



School Council

February 6, 2024

Welcome to our Third School Council Meeting!

Minutes & Agenda

- Student Wellness Conference
- School Play
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Report Card Assessment
- EQAO Assessment
- Mark Your Calendar
- School Council Meeting Dates
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting



Student Wellness Conference

On January 11, Gr. 4-8 students engaged in workshops focusing on strategies for wellness and relationship building:

- Living a Good Life: teachings of the Medicine Wheel & Sweetgrass (Hazel Fox-Recollet - RDSB Indigenous Support Worker)
- Classroom Family and School Community: Taking Care of One Another (William Bisailon - Nogdawindamin)
- Every Child Matters: Who I Am and Who We Are (Crystal Clark-McGregor - Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Cultural Coordinator)
- My Self-Care Toolkit (Aimee Tremblay - Birch Island Student Wellness Worker)
- Social and Emotional Learning and Building Inclusion (David Brutto - RDSB Social Worker)
- Land-Based Activities (Given Cortes- Noojomowin Teg HC)

Students were treated to a chili lunch and a sweet rice dessert. The session wrapped up with our Flames drumming group and a teaching about the Eagle Staff from Cheyenne Kitchikake.



School Play - Grease

Mr. Morrow and his cast are excited to present this year's play, inspired by the popular musical Grease. It will be brought to life by 18 of our Grade 5-7 students. There will be two performances on Wednesday, February 28th: one during the school day for the students of A.B. Ellis and a 7pm performance for parents, family and friends.



Come out for this fun evening that's sure to get you singing along. Admission is free but we will accept donations at the door to support future productions.





Flames in Action - Extracurriculars/Sports!

Ski trip - Gr 6/7/8 students hitting the slopes Feb 7-9 in Searchmont

- Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball: after-school practices Mon (G), Wed (B), tournaments: Feb 27, 28, Mar 21(G) and Mar 1, Mar 22 (B)
- Junior Intermediate Coed Hockey tournaments: Jan 29 (Assiginack), Feb 21 (Biidaaban), March TBD (Espanola)
- Recesses:
 - Junior Girls' and Boys' Tripleball (beginner volleyball)
 - Chess club at recesses
 - Indigenous Cultural Group: Tuesdays 10:30-11:10
 - Flames drumming circle
 - Guitar/Drum club

Check out our [Activities page](#) on our School Website!

Assessment & Evaluation



- Report cards go home Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- Our ideal goal is to meet with every family to discuss strengths and nexts steps for student growth and achievement
- Our staff have an interview window of February 21 - March 1 to connect with families
- Our staff are flexible with in school meetings or the use of technology to help facilitate this communication

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Bob Beauprez

EQAO Assessment - May 8 - June 12



Tips for Parents and Guardians

Supporting Your Child Before an EQAO Assessment

We asked members of the EQAO Student Advisory Committee about what helped them to feel confident about their upcoming EQAO assessment. Here are some of their insights:

Students are less likely to feel nervous when they have **positive discussions about the EQAO assessment** and hear about how it helps education in Ontario.



Students appreciate **encouraging conversations about their ability to succeed**. It's important for them to feel supported and to hear that they're ready.



Students benefit by **hearing from other students who have previously written the assessment**.



Students think an EQAO assessment **should be treated like any other test** at school.



Students want to **understand the structure and content** of the test.

Tip: To help students become familiar with the format of the assessment and the types of questions that can be asked, you can refer to examples of test materials available on EQAO's website.

Autism Awareness - April 2

April 2 is Autism Awareness Day -

Activities and announcements will be planned with the staff on that day.



Mark Your Calendar

Feb 9 - Sweater Day (Eco challenge)

Feb 14 - K-Gr.3 Scavenger Hunt in last block

Feb 16 - Gr. 4-8 Dance in last block

Feb 19 - Family Day

Feb 20 - School level speeches in gym in middle block

Feb 21 - Report Cards/IEPs; interviews by request Feb 22-Mar 1

Feb 28 - Grease Play for families @7pm

Mar 4 - Gr. 8 Grad Photos

Mar 8 - 15 - March Break

Mar 29 - Apr 1 - Easter Long Weekend

Apr 9 - Final School Council Meeting @6pm

**sign on for our [School Community Google Calendar](#)



School Council Meeting Dates

Monday, September 12/23 - done

Tuesday, November 7/23 - done

Tuesday, February 6/24 - done

Tuesday, April 9/24





Agenda Items Next Meeting

- Principal Profile (HR-06)
- Eco Challenge
- Education Week Activities
- Tentative Class Organization for 24/25
- Dare to Care Summary

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9/24