

September 2, 2014



# September Newsletter

## Welcome Back Staff and Students

Welcome back staff and students to another school year. We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a school year full of academics and extracurricular activities. We have several new teachers this year. These new staff are found in bold on the back of the newsletter.

The Sunchild School Newsletter will be going home at the beginning of each month with possible additions during the busy times of the school year. Parents and community members who wish to have articles printed in the Newsletter need to make sure that they are given to Mr. Malthouse by the first Friday of each month.

## Peanut Free School

Sunchild School will be a **peanut free** school. We ask parents to please re-frame from sending any school lunches or snacks which contain peanuts, traces of peanuts or items which may contain peanut oil. As Halloween is not that far around the corner please remember that many chocolates contains peanuts or peanut oil. The health of one of our students is dependent on our vigilance. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## Sunchild School Attendance Policy



The Sunchild Attendance Policy is used to determine who receives awards at the end of the school year at the awards assembly, as well as the Student of the Month Awards.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade Six will be marked late if they miss less than 30 minutes of class time. More than 30 minutes it will be counted as an absent. Students from Grades Seven to Twelve will be counted absent if they miss more than 20 minutes of a period; less than 20 minutes and it will be counted as a late.

If a student receives five lates it adds up to be one absent.

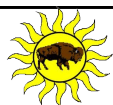
## Message from the Director of Education

Tansi! Metoni miyasin kihtwam ota e-pe-atoskeyan. Kayas ote e-ki-kiskinohamakeyan. Warm greetings to the communities of Sunchild and O'Chiese. It's wonderful to be back working for your Nations. I taught here in 1989 when the schools were amalgamated.

For those of you who don't know me I am Askiytakiw Piyesiw Iskwew (Blue Thunderbird Woman). My Eurocentric name is Pearleen Lachhab (Baptiste) from the Little Pine First Nation. My mother was late Kate Baptiste (Tootoosis) and my late father was David Baptiste; however, I was raised by my late step father Henry Bear (Askhtakwiniw). I remember traveling to your community as a child. We often visited the O'Chiese family. Jimmy was a very tall and fast runner then. I remember he won the distance races that used to be held during the powwows. We were a traveling family and often came here for ceremony. The Frencheater and Whitford family became friends as well, and I have known Doreen, Theresa and Danita's families for a very long time. My nephew, Rylan Bull has been part of your community for about ten years now. His partner is Crystal Rowan.

I am here with my two sons William and his wife Stacy, and Julien and his baby girl Angeleah, who will start daycare on Tuesday, Sept. 2. I feel blessed to be part of your community. Sometimes we think we are in charge of our lives when we aren't. The Creator has a plan for all of us. I am currently doing my Masters degree in Land Based Indigenous Education from the University of Saskatchewan. I was very pleased to hear strong messages from the Leadership, School Committee and the Principal on the importance of cultural education, language retention and outdoor education. Sunchild School will work toward including these components, which we hope will increase student engagement at Sunchild School. I look forward to meeting all the students, parents and guardians in the communities. Feel free to stop by the office anytime. Ay-hay.

**Keep our kids Safe!  
Red Flashing Lights  
on a School Bus  
means STOP.**

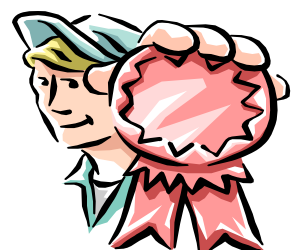


## Set a Goal for Yourself Awards for the 2014-2015 School Year



- Perfect Attendance K to Grade 6**— A student who has missed no school
- Honorable Attendance K to Grade 6**— A student who has not missed more than 5 school days in the school year.
- Best Attendees for Grade 7 to 12**
- Most Improved Student**—A student who has improved over the school year.
- Citizenship Award** -A Student who is helpful, respectful and cooperative.
- Academic Awards** -Top two students in the class.
- Academic Award High School** -80% or better in core subjects
- Physical Education Award Male and Female**
- Cree Award**—Male and Female
- Leadership Awards:**
  - Tom Bigchild Award**—Junior High Student
  - Dave Schepens Award**—High School Student

This year bikes will be awarded to students who receive the Cree award for Grades K to 6.



## Sunchild School Staff List 2014-15

Director of Education  
Principal  
Vice principal  
Administrative Assistant  
K5  
Grade 1  
Grade 2  
Grade 3  
Grade 3  
Grade 4  
Grade 5  
Grade 6  
Grade 7/8 Math; Jr/Sr PE  
Grade 7/8 English / Social  
Grade 7/8/9 Science  
Grade 10 / Gr 9-12 English  
Grade 11/Sr Math/ Science  
Grade 12/ gr 10-12 Social  
Elem Student Services  
Jr/Sr Student Services  
K-9 Physical Education  
Student Support Facilitator  
Cree  
Paraprofessional staff

Headstart / K4  
Headstart paraprofessional  
Speech Services  
Home school liaison worker  
Head of Maintenance  
Maintenance Staff

Custodians

**Pearleen Lachhab**  
Susan Collicutt  
David Malthouse  
Gelaine Goodrunning  
Corrina Daychief  
Jennifer Essex  
Elise Petijean  
Ashley Lagrelle  
**Jocelyn Horne**  
Ryan Smith  
Jenna Derksen  
Gerald Odyanski  
Robert Volaric  
**Sydney Houston-Goudge**  
Deanna Jackson  
Laurel Foshay  
**Zena Rittenhouse**  
**Jamie Macdonald**  
David Malthouse  
Loretta Hermary  
**Catherine Davis**  
Jill OpdenDries  
Doris Daychief  
Loretta Bigchild  
Felicia Frencheater  
Sarah Daychief  
Carla Mackinaw  
Eugene Rowan  
Shirley Ann Lagrelle  
Ranell Lagrelle  
Kim Stiles  
Agnes Redcalf  
Dale Bigchild  
Jake Bigchild  
Floyd Lagrelle  
Brian Loranger  
Micky Turney  
Elizabeth Redbear

**First Staff Meeting and Professional Development Day will be Friday Sept 19th**  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Mrs. OpdenDries is our school Student Support Facilitator. She will be providing direct support services to individual students, small groups and classrooms during the school year. These direct support services are focused on helping students in the area of academic achievement, personal / social development and career development.



Back Issues of the School Newsletter can be found on the Sunchild web site  
[www.sunchildschool.com](http://www.sunchildschool.com)

### Sunchild School Mission Statement

“Working together to Educate and Teach our Children Respect and Responsibility with Parental Involvement and Community Support.”

### Smoking Policy It's the Law!

There is **NO SMOKING** by any person at Sunchild School who is under the age of **18**. Please ensure if you are of smoking age to smoke in the designated smoking area.



There will be no school on Monday October 13th as it is the Thanksgiving Long weekend.

## If It Has Wheels!

If it has wheels and you bring it to school you also need to have a helmet on your head. This includes the following: Skate Boards, Scooters, Bikes, and Roller Blades.



## Sunchild Schools' Cell Phone Policy—Win Win for Everyone

Sunchild School allows students to bring cellular phones / media devices to school. It is up to each individual classroom teacher to decide how they will manage the phones in the classroom. The privilege of bringing a cellular phone / media device to school can be revoked by the school administration in the event that there is misuse of these phones. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated, neither will inappropriate video recording at the school. Serious offences may be referred to the RCMP for investigation.



Students are not allowed to wear hats in the School during class time. Before school, at lunch and after school hats are permitted to be worn.



**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 29TH**  
**WEAR YOUR SMILE**

“If you want to learn your language you need to use it.”

Fred Ahenakew  
Muskeg Lake First Nation

## Taking Students Home Early?

Parents please ensure that you sign your child out of the school through the main office. We need to know who is in the school in case of fire or related emergency.

## Walking Home

Students are required to take the bus home unless a note has been written to say otherwise. Parent's wishing for their children to walk home need talk to the classroom teacher and provide a note to be put on file.

## Shoe Policy

To ensure that your School stays as clean as possible please take off outside shoes when entering the building and put them up on a shelf. Inside shoes are also recommended for all students.



## Keeping Parents Informed!

This year the school will be using more technology than ever to keep parents more informed. Sunchild school will be using our school web page, face book, e-mails and texting to keep you up to date with all that is going on around our very busy school.

## Sunchild First Nation School Expectations

1. Respect yourself and others.
2. Speak and listen to others as you would to the creator.
3. Come to class on time prepared to learn.
4. Look out for your school and other peoples' property.
5. Hands off, back off.

## SUNCHILD HEADSTART AND K4

**First Day of School Monday September 8th**

**Headstart—Morning Group**

**K4—Afternoon Group**

- Headstart children must be turning 3 before December 31, 2014
- Headstart children also must be fully potty trained to be enrolled.
- K4 Children must be turning 4 before December 31, 2014