Kinuso School Newsletter

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November 2026

Principal's Message

The snow is here, but will it stay? As sad as we are to see snowfall already, it is so much fun to watch the kids outside having the time of their lives playing in it! Here were October's highlights:

-On October 2nd, grades 7-12 students were invited by Swan River First Nation to a powerful presentation put on by MADD, and were served lunch afterwards. The feedback on the presentation from staff and students was that it was important and impactful!
-Members from the Big Lakes County Fire Services and the High Prairie Fire Department stopped by on October 5th for a visit with our K-6 students. They gave a great presentation and even left swag for the kids!
-On the 6th of October the University of Calgary Indigenous Recruiter came and presented to grades 10-12 students. They shared some very valuable post-secondary opportunities with students.
-On October 7th & 8th, grades 7–12 students took part in land-based learning activities focused on moose harvesting. Joined by Indigenous Education Lead Keith Laboucan, local knowledge keepers Denny Bellerose and Kathleen Okimaw, and hunters from Swan River First Nation, students enjoyed the brisk fall weather out on the land in our boreal forest and designated hunting areas.
-On October 13th, a representative form Northern Lakes College was here to speak to grades 10-12 students about opportunities that are available to them in the future!
-Also on October 13th, Grades 5-6 students from Kinuso and EG Wahlstrom participated in land-based learning activities geared towards rat root (wacask'micisowin) harvesting and the understanding of its traditional benefits. They were joined by local elder Eugene Laboucan from Driftpile Cree Nation, Indigenous Education Lead Keith Laboucan and Indigenous Education Coach Carrie McGillivray.

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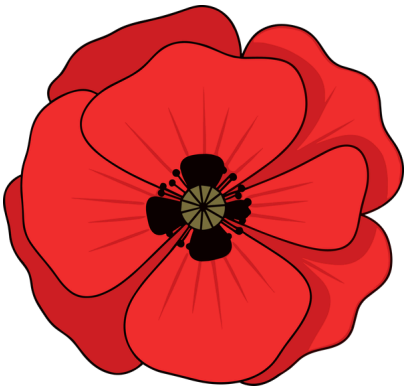
-On October 19th & 20th, Grades 7-12 students had the opportunity to learn about art from a Cree (nêhiyaw) perspective. Joined by renowned Indigenous artist Scott Laboucan from Driftpile Cree Nation (currently residing in Edmonton), students were able to walk in his shoes, on canvas that is, from start to finish. They learned how to prepare the platform, select the proper paints, incorporate style techniques with brushes, and enjoy the creative process throughout each class. We'd like to extend our gratitude to Scott for sharing his artistic journey, expertise and success with our art class students over two fun-filled days.
-We celebrated Crazy Hair Day on October 20th and we saw some great hair styles!
-Kinuso School was pleased to host PIRAA (Post-Secondary Indigenous Recruitment Association of Alberta) on October 22nd. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the post-secondary institutions that attended and took the time to connect with our students.
Students in Grades 9–12 from Kinuso School, E.W. Pratt, and Swan River First Nation School had the opportunity to meet with recruiters, explore post-secondary options, and gain valuable insight into their future educational and career pathways.
Thank you to everyone who helped make this a meaningful and informative experience for our students!
-We were grateful to have Elder Eugene Laboucan here on October 23rd to teach our Outdoor Ed/Foods class about fire!
-Grade 10–12 students had the opportunity to take part in an engaging, interactive presentation exploring careers in forestry on October 28th! Students learned about the many stages of the forestry industry, from seedlings growing in the forest to the manufacturing process. A big thank you to all the presenters from Work Wild, the Boreal Bird Conservancy, and the mills in High Prairie and Slave Lake for sharing their knowledge and inspiring students to explore the many career opportunities in forestry!
-On October 29th, Kinuso School, in partnership with the Kinusp Municipal Library, hosted a Paint Night. Thank you to Erin Hunt for leading and to all who attended!
-On October 30th, grades 7-9 students participated in STEM Day at the school. Students rotated through 4 stations with different challenges to complete. A big thanks to Ms. White for organizing it, and to jr high teachers for supervising each activity!
-Our October House Rally took place on October 30th. The Vikings dominated are Halloween themed challenges and a fun time was had by all!
-We celebrated Halloween at the school on October 30th, complete with a Haunted House, courtesy of Ms. Foster, Mr. Rafuse, Mr. Ferguson and the grade 5/6 class.

Upcoming Events and School Information

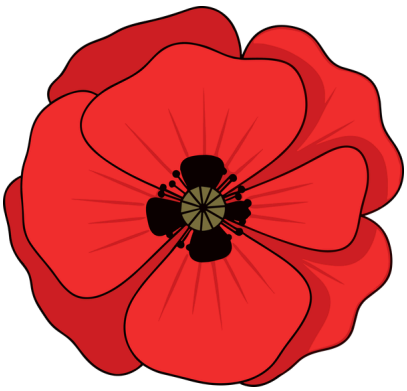
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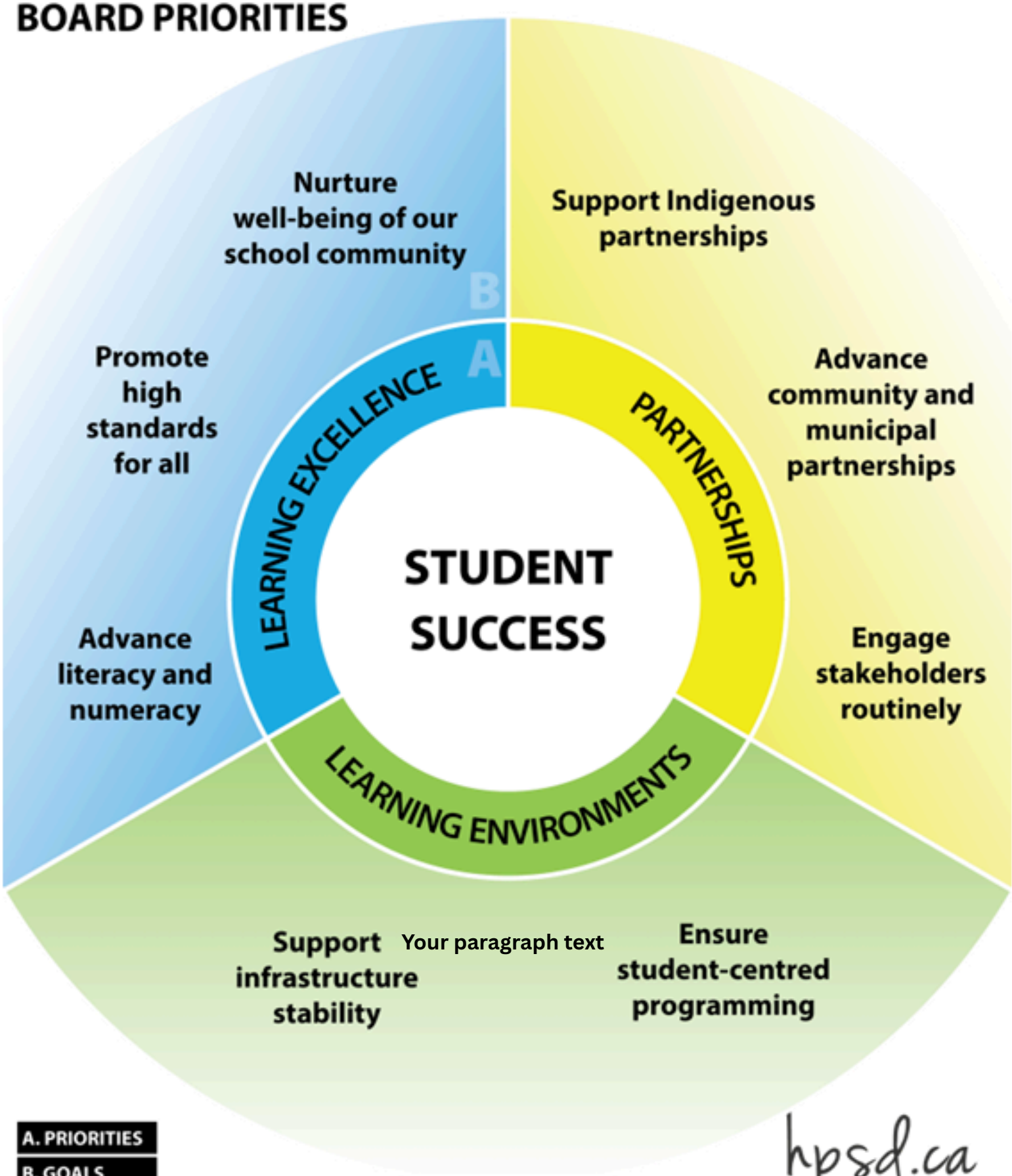
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 PIZZA SUB, OREOS, JUICE	3 BAND PRACTICE AFTERSCHOOL LIBRARY ACTIVITY 3:30-4:30 PULLED PORK ON A BUN	4 WEAR SCHOOL SWAG BAND PRACTICE AFTERSCHOOL SPAGHETTI & MEATSAUCE, JUICE BOX	5 LIBRARY ACTIVITY 3:30-4:30 HOTDOG, BABY CARROTS, JUICE BOX	6 REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY 10:30AM EVERYONE WELCOME AWARDS ASSEMBLY 3PM SR GIRLS VB GAME IN HP HAM-CHEESE WRAP, BEAR PAW, JUICE	7
8	9	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12	13	14
--- FALL BREAK --- NO SCHOOL --- NOV 9-13 ---						
15	16 METIS WEEK 16-20 PIZZA AND JUICE	17 HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE BAND PRACTICE AFTERSCHOOL MEATBALLS, BAKED POTATO, JUICE	18 ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY BAND PRACTICE AFTERSCHOOL TURKEY GRILLED CHEESE, COOKIES, JUICE	19 HENRIETTA LIZOTTE METIS CRAFTS GR7-9 K-12 CELEBRATION OF LEARING 5-7 HOMEWORK CLUB IN THE LIBRARY 3:30-4:30 CHEESEBURGER, PEAS, JUICE	20 PICTURE RE-TAKES TALENT SHOW SAUSAGE ROLL, GARDEN SALAD, JUICE	
22	23 CHICKEN STRIPS, TATOR TOTS, JUICE	24 BAND PRACTICE AFTERSCHOOL LIBRARY ACTIVITY 3:30-4:30 SWEET'N SOUR POPCORN CHICKEN, RICE, JUICE	25 WEAR BLUE BAND PRACTICE AFTERSCHOOL MEATBALL SUB, GRANOLA BAR, JUICE	26 STAFF VS STUDENTS VOLLEYBALL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 3:30 HOMEWORK CLUB IN THE LIBRARY 3:30-4:30 BEEF BARLEY SOUP, PRETZEL BUN, JUICE	27 5/6 VB GAME IN HP CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP	28
29	30 HOUSE RALLY 2:45 ASSORTED MEAT SUB			IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH A TEACHER ABOUT YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO SET UP A TIME - THIS WILL NOT BE DURING THE NOV 19 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING		







HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION
BOARD PRIORITIES



A. PRIORITIES
B. GOALS

Effective September 2026

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Nurturing the Well-Being of Our School Community

Meet Our Wellness Coach!



My name is Carmen; I am the wellness coach at Kinuso School. This is my 14th year at Kinuso School. My role is to promote overall health and wellness for students through individual sessions, wellness groups, wellness clubs, and various activities. I also work in collaboration with other HPSD student services team members to support student success.

Knights of Honour

Each month, our school will come together to celebrate student success through a monthly awards ceremony. The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize students for the many different ways they contribute to our school community—not only through academics, but also through character, effort, growth, citizenship, and leadership. By highlighting a different area each month, students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will have opportunities throughout the year to have their individual strengths recognized and celebrated.

November's focus is:
LITERACY
Recognizing students who demonstrate enthusiasm, effort, or growth in literacy.
Teachers may consider a student who:

- Demonstrates growth or consistent effort in reading and/or writing.
- Shows enthusiasm for books, stories, writing, communication, or learning new ideas.
- Uses literacy skills creatively to communicate their thinking.
- Challenges themselves to grow as a reader, writer, speaker, or communicator.

Knights of Honour at a Glance
September: Above & Beyond
October: Collaboration
November: Literacy
December: Giving
January: Goal Getter
February: Kindness
March: Perseverance
April: Numeracy
May: Resiliency
June: Leadership

September's Winners!



We're Listening!

We want to hear from you! If you have any questions or thoughts about what's happening at the school, please write them down below and give this page back to the school or email us at news@hpsd.ca. Thank you!

Please include your name and contact information if you would like a response.

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