Halloween Dance 6:30 - 8:00

October 27th

Provincial Conference No School

October 30th

Mad Science (Gr 3-5)

Housekeeping Things:

- ✓ All parents, visitors, etc. report to the office. Please do not go directly to the classroom.
- ✓ Please have your child to school by 9:10
- ✓ You can pick your child up at 3:15 at the front doors.
- ✓ October is Mi'kmaq History Month and International Walk to School Month.
- ✓ Picture Retake's are being held September 29th at Pridham's Studio by appointment only. Please contact Pridham's directly to book your appointment 902-895-1694.
- ✓ Turkey dinner on the menu for October 4th
- ✓ Mad Science being offered after school.



Boston Pizza Reading Program

The Boston Pizza Reading Program is a great incentive to engage students in reading. All students are given a reading form log to complete from Boston Pizza for their reading program. If your child reads 20 minutes for 20 evenings, they can fill out the sheet and hand it in to their teacher. This is recorded daily. At each PTG (Parent Teacher Group) meeting, students that achieve the goal and have completed and returned the reading log will be rewarded with a gift certificate from Boston Pizza for a free kids meal with no strings attached (no other purchase required). As each child finishes one reading log form they may start another. This program will run throughout the school year... happy reading!!!!



Boston Pizza Challenge

The Boston Pizza Challenge is another initiative the PTG has decided to be a part of during the school year. The Challenge requires collecting receipts from Boston Pizza Purchases (eat in/take out). The PTG will receive 10% of the money back from the total receipts purchased to be used at Chiganois for a pizza party at the end of the year. Last year the PTG managed to raise \$850. **Please send the receipts in with your child to hand in to their teachers. The receipts have to be entered within 1 week of purchase so this has to be done quickly.** Let's see what we can do this year!!!!



Cheese Fundraiser Sale

PTG will be doing their Annual Cheese Sale starting October 2nd. Order forms will be sent home with students and will be due back by October 11th. This is quality cheese from ADL and it is the major fundraiser for the school year. PTG profits go towards your child's school trips, new play equipment, items to enhance classrooms and your child's education. Please help support this fundraiser if you are able.

Halloween Dance

Date and Time: October 26th from 630pm-8pm at the gym.

All families are welcome to attend. There will be several fun activities for the kids to do but mostly wearing a costume and dancing the evening away!!!! The cost is \$10 per family or if your family is small, \$3 per person!! We will be having a pumpkin carving competition again this year as well, so carve your pumpkin at home and bring it along to the dance and be entered to win some cool prizes!

