



KTCEA 2021

Fall Newsletter



Day 2 of new staff orientation at Little Buffalo with Whitefish Lake First Nation Elder Marina Thunder

Important Dates

- **September 1**
School kick-off for all KTCEA staff.
- **September 2-3**
School classroom set-up/school vaccination clinics for staff.
- **September 7**
First day of school for students.
 - Note: some schools may start with at-home learning and delay in-school education for students due to rising COVID-19 cases. Check with your school principal for the latest information.

Congratulations to the 2021 High School Graduates!

*Bo Bigstone
Chelsea Houle
Kiersten Auger
Doreen Cardinal
Hanna Houle
Franalynn
Nanamahoo
Geneva Letendre
Shanna Okemow
Kaylee Orr*

*Richie Seeseequon
(Eden)
Chelsea Laboucan-
Lamouche
Daniel Noskey
BB Noskey
Lesleigh Noskey
Shira Rhoades
Vern Sawan
Brendan Cardinal*

*Janice Laboucan
Janice Letendre
Jasmine
Parachoniak
Shayla Whitehead
Denzel Bigstone
Lakweisha Chalifoux
Jonah Richards
Gelinda Metsikassus
Selena Whitehead*

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Our Schools

- Atikameg School
- Cadotte Lake School
- Clarence Jaycox School
- Elizabeth Quintal School
- Kateri School
- Little Buffalo School
- KTCEA Outreach School

Our Vision

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kiskinohamâkiw okimâskwîw
Message from the
Superintendent

Welcome back to all KTCEA students and staff!

I hope that you all enjoyed a good break and time with family and friends over the summer. I am looking forward to seeing students and staff when they return to the classroom this fall.

Over the summer, KTCEA has been busy making sure that new teachers and principals are in place and that schools, classrooms and buses are ready for a safe return to school.

We have an exciting year ahead for students; KTCEA specialists are looking forward to working with the schools and students and returning to activities like land-based learning, equine assisted learning and sports programming, once it is safe to do so. And there are some exciting new projects like the KTCEA Radio program coming up in schools this fall.

Our goal in each KTCEA school is to strengthen nîhiyawîwin kiskinohamâkiwin/cree language and sakâwi-pimâcihowin/land-based learning so that students know and take pride in who they are. Thank you to our excellent school staff who work hard to make this a reality for students.

Ekosi



Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina
Superintendent



Announcements

Welcome to our new Principals!



Laura Okemaw is now the permanent Principal at Kateri School.



Gaylene Weasel Child is the new Principal at Elizabeth Quintal School.



Julia Johnston is the new Principal at Cadotte Lake School.



Joseph Kavanagh, Principal/Teacher at KTCEA Outreach School.

Many thanks to outgoing principals, Connie Molcak (Elizabeth Quintal School) and Gayle Strikes With a Gun (Cadotte Lake School). Thank you for your service to KTCEA students and communities. We will miss you and wish you all the best.

Registration Forms/Contact Information:

Please contact your child's school to complete a registration form for new students and continuing students. Updating this form each year gives teachers and principals the correct contact information to reach students and parents for learning supports, special events, or for emergencies.

News and Updates

September 7th is the first day of school for students. Some schools will start with at-home learning initially, before having students return to the school in person. This is determined by Chief and Councils in each Nation in response to current COVID-19 cases.

Principals and teachers will be in touch with parents with more information before September 7th and, if needed, to make arrangements for at-home learning.

If your child requires a Chromebook or laptop for at home learning, please contact your school principal.

August 25-27, KTCEA welcomed new teachers and principals with an orientation led by our Human Resources team at the land-based learning camp in Little Buffalo.

On Day One, new staff appreciated hearing from Elder Lloyd Ominayak and our board members Chief Ivan Sawan (Chair), Councillor Timothy Sawan (Vice Chair), Councillor Jason Laboucan, Chief Billy Joe Laboucan, and Councillor Corinne Alook.

New School Safety Measures were approved by the KTCEA Board of Directors when they met for their annual AGM and strategic planning on August 17-18. The measures are posted online on our website at KTCEA.ca and will be in place until December 31. Masks are mandatory for staff, students in grades 4-12. KTCEA will provide masks and PPE required at each school.

KTCEA Outreach School

A new KTCEA Outreach School program opens in September with an initial location in Whitefish Lake First Nation, followed by locations in each community planned for 2022. KTCEA will be meeting with each Nation this fall to plan next steps for the location in each community.

The KTCEA Outreach School will be a full-time school offering flexible and individual learning paths, school courses, individual student support, and work experience opportunities. It gives students not currently in school and recent graduates another option to complete their education or to upgrade. For more information, please contact the Outreach School Principal/Teacher Joseph Kavanagh at joseph.kavanagh@ktcea.ca.

New Early Learning and High School Handbooks are available for parents and students at all KTCEA schools.

The **Early Learning Handbook** provides an overview of what to expect when a child starts full-day K4 and how parents can help them be successful. It outlines a typical day as children learn through play, to build social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills and abilities. The handbook can be accessed online by [clicking here](#).

The **High School Handbook** helps junior high and high school students plan and select high school courses and explore options to complete high school and transition to post-secondary. The handbook can be accessed online by [clicking here](#). The handbook includes:

- a planner to track credits needed to graduate,
- information about dual credit programs that allow students to earn credits for high school courses and post-secondary classes at the same time, and
- information about bursaries, grants and scholarships for apprenticeship and post-secondary students.

KTCEA Radio Program



A new KTCEA Radio program will start in fall 2021 to support CTS and other learning outcomes for students. Transmitters are in place and broadcasting booths are being set up in each school. Once the program is running, students will have a chance to write, produce and present their own radio content such as stories, plays, weather reports, etc. KTCEA Radio will also support Cree language programs, updates from principals, music and other announcements. Watch for more information about the launch of KTCEA Radio later this fall.

WELCOME TO THE KTCEA K4
Early Learning Program

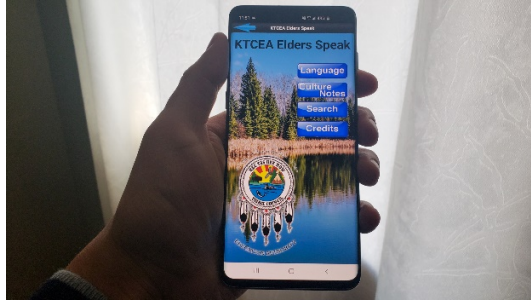
Preparing for
High School with KTCEA

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New Digital Signs Installed at Each School

In September KTCEA and school staff will begin to use the new digital signs to share school and KTCEA news or events and other updates with parents and community members.

Other Information



Download “KTCEA Elders Speak” in the [Apple App Store](#) and on [Google Play](#) and learn Cree for FREE on your Apple or Android device!

Elder’s Speak App

Ever wanted to learn Cree or help your child learn Cree?

The KTCEA Elder’s Speak App has over 900 words and phrases spoken by Cree Elders from KTC nations. Listen, learn, and test your knowledge in over 50 categories including local wildlife, plants, weather, school and more.

Information about the KTCEA Elder’s Speak App is on the website at:

<https://ktcea.ca/2020/01/14/ktcea-elders-speak-app/>

Parent Advisory Councils (PAC)

Elders, parents and guardians are invited to contact your school principal to get involved with your local PAC. PACs meet regularly to give input and advice to school leadership to help set education priorities and plans for the school. These meetings will begin in October. KTCEA’s Community Engagement Coordinator - Gilbert Okemow and Cheryl McKinnon, Community Engagement and At Home Learning Specialist, also attend school PAC meetings.