

DECEMBER

2017

November Highlights:

This past month our students had a few opportunities to acquire information on unique career choices that can be taken into consideration after graduation. On Nov. 15, six of our students attended an info session with Air Canada-Flight Attendant Services. During this session the girls got insight on the day and life of a flight attendant, how to apply, the 7 week training process (after acceptance) as well as all the benefits and perks that come with the job. Of the 6 that went 2 have considered this opportunity as a possible career choice. On Nov. 22, three prospective students attended the first ever Indigenous U Event at the University of Calgary. They spent the day gathering information on possible careers they would like to pursue as well as info on how to register for fall 2018. On November 23, five students attended a CP Rail information session where they toured the Track Laborer Training Facility, Rail Traffic Control Centre and had the chance to operate the Train Simulator. This tour opened up the eyes of our students and they were able to visualize themselves one day having a career with CP Rail.

SOS would like to say thank you to Siksika Employment and Training for inviting our students to these info sessions and for encouraging students to pursue rewarding careers.

In other news, SOS class of 2018 hosted their first bingo on Nov. 23. It was great to see an awesome turn out from supporters. All \$3044.04 of the

proceeds raised will go towards the grade 12 graduation in June. Thank you to all those who supported our future leaders. Next Bingo is scheduled for February, watch for posters.



AIR CANADA

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!**

- Lorraine Reed of Copy City Inc.-donated books and to Randa Wright for delivering books from Edmonton.
- Pauline Doore-Donating books
- Danielle Wolfleg-donating a Bingo Package
- Ina Maguire-donated door prize
- Siksika Subway Staff-donated Sub cards
- First Nations Cuisine & Catering-donated fry bread



To Whom It May Concern and Those with the Spirit of Giving,

Our annual preschool Christmas shopping event is just around the corner. We are thrilled parents and preschoolers in our community are asking when the shop is open! Our 9th annual Christmas shop for preschoolers will be on December 6 and 7, 2017. Location will be at our school.

We are looking for community agencies to donate toward our event in order for it to be successful. Last year we welcomed close to 320 preschoolers! This year we expect about 360!!

Our students:

1. Create and decorate a "Christmas store"
2. purchase dollar store items and bring them back to Siksika for close to 360 preschoolers so they can shop and buy Christmas presents for loved ones (items cost between 0.50 and \$5.00)
3. Help preschoolers shop
4. Wrap gifts purchased by preschoolers so they are ready to put under the tree for their loved ones
5. Help take preschoolers picture with Santa
6. Deliver Santa pictures

Each year our objectives include:

- Teach our students the value and joy of serving our community
- Teach our preschoolers and students the value and joy of generosity
- Teaching our young people the spirit of Christmas

ARE YOU A SANTA HELPER? Please help us make this event successful by donating funds so we can purchase enough dollar store items for the "store".

Deadline for donations is Dec. 4, 2017 Please call Tannis or Bruce at 403 734 3418 at the school to pick up your donation or stop by the school.

Thank you for your time, consideration and support.

In the spirit of giving,

Bruce Dobbin

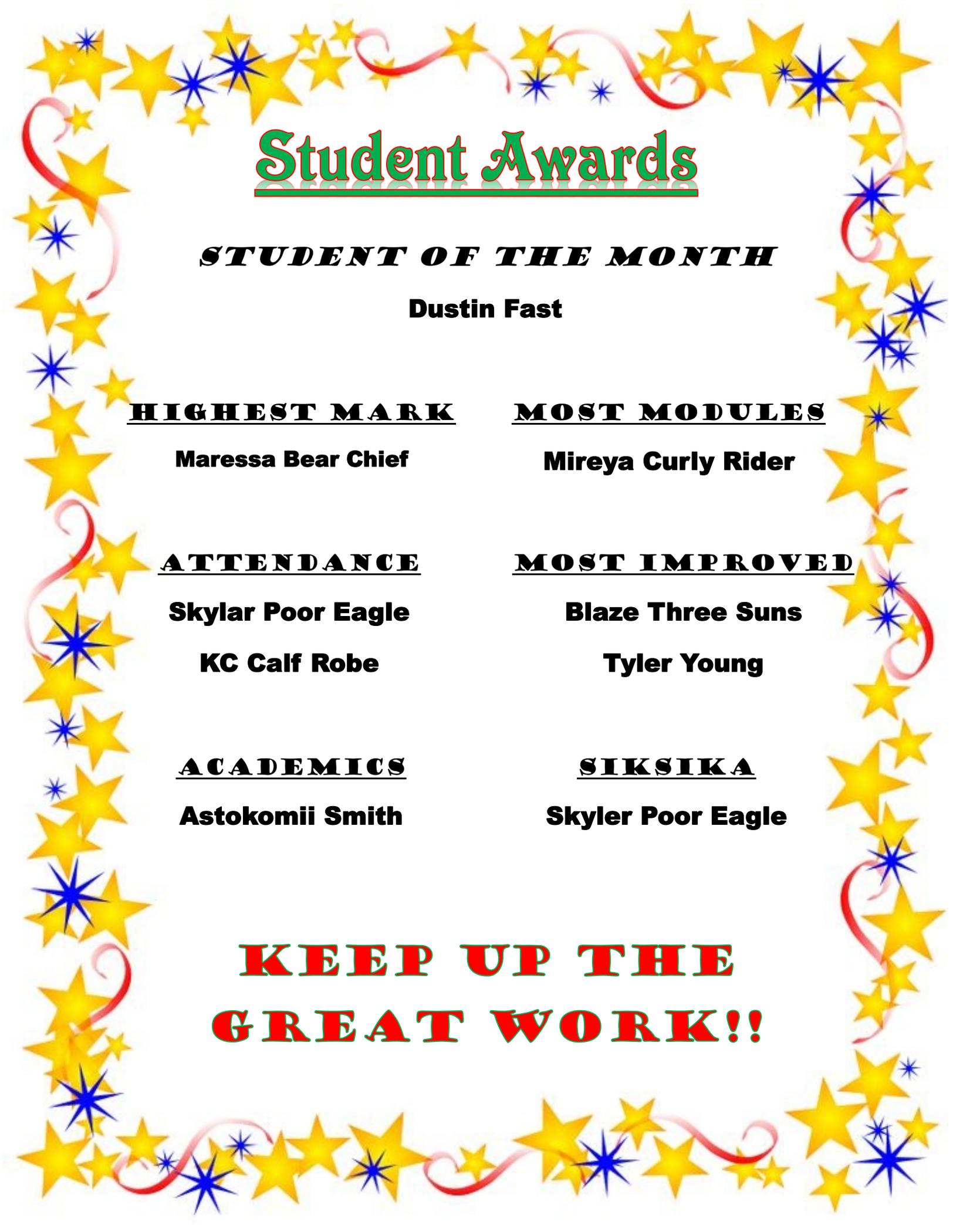
Siksika Outreach School

It is that time of the year when we start the festive season with humbleness and good tidings to all. We at Siksika Outreach School

Are asking for donations from Staff and Students for our Christmas Hamper to help out a special family.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS

STARTING DECEMBER 1, 2017



Student Awards

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Dustin Fast

HIGHEST MARK

Maressa Bear Chief

MOST MODULES

Mireya Curly Rider

ATTENDANCE

Skylar Poor Eagle

KC Calf Robe

MOST IMPROVED

Blaze Three Suns

Tyler Young

ACADEMICS

Astokomii Smith

SIKSIKA

Skylar Poor Eagle

**KEEP UP THE
GREAT WORK!!**

Siksika Class

November “Isstatosi” (Cold Month)

The month of November has been busy with many exciting events happening. To start off the month we had the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the school which brought two guests to the school; Warrant Officer Oscar Merino and Gunner Clarence V. Wolfleg.

The presentation given by these two veterans was very educational and after the presentations the students witnessed a name giving ceremony done by Mr. Wolfleg bestowing the name “Natoyipiita” (Holy Eagle) to Mr. Merino. The story behind the name was explained to the officer and he was so proud to leave Siksika with a gift that is rare. The sound of the drum honoring the entrance of the veterans, students of veterans Siksika Leadership into the school gave goose bumps to some of the students as they related after the day was over.

In Siksika Class the students were asked to do their first project which included something they have done in the class and paint it. I am so proud and amazed in my students in the talent they have and know that they will all have a bright future.

Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park to attend the first Siksika Language and Culture Youth Symposium which included all schools from Siksika that teach Junior and Senior High students. The presentations included the following topics:

- “Learning Culture Through Drama”
- “Creation and the Plant Nations, Food, Fruits and Medicines”
- “Blackfoot Designs and colors”
- “The Value of Respect/Protocol”
- “Family Tree and Clans”
- “Blackfoot Language in the 21st Century”
- “Siksikai’tsitapi’sini”

Wishing you and your families the best of the Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.



Gunner Clarence V. Wolfleg



Painting by Skylar Poor Eagle

November 28/29 brought our students to

More art work from our students on next page →

Siksika Class Art Work



Above: Whitney Sitting Eagle
Below: Katelyn Wildcat



Above: By Blaze Three Suns
Below: By Taylor Little Light



Above: Hillary Sitting Eagle
Below: Maressa Bear Chief



Istaatosi: Cold month

It's December and only 24 more shopping days! Just a reminder that we will be having the pre-school Christmas shop here on Dec. 6 & 7 so children can purchase gifts for their parents or loved ones. I hear there are some new and exciting Christmas gifts to buy. Also, Santa will be here to listen to what the children would like for Christmas this year and take pictures. Don't miss out on this wonderful shopping opportunity.

Our students have been busy with their modules and many have been engaged in their novel study. It is wonderful to see the students reading and actively having discussions about the books they have read. It really helps to have literature that students can relate to and make meaningful connections with in order to have a deeper understanding.

We have enjoyed learning introductory law concepts with the University of Calgary students in the Dare to Dream program. We

are fortunate and grateful to have this learning experience. Thank you for all your hard work with our students.

Thank you to the community, parents and students for their support and various donations to our school. The presentations, food, clothing, bingo items and financial support is what makes our program a success.

Just a reminder that the spirit of Christmas is about love and to spread that love to others and our community.



AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY THAN WITH A MONTH OF FRENZIED CONSUMERISM.



DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Pre-School Christmas Shop	7	8 Flex Friday	9
10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Feast	15 Admin. Day No School	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Early Dismissal at noon	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
						
31 New Years Eve						See You Back January 8