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Message from the Superintendent

tan'si,

The new year marks our progress into the second half of the school year, and I hope all our students, parents, and staff have had the opportunity to rest and spend time with family over the winter break.

This year, our staff continue to support education while prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff in our schools and central office.

Our schools and teachers are focusing on winter themes and activities with students such as dogsledding and hunting and snaring as well as storytelling. In February our curriculum team is planning more land-based learning challenges for students and their families. Later in the month specialists and school staff will hold bullying awareness and other activities during Inclusive Education Week.

Thank you to parents' staff for ensuring our students are supported in their education journey whether learning in school or online. I look forward to what the rest of the school year will bring, especially in watching our students succeed and achieve their goals.

Ekosi,

Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina
Superintendent

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– Curriculum

KTCEA's Common, Consistent Curriculum has themes for each season. For December to February, schools and teachers are exploring winter themes for lessons and with students. Topics include **trapping, snaring, storytelling, ice-fishing, filleting and preserving fish, dog-sledding, winter shelters, making fires in winter, snowshoes and skis, outdoor fires, cooking outdoors, beading and sewing.**

Ask your teacher about:

- Earning credits for land-based learning lessons and challenges!
- Borrowing a kit to do land-based learning activities at home with your family.



sakâwi-pimâcihowin – Land-based Learning



The Curriculum and Instruction team met with Elders from KTC Nations December 6, 2021 in Peace River to discuss land-based learning outcomes and curriculum in KTCEA schools. Some Elders made recordings for KTCEA-Radio.ca.

Land-based Learning and Curriculum Specialist, Jason Bigcharles was interviewed for the Indigenous Sports Council of Alberta's Community Spotlight Magazine in [November 2021](#). The article featured the land-based learning programs and camps offered for KTCEA schools. Jason talked about the role of community Elders, knowledge keepers and leadership in developing and supporting this program for KTCEA schools and students.

KTCEA is planning ways to safely hold land-based learning camps in Winter/Spring 2022. Watch for more news from your school about the camps!

ki-kiskinohamâtôwikamikonawa - Our Schools

We are proud of the dedicated staff in each school who keep our students engaged, whether they're learning in-person or online. Here are a few highlights:



Atikameg School

Bringing land-based learning into the school, Atikameg students learned to butcher a moose in December. The school plans to host a feast with the moose meat in February 2022.



Cadotte Lake School

In December, Cadotte Lake School students learned to ride and work with horses in the Equine assisted learning program. The students also enjoyed a visit from Santa before the Christmas break.



Clarence Jaycox School

Students had fun on a swimming field trip for Phys Ed. Horses came for equine therapy on November 25. K-12 students at CJS enjoyed two days of dog sledding and land-based learning lessons on December 2, 2021. Students enjoyed gym class visit with RCMP Cst. Hayley Chapman from the Red Earth Creek Detachment on January 20th.



Elizabeth Quintal School

EQS held its first Student Chief and Council elections on December 14, 2021 to promote leadership. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 voted and the PTFN Chief and Council members participated when the elected were sworn in.

The new EQS Student Chief and Council members are:

Division 1 – **Millie Okemow** and **Riley Houle**

Division 2 – **Levi Letendre** and **Demi Auger**

Division 3 – **Bryson Cardinal**.

Chief – **Paisley Houle**

Congratulations to all those who were elected and thanks to everyone who participated!



Kateri School student Markus Auger.

Kateri School

Kateri School Teacher Clifford Aubichon led lesson on Rabbit Snaring outdoors with his students in November. Kateri students also hosted a Christmas lunch with Elders before the holidays.



Little Buffalo School

Swimming lessons were held for grades 1 to 5 students in October. In November, Lubicon Lake Band funded 8 students to attend an Edmonton Oilers Hockey Game in Edmonton. The students also enjoyed a magic show.

Outreach School

17 students from across KTC communities are currently taking courses in the KTCEA Outreach School program. Most students attend virtually with 4 students attending in-person at the Atikameg location at the old school. KTCEA has met with each Nation and will be finalizing sites for the Outreach program in each community, later in 2022.



Christmas Concerts and Activities

Our schools held virtual and in-person Christmas Concerts. Thank you to the staff, students and families that took part. A big thank you to Clifford Gladue, Food Services Manager, and his team for providing a turkey dinner for staff at each school. The Mental Health team provided supplies and led Christmas activities with students each of our schools. (Photo of activities at EQS on December 7, 2021.)

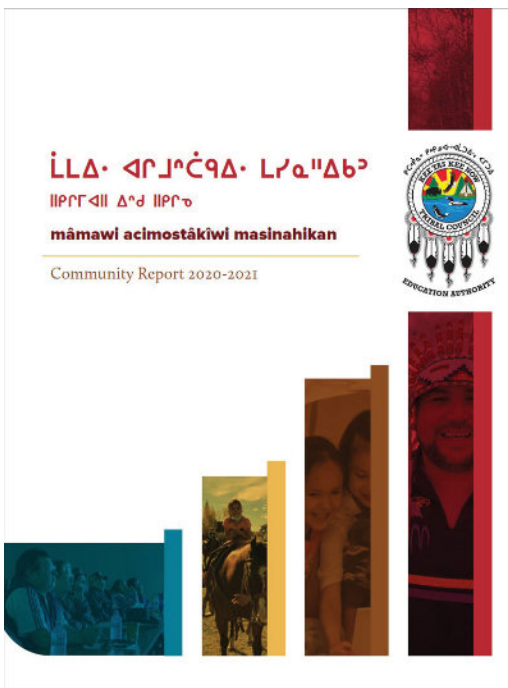


KTCEA Common, Consistent Curriculum – Teacher Professional Development



Our goal is that students are prepared for their future and have pride in their identity through the highest quality curriculum and instruction.

We focus on Cree Language, Cree Ways of Knowing and Being, and Land-based Learning. Our curriculum has four pillars: **Leadership, Land-based Learning, Storytelling, and Healing.** October to December, teaching staff at all schools received training on how to use the KTCEA Common, Consistent Curriculum in their classes. Training was provided for principals, teachers, education assistants, and Cree language instructors. Sessions were led by Allan Langevin and Terry Lynn Cook.



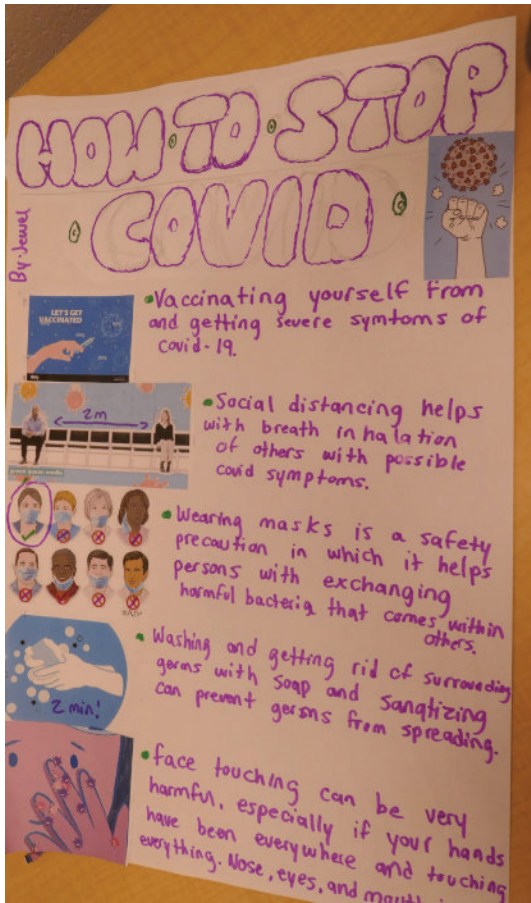
māmawi acimostâkiwi masinahikan 2020-2021 Community Report – Survey

Thank you to parents and students who completed the surveys and attended our virtual Community Report meetings in November and December 2021.

Most parents agreed that KTCEA had made progress on Board priorities in 2020-2021.

Parents said the report gave them new information about many KTCEA programs but mostly about KTCEA's Common, Consistent Curriculum, Land-based Learning and Inclusive Education.

Parents would like to see more of these programs in schools: Mental Health, Sports, Land-based Learning activities/camps/hunting, Cree language, sewing and more options for high school like media arts, video editing, economics, music, arts, CTS, etc.



Protected Together – Student Poster

Our schools ran poster contests in November/ December for students to raise awareness about COVID-19 and safety at home and in our schools. Thank you to all students who participated!



2021-2022 School Calendar and Teacher Convention

New dates for teacher's convention at all schools are February 17 to 18. February 21 is Family Day and February 25 is a PD Day. There is no school for students on those days. The complete [School Calendar](#) is also on the [KTCEA.ca](#) website.

Aug. 25 – 27: Orientation for new staff
Aug. 30: First day for all school staff
Sept. 1: School Kick Off
Sept. 6: Labour Day
Sept. 7: First day of classes
Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 8: Family Friday
Oct. 11: Thanksgiving
Oct. 20: Regional PD
Nov. 11: Remembrance Day
Nov. 12: Family Friday
Dec. 20 – Dec. 31: Christmas Break
Jan. 3: First day back from Christmas Break
Jan. 21: Family Friday
Feb. 17-18: Teacher Convention
Feb. 21: Family Day Monday
Feb. 25: Inclusive Education PD
Mar. 18: Family Friday
Mar. 23: Regional PD
Apr. 11 – 18: Spring Break/Easter
May 20: Family Friday
May 23: Victoria Day
June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 28: Student Last Day
June 29: Staff Last Day

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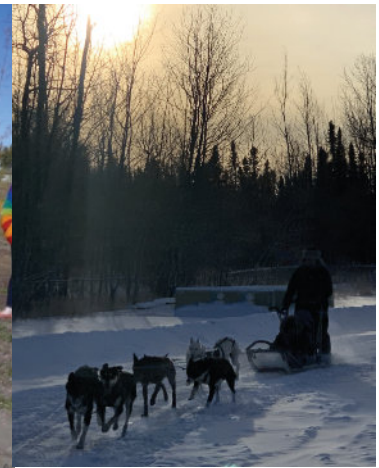
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	First and last days of school
	Student day off/Teacher only
	No school

Total Instructional Time
Days: 179
Hours: 1015
Operational Days: 191



KTCEA Board of Directors

KTCEA Board continues to meet monthly. Board members participated in Board Training in October 2021 and will be completing Finance Training in February 2022. The Board recently approved updates to KTCEA's School Safety Measures which can be found on our [website](#).

Minutes and Highlights from Board meetings are published on the KTCEA website at:

ktcea.ca/board-meeting-minutes and

ktcea.ca/board-of-directors/board-meeting-highlights.



COVID-19 measures to keep KTCEA schools safe for students and staff:

- Masks are required for students grades 4-12 and are now recommended for K4-Grade 3.
- Schools provide a supply of two triple layer masks daily for K-12 students and teachers.
- There is a zero-tolerance policy in place for sickness for staff/students. Staff or students with cold/flu symptoms must stay home.
- Staff or students who test positive must isolate for 10 days.
- Air purifiers with HEPA filters in classrooms at all schools.
- Weekly testing for all school staff each Monday at school and through rapid tests at home on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Parents and families can request COVID-19 rapid test kits from schools or the local Health Centre.
- Vaccinations are now available for children aged 5 and over – contact your local Health Centre.
- January updates to the KTCEA 2021-2022 School Safety Measures are on the [KTCEA website](#).

