

Sports – Back in Action!

After almost a year and a half with no interschool athletics, many of our students were excited to return to school and participate in sports. This fall, we have volleyball teams for senior girls, and junior boys and girls. It is also the first season for the Ochapowace-Kahkewistahaw-Cowessess Buffalos football team.

Hurricanes Volleyball

The senior girls Hurricanes are back to competition for the first time since 2019. Their regular season schedule goes on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and they have a number of tournaments planned.

Their first tournament was September 24-25 in Davidson. Of course the highlight of the season will be the 15th annual Canes Classic set for October 29-30. Make sure to come check out the action!

OKC Buffalos Football

The Buffalos opened training camp on August 22nd in preparation for their first game on September 2nd. The team is made up of players from the three neighboring First Nations of Ochapowace, Kahkewistahaw and Cowessess. Besides being a high school team with players in grades 9-12, the Buffalos are also running a developmental squad for students in grades 7 and 8.



Football is new to many of the players on the team, but there is some good athleticism among the players. Several players came and went as they experimented with football, but the core of the team has stayed consistent.

The Buffalos had their first game on September 2nd, traveling to Southey to take on the Screaming Eagles. The Southey captains offered tobacco to the Buffalos captains before the game as a sign of respect. The game was lopsided, as the experienced Screaming Eagles defeated the Buffalos, but it was a great learning experience for our players.



Hurricanes Sr. Girls League Schedule

Date	Location
Sept. 22	Wolsely
Sept. 29	Vibank
Sept. 30	Notre Dame
Oct. 6	Montmartre
Oct. 13	CKCS
Oct. 14	Carry the Kettle
Oct. 20	CKCS

The Hurricanes junior boys and girls teams are also starting league games. Most league nights will include the Hurricanes and two other teams playing at one location.

Hurricanes Jr. Girls League Schedule

Date	Location
Oct. 7	Cupar
Oct. 14	Indian Head
Oct. 21	CKCS

Hurricanes Jr. Boys Schedule

Date	Location
Sept. 29	Whitewood
Oct. 6	Vibank
Oct. 13	CKCS
Oct. 20	Montmartre



Upcoming CKCS Dates to Note

Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – no classes OKC Buffalos vs. Ituna 1:00
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving – no classes
Oct. 29-30	Canes Classic Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament

October Lunch Menu

Date	Menu
4	spaghetti
5	soup and sandwich
6	popcorn chicken bowl
7	soup and sandwich
13	sloppy joes
14	soup and sandwich
18	taco in a bag
19	soup and sandwich
20	chilli dogs
21	soup and sandwich
25	chicken fingers
26	soup and sandwich
27	ham
28	soup and sandwich

The second game of the season was another road game, this time in Lemberg to face the Eagles. The Buffalos had scrimmaged with the Eagles early in the season, and knew that they were a smooth, well-coached team. Again, the score was not close, but the junior

Buffalos were able to get some game action, playing an exhibition “5th quarter” against the grade 8 Eagles.

The Buffalos hosted the Cupar/Lipton Wildcats in their first home game on September 16th. The game was at 1:30, so it was great to have many of the classes come out to watch part of the game. Unfortunately the home game scheduled for Sept. 23 vs. Milestone got cancelled, but we are hoping to reschedule for mid October.

On Oct. 30, the Buffalos will host Ituna, and will recognize Canada’s first ever Truth and Reconciliation holiday with special events before the game and at halftime. Kick off will be at 1:00.



NEWSLETTER

2021 - 2022 1st Edition

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all of our students and their families! Last year was a very challenging year academically, as we were closed more than we were open due to the pandemic. With high vaccine rates in our community, and continued attention being paid to health and hygiene, we hope to keep learning and growing together for the full school year. Please remember that students showing any symptoms of illness must be kept at home.

We continue to work on improving our school-home communication. A very important tool for

communication is up-to-date contact information. If you have not yet filled in a registration form for your student(s), please do that immediately. Forms are available from the CKCS office.



New Faces at CKCS

As is typical for most schools, there are a number of new members of our CKCS Hurricanes team. First of all, welcome to Ms. Megaen Reader, the new Director of Education for Kahkewistahaw First Nation. Ms. Reader not only oversees the operation of CKCS, but also directs the educational programming of KFN members in pre-school and post-secondary programs. Her most recent position was with the Treaty 4 Education Alliance.

Welcome to our new principal, Ms. Wanda Clare! Ms. Clare is an experienced educator and administrator, having worked in a number of First Nations schools in her career. She has had to hit the ground running full speed, as she took over the principalship when our former principal, Ms. Faith Watson, left CKCS to take a position with the

Treaty 4 Education Alliance at the beginning of the school year. The staff and students of CKCS are looking forward to working with Ms. Clare this year.

We have a number of other new staff members in our school this year. Welcome to our new kindergarten teacher, Ms. Vanessa Brass, and our new grade 6 teacher, Ms. Megan Strong! We also have some new educational assistants: Brody Gamble, Taylor Desnamie and Tashina Kennedy. Welcome to our new student liaison, Wynter Taypotat!

Also, welcome to two ITEP (Indian Teachers Education Program) interns, Mr. Myron Bob, and Ms. Candace Delorme! Mr. Bob is working mainly with middle years classes, and Ms. Delorme is working with the grade 2 class.



School Closure

On Thursday, September 23rd, students were sent home from school in the morning. A student who hadn't been in the building for several days tested positive for Covid, and in an abundance of caution, it was decided to send the students home for the day. Teachers continued to work in the school, and custodial staff did extra sanitizing in classrooms.

School Feast

On Tuesday, September 14th, CKCS hosted a school feast to open the school year. To prepare for the feast, Kukom Faith Bob, our language and culture coach, visited all of the classrooms to talk to the students about the purposes and significance of the feast in Cree culture, and to instruct students on feast protocols.

Our culture liaison, Mr. Terry Bob, invited several elders to help lead the feast by performing the pipe ceremony and offering prayers for a safe,

healthy and successful school year. Many ladies from the school and community prepared delicious soups, sandwiches and bannock, as well as fruit, berries, and other traditional food items. A group of CKCS high school boys worked hard in their roles as servers for the feast. For added safety, the feast was held outside in the school's interior courtyard area. The wind sometimes made it challenging to keep track of Styrofoam plates and cups, but it

Traditional Uses of Plants

Students in the grade 5/6 class spent time learning about traditional plants that are used as food and medicine. The students picked plants, researched their uses, and then did group presentations to their classmates.



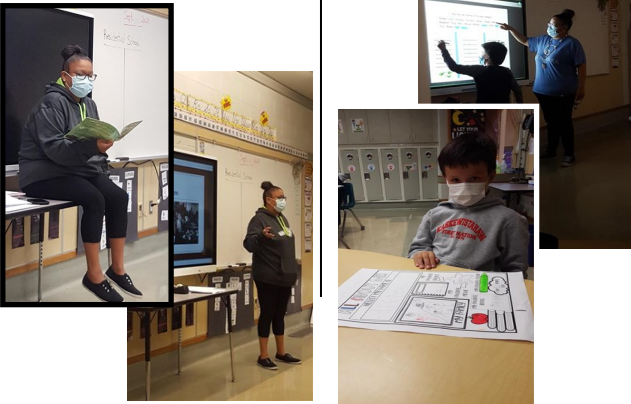
Teepee Set-Up

In the third week of September, the grade 6 class helped Mr. Terry Bob set up the teepee in front of the school. The students learned about the teepee poles and practiced setting them up. Unfortunately, Chief Kahkewistahaw was not happy that Mr. Terry didn't use the teepee with the chief's picture on it, and the teepee fell down! Mr. Terry learned his lesson, and now the teepee with Chief Kahkewistahaw's picture is in front of the school where it should be!



Grade 4 Learning

The grade 4 students participated in several lessons about residential schools. Miss Alana Taypotat read them a story, and explained the history of residential schools in Canada.



In science class, the students have been learning about different animals and the kinds of things they eat. They also worked on a poster to represent important and interesting things about themselves.

Life Transitions 20 Field Trip



The grade 11 Life Transitions class started the school year with a module on nutrition, and to supplement their learning, they did a field trip to Mr. Terry Bob's place to learn about traditional foods.

Mr. Terry taught the students about mint tea and sage, and also showed them some wild strawberries and crab apples.

High School Work Experience

In an effort to give our high school students meaningful ways of learning and working toward graduation, CKCS is offering a variety of work experience credit options.

This semester, several of our students will join the KFN Housing team on Fridays to help with a variety of projects in the community. Next semester, we are hoping to have students going to Melville on Fridays to get work experience at Kihew Fabco, and experiencing the variety of trades used in metal fabrication.

Again this year, we plan to offer the Construction 101 program in cooperation with Your Choice Homes. The project will focus on building a home in our community. One of our Construction 101 grads from 2021, Sterling Louison, has a job in Regina, using his skills with a company that does house exterior work: windows, doors and siding.



September 30th: Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation Day

September 30th will mark Canada's first Truth and Reconciliation holiday. This is the date that has become known as Orange Shirt Day to remember the many people who suffered in the residential school system. CKCS has a variety of activities available for the students to participate in to honour the day.

There will be colouring, drawing and writing contests, special presentations in classes, a banner contest, and story telling. All CKCS students will be given a special Orange Shirt lapel pin to honour the day.



A new school year means CKCS has a new Junior Chief and Council.

Our Grade 10, 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to submit nomination forms for our Chief and Council positions. They needed to get the support of 5 classmates and 2 faculty members in order to be considered for the positions. Those that submitted their forms had excellent recommendations from their peers stating that they show great leadership and have an interest that is reflected in the role that they chose to run for.

In addition to our regular councillor positions, we opened the representation of students to include room reps from Grade 5 to Grade 9. These students will join the Chief and Council in meetings to bring additional input in the spirit days and activities that can be done for the rest of the students this year.

The 2021-2022 Junior Chief and Council:

Chief: Kalton Delorme

Councillors: Landyn Bobb and Elliana McKay

Room Representatives:

Grade 5: Adrianna Leonard, Jayni Bobb and Shaylah Taypotat

Grade 6: Sunsett McKay-Alexson

Grade 7: Gunner Crowe and Spencer McKay

Grade 8: Daycin Keshane

Grade 9: Joshua Pratt

