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Message from the Superintendent

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Firstly, I want to welcome KTCEA students and our new and returning staff back to school. My hope is that everyone had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends this summer and that you are returning to our schools rejuvenated and excited for the upcoming year.

Secondly, I want to say how happy we are that our schools will return to in-person learning this fall. We know this is better for student learning and for building relationships with teachers and classmates.

With the support of the KTCEA Board of Directors, our focus this year will be on addressing any learning gaps our students have due to the disruption of COVID-19. This means our teachers will emphasize reading, writing and math (Literacy and Numeracy) for all grades, but especially for our younger students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who were most impacted by learning disruption. We will be teaching all subjects but will focus on building skills in literacy and numeracy in subjects like science, social studies, etc. We will also continue to emphasize Cree language and land-based learning across all subjects and grades.

Last spring and over the summer our schools started this work by offering after school programs, summer school, summer camps including literacy camps. All of the branches of KTCEA worked over the summer to improve and prepare for this school year so please read this newsletter to learn more about the exciting progress of our programs. I look forward to seeing students back in the classroom and reaching their potential with the guidance of our excellent teachers, educational assistants and support staff who help make this possible.

Respectfully,

Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina
Superintendent

ki-kiskinohamâtôwikamikonawa — Our Schools

Atikameg School (K-12)

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AtikamegSchool/>



Cadotte Lake School (K-12)

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Principal: Shelly Hamelin

Email: Shelly.Hamelin@ktcea.ca

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CadotteLakeSchool/>



Clarence Jaycox School (K-12)

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClarenceJaycoxSchool/>



Elizabeth Quintal School (K-8)

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Kateri School (K-12)

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Little Buffalo School (K-12)

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Principal: Eric Wilson

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LittleBuffaloSchool/>



KTCEA Outreach School (Grades 7-12)

Phone: (780) 316-9119

Principal: Joseph Kavanagh

Email: Joseph.Kavanagh@ktcea.ca

Online and in-person in Loon River and Atikameg.



Announcements

2022 High School Graduates

Atikameg School

Madison Carlson, Danni Goodswimmer, and Kylene Tallman.

Kateri School

Gina Alook, Roberta Metsikassus, Cody Noskiye, Janina Noskiye, and Zoey Noskiye.

Clarence Jaycox School

Shenoa Auger, Paula Dodwell, Sharla Houle, Kaydin Lamouche, and Malakie Muskwa.

Little Buffalo School

Ty Cardinal, Kenneth Laboucan, Caleb Seesequon Wynter Taylor, and Jaleel Whitehead.

Cadotte Lake School

Helayna Newborn and Lovina Whitehead.

Outreach School

Ethan Eldridge.

Congratulations to all 2022 high school graduates!





Celebrations, Graduations & Moving On Ceremonies

Our schools also held wonderful community celebrations, graduations, and moving on ceremonies for students who completed K4/K5, Grade 6 and Grade 9.



New School Principals

Our schools will welcome two new principals. In Cadotte Lake School, the new principal will be Shelly Hamelin (Shelly.Hamelin@ktcea.ca) and in Elizabeth Quintal School, Rose Noskiye (Rose.Noskiye@ktcea.ca). We want to thank the outgoing principals and we wish them success in their future endeavors.



Hunting Unit Challenge

Complete a Hunting Unit Challenge and earn course credits! Land-based learning hunting unit challenges are available at all KTCEA schools. Students can complete a challenge to earn credits during fall hunting activities or camps with their families. Ask your teacher or school principal for more information on how to access and use the Hunting Unit Challenges for your child's grade level. Each challenge has learning activities to complete and hand in to teachers: identifying birds and animals, animal tracks, calling moose, stars and constellations, cooking outdoors, exploring the local environment, plants and trees, and many more.



2022-2023 Back to School Information



We are so happy to see our students back in class!

To help make the transition to class easier, we have a procedure outline.

Morning Procedures:

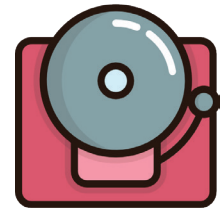
KTCEA schools open at 8:30 for students.

For the safety of students, please do not drop off your children until 8:30 am, when we have staff providing supervision.

8:15 am – School is open to staff.

8:30 am – Student supervision begins.

- Student drop off.
- Buses arrive.
- Students may enter the school for breakfast in classrooms.



8:50 am – Classes begin.

- If a student arrives later than 8:50, the student reports to the office for a late slip.

9:30 am – Attendance is taken.

- Students arriving after 10:30 are marked absent for the morning.

If students arrive before 8:30 am, they will be expected to wait outside the school.

During adverse weather conditions students may be allowed to wait in the entrance way until 8:30 am. These procedures may vary slightly at some schools.

Registration for 2022-2023

All students must complete a registration form each year (returning students complete a shorter form). This makes sure we have updated contact information for parents and guardians and accurate information for busing.

If you have not already done so, please register with your school:

- Print a K-12 or Early Learning registration form from our website (<https://ktcea.ca/parent-resources/student-registration/>) and drop it off at the school or pick up a form at the school.
- New students - parents/guardians will need to provide the following information in their forms: Birth Certificate, Alberta Health Care Number, and Treaty/Registration Number.

School Bus Information

The registration form has a section to let the school know if your child will be taking the school bus. Please contact your school for school bus times, pickup and drop off information.

Other Information

KTCEA 2022-2023 School Calendar lists holidays, special days and family Fridays.

<https://ktcea.ca/parent-resources/school-calendar/>

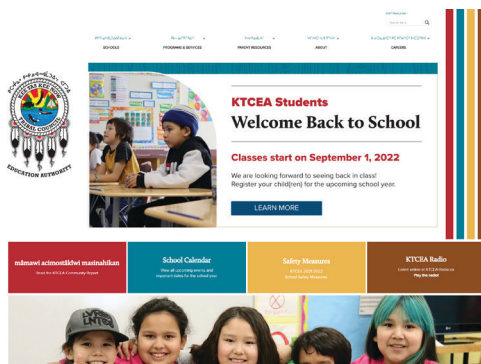
More about our schools and contact information can be found on our website.

<https://ktcea.ca/schools/>

Follow KTCEA on Facebook for news and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/KTCEA>

Visit the [KTCEA.ca](https://ktcea.ca) website to find information about KTCEA programs and services such as:

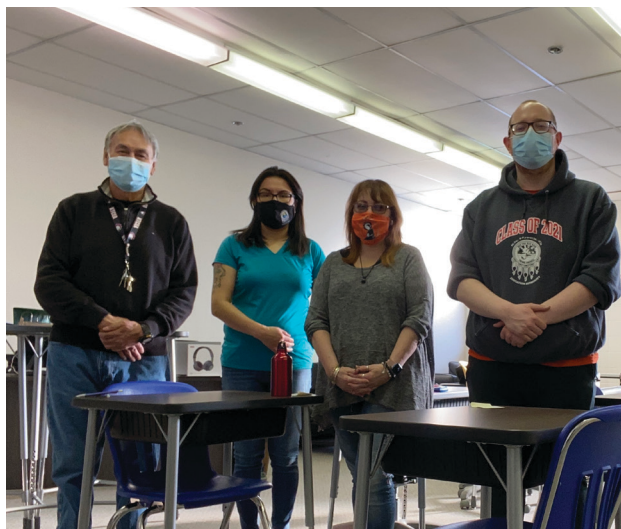


- Parent Resources
<https://ktcea.ca/parent-resources/>
- Early Learning Parent Handbook *updated*
<https://ktcea.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/KTCEA-K4-Early-Learning-Program-Handbook.pdf>
- High School Handbook *updated*
<https://ktcea.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/High-School-with-KTCEA-Handbook.pdf>

News and Updates

KTCEA Outreach School Program Update

The Outreach School was launched last year and was made available to students throughout all KTCEA communities online and opened with an initial location in Atikameg at the Youth Centre Building. A total of 24 students registered in classes and one student was able to complete two final courses to graduate in June 2022. For September 2022, a second location is opening in Loon River First Nation at the LRC Building, which will continue to expand our ability to provide alternative learning options for students.



Nîkânîwin Kiteyihâtakosiwin/Honouring Leadership Awards 2022

Congratulations to the students from each KTC Nation who were recognized for leadership qualities in the first annual Nîkânîwin Kiteyihâtakosiwin/Honouring Leadership Awards in June 2022.

Jaleel Whitehead from Lubicon Lake Band, Wesley Grey from Whitefish Lake First Nation #459, Dwight Laboucan-Avirom from Woodland Cree First Nation, Taralynn Gladue from Loon River First Nation, and Sheyanne Letendre from Peerless Trout First Nation.

Each recipient was awarded \$600 for demonstrating the following principles and values of education at KTCEA:

Nîkânîwin – Leadership

Nîhiyawîwin – Cree Way of Being

Wahkohtowin – Kinship

Pîkiskwîstamowîwin – Speaking on Behalf of Others

Wîcîhitowin – Sharing

Manâtisiwin – Respect & Respect for Each Other

Tapatwîwin – Honesty



KTCEA Common, Consistent Curriculum (CCC)

In June and July, KTCEA worked with specialists, teachers and Elders from each KTC Nation to review and validate KTCEA's own curriculum and identify essential learning outcomes for our students. This group also reviewed the new provincial programs for English Language Arts and Math to ensure our teachers would have the resources they need to teach these programs in September.



Curriculum Themes for Fall Season

August	flying moon	ohpahôwî-pîsim
September	mating moon	onôcihtôwî-pîsim
October	ground freezing moon	kaskatinôwî-pîsim
November	frost moon	îyikopîwi-pîsim



From September to November students are exploring topics such as:

- Protocols and tradition: picking sage, sweetgrass, muskeg, mint and berries, and feasts.
- Hunting, fishing and trapping: Fire-making, tanning and hide making, outdoor cooking, dry meat, harvesting and canning.
- Remembrance Day, weather and migration, traditional clothing and tool making.

Food Services Update

Food services will transition to a menu without any processed foods and will be healthier and more fulfilling for students. Schools will also have two traditional meals a month, an increase from the single meal a month from last year.

Call Out for Hunters

KTCEA Food Services is in need of 3 hunters for 3 moose for traditional meals in our schools. This is part of the Wild Game Program pilot through Indigenous Service Canada. Interested hunters please contact Clifford Gladue at (780) 649-3103 or (780) 649-6635 or email: Clifford.Gladue@ktcea.ca for more information.

Orientations will be required before heading out to hunt.

SEPTEMBER 2022 - Monthly Menu

Week of Sept 1 st & 2 nd	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast				Pancakes, Ham, Milk	Oatmeal with Brown sugar, Milk
Lunch				Chicken Noodle Soup, Bannock, Fruit salad, Juice	Pizza, Veggies, Caesar Salad Milk
Snack				Muffin	Fruit
Week of Sept 6th – 9th					
Breakfast		Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Milk	Cereal, Milk	Oatmeal with brown sugar, Milk	Cereal, Milk
Lunch		Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Garden Salad, Juice	BBQ Chicken Leg, Rice, Mixed Veg, Milk	Pizza Subs Mac Salad, Juice	Beef Stew, Bannock, Fruit Salad, Milk
Snack		Fruit	Cookies	Fruit	Muffin
Week of Sept 12th – 16th					
Breakfast	Cereal, Milk	French Toast, Sausage, Milk	Cereal, Milk	Cream of wheat, Bagel, Juice	Breakfast Sandwich, Milk
Lunch	Hamburger soup, Sandwich, Fruit Salad, Juice	Burgers, Potatoes, Carrots, Milk	Alaskan Fish, Wedges, peas, Coleslaw, Juice	Moose Meat , Potatoes, Corn, Bannock, Milk	Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Fruit Salad, Juice
Snack	Cookies	Fruit	Fruit	Muffin	Cookies
Week of Sept 19th – 23rd					
Breakfast	Oatmeal with brown sugar, Milk	Bacon, Eggs, Hash browns, Juice	Cereal, Milk	Breakfast Sandwich, Juice	Cereal, Milk
Lunch	Chili, Bannock, Fruit Salad, Juice	Honey Baked Ham, Mashed, Gravy, Steamed Broccoli, Milk	Meatballs/Gravy, Mashed, Mixed Veg, Mac Salad, Juice	Tomato Mac Soup, Bannock, Fruit Salad, Milk	Pizza, Veggies, Caesar Salad Milk
Snack	Muffin	Fruit	Cookies	Muffin	Fruit
Week of Sept 26th – 30th					
Breakfast	Cereal, Milk	Boiled Egg, Sausage, Juice	Cereal, Milk	Oatmeal with Brown sugar, Milk	
Lunch	Chicken Stew, Bannock, Fruit Salad, Juice	Bison Burgers Potato Salad Veggies, Milk	Pork Loin, Rice, Peas, Juice	Baked Mac & Cheese, Garlic Sausage, Pasta Salad, Juice	
Snack	Muffin	Fruit	Fruit	Cookies	

Subject to Change

Land-based Learning

There will be more land-based learning camps in the coming year for students to further their experience and knowledge in the land and to engage more students returning to full-time in-person schooling in the upcoming school year.



Sports Program Update

The sports program will return full time in the upcoming school year and will feature a variety of sports and tournaments for students. For more information, visit the KTCEA Sports Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1812349529044402>) and watch for the KTCEA sports handbook coming out this fall. The general sports schedule is as follows:

<i>school year calendar</i>				
september <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> cross country race	october <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> dodgeball	november <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> floor hockey	december <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i>	january <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> tchouckball
<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> volleyball cross country race	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> volleyball	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> basketball	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i>	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> basketball
february <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> indoor soccer	march <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> basketball	april <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> playstation games	may <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> soccer traditional games	june <i>grade 4,5 & 6</i> horse shoes
<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> archery cross country skiing	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> floor hockey	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> floor hockey badminton	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> baseball, badminton 3 on 3 Street Basketball traditional games	<i>JR. & Sr. High</i> baseball beach volleyball

Summer Camps

This past summer, our schools held summer camps where elementary students were able to do fun activities like story-telling, reading, arts & crafts, and science experiments.



Board of Directors

The KTCEA Board of Directors elected a new chairperson, Councillor Derek Auger from Woodland Cree First Nation on August 17, 2022. A new vice chairperson was also elected, Councillor Darren Auger from Whitefish Lake First Nation #459.



Chairperson of the KTCEA Board of Directors, Councillor Derek Auger..



Councillor Darren Auger being sworn in as vice chairperson of the KTCEA Board of Directors (August 17, 2022).

Kinanaskomitinan Loon River First Nation Chief Ivan Sawan and Lubicon Lake Band Councillor Timothy Sawan for their leadership as Chair and Vice Chair for KTCEA. We also thank them for their continuing service as members of the KTCEA Board of Directors.

Board of Directors (as of September 2022)

Board Chair, Councillor Derek Auger (Woodland Cree First Nation)
Board Vice Chair, Councillor Darren Auger (Whitefish Lake First Nation #459)
Chief Ivan Sawan (Loon River First Nation)
Chief Gladys Okemow (Peerless Trout First Nation)
Chief Albert Thunder (Whitefish Lake First Nation #459)
Chief Isaac Laboucan-Avirom (Woodland Cree First Nation)
Chief Billy Joe Laboucan (Lubicon Lake Band)
Councillor Shayne Letendre (Loon River First Nation)
Councillor Jason Laboucan (Lubicon Lake Band)
Councillor Corrine Alook (Peerless Trout First Nation)
Councillor Timothy Sawan (Lubicon Lake Band)
Councillor Frank Whitehead (Woodland Cree First Nation)
Councillor Judy Sinclair (Peerless Trout First Nation)
Councillor Clifford Laboucan (Whitefish Lake First Nation #459)
Councillor Cody Letendre (Loon River First Nation)

Declaration of Respect

In June 2022, the KTCEA Board developed and approved a Declaration of Respect which will read out and observed at each board meeting.

Manâtsiwin

niyanân nihiyawak nikihcihtînân manâtsiwin:

kîhçitâkosiwin, kamanâtsihk ikwa kamanâçihtayahk
ôma kitaskiyînw mîna misiwî askiya / misiwîkamik

kahkiyaw kânîkânâpistamâhk kiskinohamâkosiwin
ôta KTCEA nitasotînân kahkiyawiyak mistahi
kakihtiyimihtwâw, ka manâçihitwâw
kapisiskiyimikawistwâw aniskâc wâhkômâkanak ikwa
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anohc ayisîniwak nitasotînân asci kamiyo
waskawîtotamâhk nitatoskiwinân nipimâtsiwinân
ayisîniwak ohci kahkiyaw kâ sîtoskâkoyâhkwâw
ikwa kâ wîtohtiyimikoyâhkwâw

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kîkway kâ tiyihtamihk ikwa tânisi îsi
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kiskinohamâtowikamikohk
kahkiyawiyak pâpiyahtik
ka nitohtawâw



Declaration of Respect

As nihiyaw people we value manâtsiwin:

Respect for ourselves,
respect for others and
respect for the environment
and our world.

All of us commit to honouring,
respecting and caring for those who
came before us and those we are blessed
to work alongside today. We also
commit to being good examples to those
who support and walk with us.

We will listen openly to everyone's
thoughts, ideas and opinions, even
if they are different from our own.
We value everyone who is involved
with the school and will do our part
to ensure everyone has an equal
opportunity to be heard.

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Key Contacts in KTCEA



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Brandon Okemow, Executive Assistant, Brandon.Okemow@ktcea.ca, (780) 649-6579

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Includes housing, food services, transportation, school maintenance, IT, health and safety.

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Cree Language

Provides Cree resources, professional development, translations and assessment.

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Provides support for education programs and courses offered at KTCEA.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction: Terry Lynn Cook, TerryLynn.Cook@ktcea.ca, (780) 649-6474

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Literacy Specialist: Emma Anso, Emma.Anso@ktcea.ca, (780) 219-4690

Math and Science Specialist: Sumagala DesaiGoudar,

Sumangala.DesaiGoudar@ktcea.ca, (780) 523-7460



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Recruitment and job opportunities.

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Accounting, budget and finances.

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Student Services Specialists

Specialized supports, services and programs are available for your child such as speech/language, physical or occupational therapy, autism supports, mental health services, early learning, high school completion, etc.

Director of Student Services: Theresa Brown, Theresa.Brown@ktcea.ca, (780) 536-0680

Early Learning Specialist: Wendy Calahasen, Wendy.Calahasen@ktcea.ca, (780) 649-6597

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Inclusive Education Manager: Lindy Fors Lindy.fors@ktcea.ca 780-649-3103

Sports Coordinator: Deen Flett Deen.flett@ktcea.ca 780-536-0335



2022-2023 School Calendar

The 2022-2023 school calendar was recently updated by the KTCEA Board in September 2022. The calendar can be found on the KTCEA website: <https://ktcea.ca/parent-resources/school-calendar/>

Aug. 25-26: New Staff Orientation
Aug. 29: School Kick Off
Aug. 30-31: Community Tours/Classroom Prep
Sept. 1: First Day of Classes
Sept. 5: Labour Day
Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 7: Family Friday
Oct. 10: Thanksgiving
Oct. 19: Regional PD
Nov. 11: Remembrance Day
Nov. 14: Family Monday
Dec. 16: Last Day of School Before Break
Dec. 19-Jan 2: Christmas Break
Jan 3: First Day Back from Christmas Break
Jan. 20: Family Friday
Feb. 6-10: Inclusive Education Week
Feb. 10: Inclusive Education PD
Feb. 15: Travel KTCEA Convention
Feb. 16-17: KTCEA Convention
Feb. 20: Family Day
Mar. 17: Family Friday
Mar. 22: Regional PD
Apr. 7: Good Friday
Apr. 10-14: Easter/Spring Break
May 19: Family Friday
May 22: Victoria Day
June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 28: Student Last Day
June 29: Staff Last Day

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

Total Instructional Time
Days: 180
Hours: 1020
Operational Days: 190

