



JF Dion

newsletter

September 2022

Principal's Message

Tawâw! I am so excited for this the 2022-2023 school year. The staff has been working hard to create engaging lessons, activities and to celebrate our students! We look forward to working with the community to provide many meaningful opportunities throughout the year. Our students at J.F. Dion love to come to school! hiy hiy - Ms. Sanregret

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We are excited to share that J.F. Dion School has been selected to receive a Community Development Grant from CT Jumpstart and Sports Canada for the amount of \$10 000. Yay!

Cree Word of the Month

Contest time! Parents - if you know what this word means call the school, first one who knows gets a prize! Our Cree word of the month is **meyototawew**

Important Dates

Tuesday **Sept. 6** – First Day of Classes
Tuesday, **Sept. 13**- Pancake Breakfast
Friday **Sept. 16** – Welcome Back BBQ@12 pm
Monday **Sept. 19** - Snack Shack opens
Tuesday **Sept. 20** - Frisbee Rob
Thursday **Sept. 29** – Orange Shirt Day and School Pictures
Friday **Sept. 30** – No School – Truth and Reconciliation Day

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Classroom Updates

Kindergarten/Grade 1

Welcome! It has been amazing getting to see and learn about each other in class. I am sure we will have an exciting year full of fun and learning!

Grade 2/3

Welcome back families! I hope that you all had a fun and relaxing summer break. I am excited to be teaching both Grade 2 and 3 this year. I can't wait to see what adventures await with our class and look forward to learning new things together. For attendance our class will be working to earn the letters for "Perfect Attendance". We earn 1 letter per day when all students are present in our class for the day, even if they are late. Once we earn all the letters for "Perfect Attendance" we will celebrate with a class party! – Mrs. Boates



Grade 4/5

This week has been fun just getting to know one another. We have a couple of new students this year and I was very happy to see so many familiar faces. Everyone was very excited to be back to school. There have been so many nice changes made to our school year and we are looking forward to new experiences and new memories. We are starting the new Jump Math program this year so I hope students will enjoy the hands on activities and have a positive experience with Math and all other subjects. -Mrs. Quinney

Grade 6/7/8

Welcome Back!

I hope you all made special memories this summer.

I am thrilled to be back and teaching Grades 6/7/8! Students have started a novel study and are quickly settling back into routines. It is great seeing smiling faces and enthusiastic learners in the classroom and hallways. Staff have made great plans and it will be fun to see what we experience this year! - Mrs. Christensen



Our students love to come to school in Northland!

Excellence in Learning

J.F. Dion students are working hard learning the new K-3 curriculum in Math, LA, and P.E/Wellness and the Gr 4-6 are learning the new PE/Wellness curriculum. The new curriculum works with concept based teaching with thematic units. As a school, we have developed themes for each month to enhance student engagement throughout the building. September's theme is RESPECT. Students who demonstrate acts of respect will get a Muskwa claw with their name on it on our board!



Excellence in Leadership

J.F. Dion is a safe and welcoming school. Upon entry the words tawâw and welcome are displayed for students to see. We are working on changing our school logo, and would appreciate the final input from any community members. In the past, we were called the Grizzlies, and we are changing it to Muskwa to represent our Cree language. Please join us for our School Council meeting on September 27th at the school at 5 pm to have your input into the logo and all other school activities, field trips and policies. hiy hiy

Excellence in Relationships

J.F Dion participated in the community BBQ at the hall on September 7th. Students were so excited to have an amazing lunch provided by the settlement and CNRL.

We will be hosting a welcome back BBQ on September 9th @12 pm, with a friendly game of baseball, visiting and a tour of your child's classroom.

Attendance Incentive 2022-2023

Our attendance incentive this year will be a field trip every three months for students who have 90% or higher attendance. Please contact the school if your child(ren) are going to be absent so we can attach the proper code to their daily attendance.