CORN ROAST

On September 14, we had a welcome back corn roast and hot dog bbq for the staff and students. We also want to thank our helpers in the kitchen for a job well done and for our students that helped Principal Dobbin BBQ the hot dogs. Our school also surprised our Siksika Language and Culture Teacher, Colleen Sitting Eagle, with a happy birthday cake. We also wished Katelyn Wildcat a happy birthday as well.

Kitchen helpers: Savannah Little Light, Chris-Ann Stimson, Santia Medicine Shield, Katelyn Wildcat

BBQ Helpers: Ryder Many Guns, Blaze Three Suns, Tito Crow Chief, Taylor Red Gun
Astokomii Smith made Siksika proud as she represented her community as the Town of Strathmore Summer Indigenous Programming student. She created, participated and led many programs that benefited countless students. She was honoured by Strathmore Town Council for her work. She is pictured here with Deputy Mayor Lorraine Bauer and Siksika Knowledge Keeper Kanakii Mekaisto. The Deputy Mayor read the following statement into the record, "Astokomii we heard so many good things about your input and enthusiasm within our organisation. Thank you for giving freely of yourself, your youthful wisdom and for sharing your Siksika family. You are a trail blazer and Strathmore is very grateful for all you've done.

My education journey continues...this month has been crazy busy. I have settled into my class routines and where to find my classes and who my professors are. That seemed to be the easy part. I have just finished a paper (yaaaay), a 6-page assignment (whew!) and I have another paper due in 4 days (yikes) that I haven't even started! I am juggling many classes, math tutoring sessions, essay papers, assignments, family life and hockey. I will say this is not for the faint at heart!

As you know my goal is to become a teacher and return to Siksika Outreach School. When things get crazy busy like it is now I just remember my goal and keep working hard to meet my deadlines and I remember who my support people are and I go to them for help or encouragement.

Good news! I got my math quiz back and got 14.5/15!!! A huge thank you to Gladys for helping prepare me for the quiz! She rocks!

Hopefully by next month I will be able to report I met all my deadlines and if I didn't meet the deadlines I will share what I did to stay on this path to become a teacher.

Keep working hard in your school work! I will too. We can do this together! See you next time!

Tannis Broad Scalplock
Oki,

I am the Siksika Teacher at the school and would like to introduce myself. Again my name is Colleen Sitting Eagle (nee: Wolfleg). I have been teaching Siksika here at the school going into my third year. I was previously at Chief Old Sun and Chief Crowfoot schools. Also I was the liaison for Milo, Arrowwood and Bassano.

I am from the Wolfleg/Little Chief families and have lived in the West end for most of my life. My parents were Mark and Margaret Wolfleg Sr. I have two children, Gerrance and Margo (Dodginghorse) and am blessed with 5 grandchildren.
STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Breanna (Bree) Breaker

SIKSIKA AWARD
Gwendora Old Woman

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Eleisabeth Many Shots

ACADEMIC AWARD
Sadie Bear Chief

MOST MODULES
Tanner Hunt
Antoine Sleigh
Drandin Sitting Eagle

BEST ATTENDANCE
Phoenix Turning Robe
Elizabeth Big Old Man
Kyra Right Hand
Kaitlyn Bear Chief
Maressa Bear Chief
Tito Crow Chief
Jadyn Daniels
Savannah Little Light
Kassie Aberdeen
Gwendora Old Woman
Daniel Jerry
Blaze Three Suns
Gloria Good Eagle
Chante Cayenne
Reggie Brass

MOST IMPROVED
Riley First Rider
Siksika Outreach Young Parents program would like to offer their sincere thanks to the Calgary and Strathmore Pregnancy Care Centres for generously sharing their bounty with us. Our parents are so grateful for the donations they receive. A lasting result of this generosity is that our young parents always commit to paying forward this generosity, so the good just keeps growing.

We are also profoundly grateful for the very generous donation made by Mr. Steve Grajcyzk. His gift is a very important one as it helps our students to be able to focus on the importance of their education knowing that other matters are taken care of.

- SHON STIMSON, Thank-you for setting up and taking down of the tipi
- DOMINIQUE OUELLETTE, Thank-you for helping Shon and the student’s with the set-up of tipi
- DENISE PETERSON, for picking up the corn for the school
- LINDSEY NELSON for purchasing the hot dogs, cake and supplies for the BBQ
- STACEY RUNNING RABBIT, setting up competition games at our corn roast
- Corn Roast Team
- BBQ Team
- RANDY DOORE, Drumming
- Health Team– FASD Quilt Project
- LINDA BERNACKI, T-Shirt Donation
- Marigold Library, for donating books to the school
October: Mokoikisom

Welcome to all our new students and babies that have joined us this school year. We already had a month of exciting activities. Our students have been working hard on their modules and novel studies. We have been honored to have Elders, facilitators, community members and organizations come to our school and share valuable knowledge with the students. Thank you!

Tipi Set Up

Siksika F.A.S.D. Program

Thank you to the Siksika team for involving the students in your community project and presenting your informative session on FASD.
SIKSILA HANDGAMES

Baby Moccasin Making
Congratulations

Great job on representing Siksika in the Calgary Stampede Princess Pageant Kiara Big Old Man and Astokomii Smith. Congratulations, Astokomii on your new role as the Ambassador for the 2019 Calgary Stampede First Nations Princess. We are proud of you both.

Orange Shirt Day

We honored residential school survivors and the children who had passed away in these schools through ceremony led by Elder Darlene Yellow Old Woman-Munro. We are honored and blessed to hear your story and thank you for your presence at our school. Thank you to Randy Rides at the Door for your singing and drumming and supporting our students. Special thanks to Linda Bernicki from Strathmore Family & Community Social Services for donating 100 t-shirts to our school. Thank you to Astokomii Smith who is the Strathmore Indigenous Liaison for organizing and building collaboration for this event.
Reminder for October 18

Representatives from the University of Calgary in the Aboriginal Health Program will be here to present about the Pathways to Medicine Program. It is a program designed for high school students with an interest in pursuing medicine. You don’t want to miss out on this informative session about the scholarship that assists Indigenous students achieve their dreams of becoming a physician.
What does October 17, 2018 mean for me and my student at Siksika Outreach School?

October 17, 2018 is a special day...
...it is the 27th day of school!
...it is the day your child should have completed at least 4 modules at school
...it is the day the 1st British Golf Open tournament was held
...it is the day when “Mr. Smith goes to Washington” was released (film)
...it is the Beatles record “I Want to Hold Your Hand”

It is also the day when cannabis becomes legal in Canada. However, our school policies and expectations will NOT change as they do not contradict the upcoming law.

Cannabis will only be legal for people who are 18 years of age and older. In addition, legal aged cannabis users my not smoke, ingest, eat, buy, sell, or be in possession of or under the influence of cannabis within the boundaries of a school.

Our expectations are as follows:

1. No student or staff will participate in school under the influence of cannabis unless prescribed by a medical doctor and that documentation is filed with the school.

2. No student or staff will smoke, inhale, ingest, buy, sell or be in the possession of cannabis on school grounds.

3. Furthermore, we expect staff and students not to engage in glorifying cannabis.

Please feel free to join us in our cannabis presentations this month.
If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school for clarification.
SIKSIKA BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS
2 – BOARD MEMBERS

- MUST BE A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT ATTENDING A SIKSIKA NATION SCHOOL.
- ANY PERSON WORKING FULL-TIME FOR THE SIKSIKA NATION ADMINISTRATION IS NOT ELIGIBLE.
- ANY PERSON WORKING PART-TIME FOR THE SIKSIKA NATION ADMINISTRATION IS ELIGIBLE.
- MUST SUBMIT CURRENT CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND INTERVENTION CHECK.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS WILL BE OPEN FOR:

SIKSIKA OUTREACH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE
- Nominations: October 11, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00pm @ Siksika Outreach School
- Elections: October 17, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00pm @ Siksika Nation High School

SIKSIKA NATION HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE
- Nominations: October 11, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00pm @ Siksika Outreach School
- Elections: October 17, 2018, 4:00pm – 6:00pm @ Siksika Nation High School

Any questions regarding the upcoming Board member’s Nominations & Elections please do not hesitate to contact Principals 734-3148 Siksika Outreach School & 734-5400 Siksika Nation High School or Superintendent, Lenora Rabbit Carrier – 403-734-4022.

Thank you!
RE: CHANGES TO THE ALBERTA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Parents:

Please be advised of the following upcoming changes to the school-aged children immunization program.

- Alberta Health has made changes to the school immunization program that will take effect in the 2018/19 school year.
- In the 2018/19 school year, public health nurses will be reviewing the immunization records of all Alberta students from Grades 1 to 9 to assess immunization status. You will be contacted if your children are missing immunization information.
- With your consent, your children can be offered the immunizations they are missing at school. You will continue to have the final decision on immunizing your children.
- In 2019/20, Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6 for both Hepatitis B (HBV) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. Administering two doses at least six months apart has been shown to provide children with good protection against these diseases. This will reduce the number of injections children receive.
- The Grade 9 school immunization program including the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (dTap) and Meningococcal (MenC-ACYW) vaccines will continue to be offered without change.
- Alberta Health Services, Public Health will work closely with schools and school authorities to ensure that immunization does not interfere with students taking the Provincial Achievement Tests.
- Alberta Health encourages parents to immunize their children against HPV and HBV. Vaccines are safe and effective, and protect our children and communities from disease.

Please contact your local Health Nurse or Alberta Health Services Public Health Department for more detailed information.

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**Request for Donations**

Each year our school sets up a concession at the Education pow wow and we’d like to ask the families of SOS students to please make a donation. All funds support schoolwide activities throughout the year for our students. For more info call Tannis at 403-734-3418.