

# Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe P.S.A.



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May 8, 2023

Last week was Staff Appreciation Week and we want to thank our staff for the dedication and support that they provide for our students and families. Each of our staff members works hard every day to provide our students with what they need to be successful learners and responsible citizens who live the Ojibwe Culture in every aspect of their lives. We could not ask for a better team!

After School programs end on May 25, 2023. Miigwech to Ms. Jodoin and the JKL staff who stay after school four nights per week to provide our students with many opportunities to extend their learning. May 26th will be a half-day of school with dismissal after lunch. Memorial Day, May 29th is a holiday for the students and staff to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Please mark your calendars for May 15, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM for our Evening with the Arts. There will be student art projects displayed throughout the building and several musical performances for all to enjoy. We want to thank Ms. Cathy Wilkinson, Dr. John Wilkinson, and Ms. Teresa Ridley for all of their hard work in planning this event. Our students are so talented and we are looking forward to seeing these talents on display!

We want to thank our 4th grade students for putting on a very moving last Opening of the year on Wisdom (Nibwaakaawin). They did a wonderful job explaining this Grandfather Teaching and summarizing the other six Teachings as we end the school year. They also sang a very inspiring Cultural song which was wonderful to hear.

Summer school registration for our 2023 Summer School program is closed. Late registrations should be sent to the office and they will be forwarded to Dr. Gordon who is the Supervisor of Summer School. Summer school takes place from July 5th through August 10th and runs for half-days on Mondays through Thursdays. There are many "hands-on" and enrichment activities for students to participate in during the summer. Field trips and cultural activities are an important part of the program. Busing, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Spring assessments for M-Step and NWEA MAP are continuing this week and everything is going well. These assessments will show which standards our students have mastered and which ones need additional work. We have some preliminary results from the state assessments and there seems to be a positive trend. Results of these assessments will be shared with parents in the Fall when school resumes and will help staff set individual learning goals for our students.

Spring Family Fun Night which will be held in the cafeteria and gym from 5:00 to 6:30 on May 8, 2023 is coming soon. There will be ice cream, a book giveaway and a Drum Dance Social to celebrate the end of our school year. This will be an exciting event that you will not want to miss!

Have a great week—we appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

*Theresa Kallstrom*

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA Superintendent