

COMMUNITY WIDE Updates

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was yesterday, November 11th. Our schools have observed this important day in memory of all those who served and gave their lives for our country.

November is Adoption and Month

The Provincial Director of Child Welfare and the Provincial Director of Adoption remind us all that November has been proclaimed as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month. This annual proclamation offers an opportunity to celebrate the many families in the province who have opened their hearts and homes to welcome children and youth as permanent members of their family.

November is also about recognizing that there are children and youth who need a permanent home to call their own with caring adults who will nurture and support them and champion their successes. It is everyone's hope to see a province where children and youth can grow up in a loving home that encourages them to thrive. We will be sharing available resources and support services with our schools if anyone is wanting to know more.

PAC Meetings

I would like to thank the Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay and Sk'adgaa Naay School PACs for inviting me to their recent PAC meetings. As well, I recently met with two members of the PAC executive from Daaxiigan Sk'adaa Née. I have been able to meet so many parents, bring them some updates from across the district, and then also learn all of the important work they are doing to support their schools. I am making plans to attend each of the other schools' PAC meetings and meeting them in person soon.

STRATEGIC PLAN Updates

Kelty Mental Health Plan

As part of our Strategic Plan, we have a focus on mental health. We are working closely with the Kelty Mental Health foundation to gain access to important resources, research, and guidance on this work. We are beginning the process of creating a Staff Wellness plan. This process will begin by sharing data from employee groups across the province to frame the themes which are emerging. We will then ask our staff to consider those themes, as well as their own local cultural understanding self-assessment, to help us with ideas for how to move forward in a good way. That will likely be done via a staff survey after I attend each staff meeting to walk through our plan and get input from everyone. After we get all of the ideas, a plan will be drafted for implementation over time. We are excited about this work and look forward to working with everyone on it.

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA)

Our students in grades 4 and 7 completed the FSAs from Oct 1st to Nov 8th this year. The principals and vice principals will be marking those assessments this week. These important assessments are used formatively to help drive our instruction forward with more precision. Thank you to the parents for understanding the importance of your child's participation and to the teachers for administering these assessments.