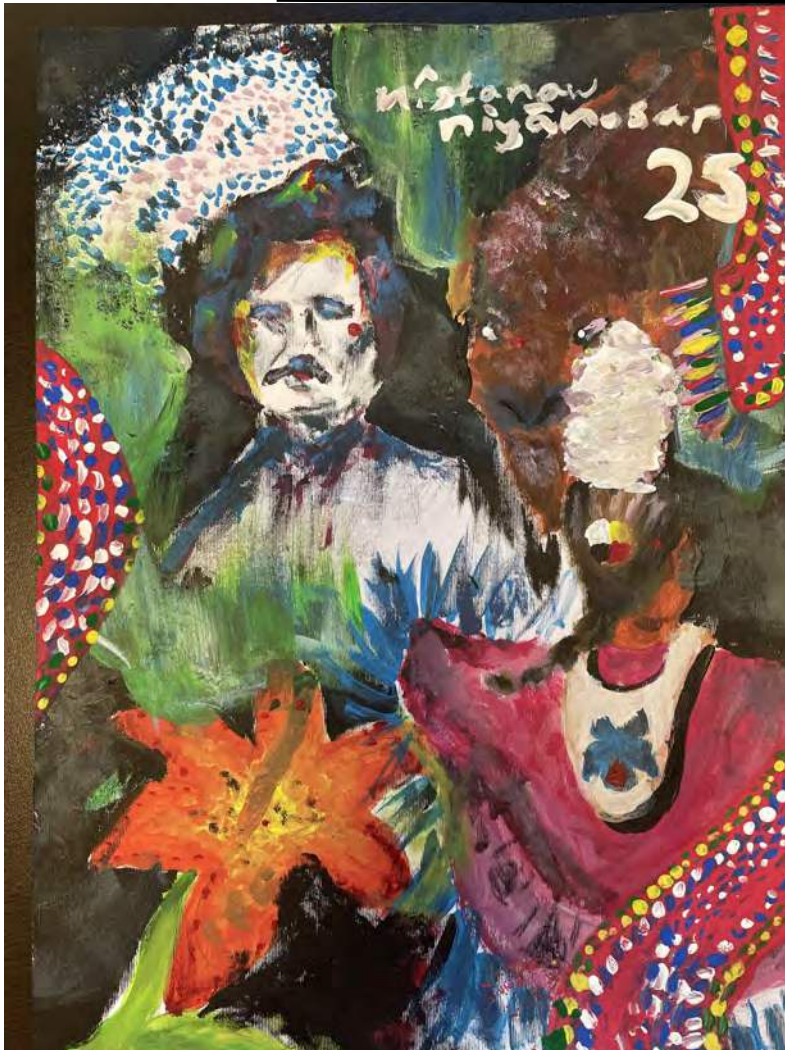




ICSD Newsletter



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Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe this school year is almost over. We have had a busy year with some very significant events. We are very proud to be celebrating our 50th year as a school division. We had a wonderful event on May 6th to mark this important historical event. We were proud to receive the Premier's Award for First Indigenous Controlled School Division in the province from the SSBA. It was an honour to present on Land-Based Learning at SSBA spring convention along with our knowledgeable team of Derek Birkham, Krissy Bouvier-Lemaigre, Morgan Gardiner, William Caisse and our comedian Ted Flett.



As a division we continue to work on our strategic goals of Language, Culture, and Identity, Mental Health and Well Being, Skills for Life and Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

I want to commend the staff at Rossignol Elementary and Rossignol High School for their continued dedication to our students and learning in Ile-a-la Crosse.

The addition of the Sakitawak Early Years Family Resource Center to our community is very exciting. We are hoping to meet the needs of all our families and young children so they grow into healthy and happy adults.

We have been building for the future and we're happy to add a second maintenance shop, 2 duplexes and a house to the division assets.

Our partnerships have been key in helping us towards our goals. Thank you to Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dumont Technical Institute, Northlands College, Ile-a-la Crosse Friendship Center, Sask Housing, Gardiner Plumbing and the Northern Village of Ile-a-la Crosse. I hope everyone has a summer full of family and good times on the lake.

We hope everyone moves into the fall with a renewed commitment to school through attendance and forming positive relationships.

Sharon Hoffman

Director of Education



RES Message

We find ourselves in the month of May with seven weeks of classes left in this school year. Our students and teachers have worked hard this past term to reach reading, writing and numeracy goals. Teachers have infused cultural and land-based learning into their everyday programs. Students are learning to find medicines and plants in our area. They are also learning how to tap trees and make syrup. Our students are surveying the burn area around our school cabin and already witnessing regrowth.



I would like to thank all staff of Rossignol Elementary who give so much to ensure that our children get the best education possible. They create opportunities for our students to become lifelong learners and to be proud of who they are and where they come from.

I would like to thank our families for getting our children to school every day and for reading at home with their children. We are a team, and we will only be successful with your support.

Summer literacy bags are currently being made and will be sent home with students in the month of June. Each family receive one bag. It is our hope that our children continue to read during the summer months. Sitting down and enjoying a good book together has many benefits for the child and the parent.

Let's finish off May and June with daily attendance and strong work habits to lead us into the summer holidays.
Ekosi

Upcoming Elementary Events

Science Ambassadors—May 6-31, 2024
Family Fun Night—May 13, 2024
Early Dismissal—May 21, 2024
Jamie Oliviero, Storyteller—May 21, 2024
Elementary Track & Field Day—May 24, 2024
Track & Field BRAA Units—May 30, 2024

PD Day—May 31, 2024
Grade 6 Class Trip—June 10-14, 2024
Swim Trips to Meadow Lake—June 11-13, 2024
Last Day of PK—June 20, 2024
Kindergarten Grad—June 21, 2024 @ 3:00pm
Last Day of Classes—June 27, 2024



Kohkom Pinawasô (sung to tune of Fire's Burning)

Kohkom pinawasô,

Kohkom pinawasô,

âstamik, âstamik

pîmîc'sok, pîmîc'sok

Moshôm pinawasô,

Moshôm pinawasô,

âstamik, âstamik

pîmîc'sok, pîmîc'sok



Kohkom (Nâpîsis, Nitôtîm, Iskwîsis, Nâpêw, Iskwêw, Moshôm)

Atoskêw, Atoskêk (work, go to work)

Ayamihcikîw, natohtamok (read, listen)

Mîtawîw, mîtawîk (play, play together)

RHS Message

Closing Address for the Academic Year 2023-24

Greetings to all.

This year seen the good times returning in spite of the year being one of continuous and drastic changes. Both staff and students have taken life in stride, accepted the rain along with sunshine, seized the day, ventured forward and made the choice to continue their learning journey. As we move closer to completing another successful year of school, what cannot be overlooked is the fact that many of us experienced loss of benefits. At this stage, change and uncertainty have become constant. Throughout this year, we have been there for each other, stood by each other through problems, adjustments. We embraced this uncertainty and surged ahead with focus, motivation and determination. Each and everyone can take pride in navigating through this year. To the staff: for your persistence and team effort, I am truly and humbly honored to be your captain. To the students: for taking responsibility in your learning and teaming up with your teachers to be successful, I commend you. To the parents and guardians: for your super support and stepping up in helping your child with their education, I am grateful and I thank you. I wish you all a very relaxed spring & summer.

Stay well and stay safe.
Elaine Favel

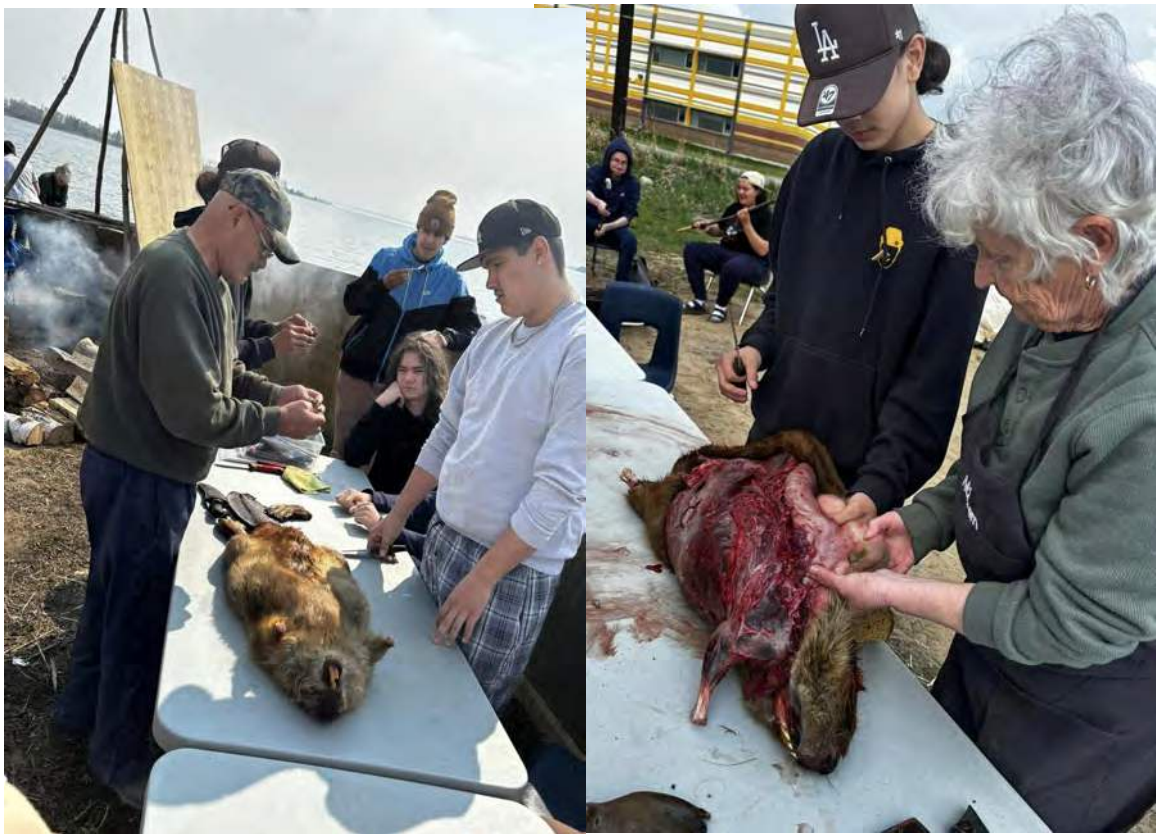


Upcoming High School Events

April 18-22 – Midterm Exams
April 23 – Junior Badminton BRAA Units at LaLoche
April 24 – Senior Badminton BRAA Units at Ile-X
April 25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-6:30pm
April 26 – Staff PD – No classes for students
April 29 & 30 – 2nd Annual Mental Health & Wellbeing Youth Conference

May 6 – 50th Anniversary of School Division
May 13-17 – 25th Anniversary Michif Festival
May 23 – HS Track & Field BRAA Meet in Ile-X
May 30 – Elem Track & Field BRAA Meet in Ile-X
May 31 – Staff PD – No classes for students

June 24 – 27 – Final Exams
June 28 – Grad 2024



Tansi,

I'm Carmen Corrigan, the Program Designer for the Sakitawak Early Years Family Resource Centre. I was born and raised in Ile-a-la Crosse and lived in Saskatoon for a brief time after I graduated. I've always taken pride in our beautiful community and found satisfaction sitting on various community boards and committees. I'm pleased to be in a role that lets me combine my field of study with my appreciation for Ile-a-la Crosse.

For the last 14 years I have been working in the Early Childhood Development field in our community and region of Northwest Saskatchewan. I've had experience developing early years committees, organizing community events, and developing programming based on community needs.

In my current role, the Program Designer is responsible for creating the strategic plan of the Family Resource Centre. It's also my duty to enhance the reputation, explore partnerships, and identify priority areas based on data collected that will benefit the centre.

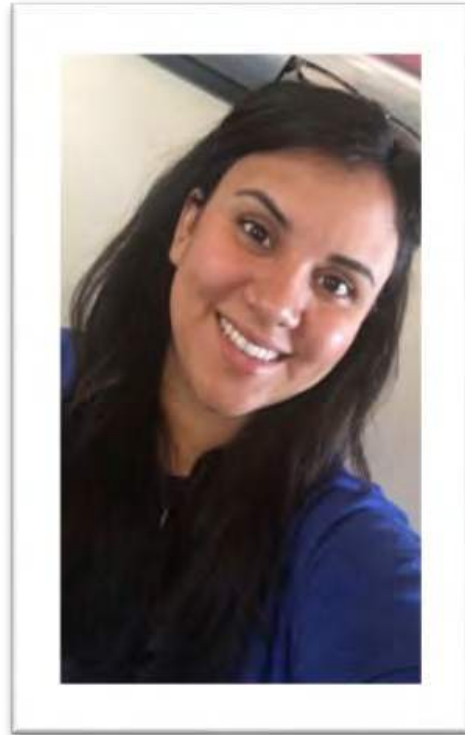
When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time outdoors. My family and I spend time on the lake and in the "bush" hunting, fishing, swimming, camping, and "ski-dooing." I also enjoy cooking, baking, and watching tv.

This position is currently part-time and my time in office varies but if you find interest in the Family Resource Centre or have any questions, please contact me.

In friendship;

Carmen Corrigan

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Family Fun Night



Kindergarten Class 2024





Mental Health & Well Being Youth Conference

Tansi!

We had a great turnout for our second annual youth conference. Our theme was: "Coming together to learn and heal". We had students from 5 different communities join us this year. Canoe Lake, La-loche, Buffalo Narrows, Beauval, and Green Lake. It was a pleasure having them here and making new connections. As a school one of our goals is to improve mental health for our students, so having a yearly youth conference and making local connections for them is important to us. We had a variety of presenters and I always strive to implement local presenters as they are the keepers of the land, and their roots are important to the community. Jordyn Burnouf did Birch tree tapping, and yoga. Ronald Gardiner and Erin Aubichon held the sweat lodge ceremony for the students over the two days. Brian Ernest came in and did the powwow drum as well as the hand drum. Our group of elders offered fish filleting, Bannock making, beading and storytelling of trauma and healing. We had mental health workers present on coping skills and addictions; Breanne Neudorf and Bruce Loucks, Weekees Duchrocher. Our high school staff held presentations as well: Desiree Roy offered jigging lessons, Alex George did wood burning. Our adult 12 & Abe teachers: Mark Brown, Jolene Roy & Shaylyn Bouvier did Tipi teachings. Terra Hodgson one of our students offered a presentation on Jingle Dress dancing, and Brooklynn Gardiner did Guitar lessons. We did have some presenters that did travel to be here with us: Boysequan Martinez who presented men's traditional dancing and shared life experiences. Beckie Hodgson worked with crystals and meditation and did some group reiki with our students. Edna Natomogan presented on Talking stick which is an app for students to be open to talking about suicide. Our keynote this year was Brennan Merasty, he spoke about his life experiences and battles with addiction and recovery. All presenters had gifts that they shared with our students, and we are so thankful for them being here with us, teaching our students. Lastly our youth conference is not possible without the help of sponsors, we would like to thank Cameco, Northern village of Ile a la Crosse, Friendship Center, Denison Mines, A la bei Metis Local 21, and Co-op Grocery Store. Ile-x fish company donated fish to the elders as well. Lastly, thank you to the high school staff, a lot of hard work goes into planning such a big event. We had over 150 students on both days. Thanks to Ms. Bev and Kelsey for cooking for two days and to Hayley Kyplain as she is a great organizer, and her extra work makes the event run smoother. Our goal is for students to learn their culture and make local connections so they can use our people and the land for healing.

Ekosi, thanks everyone, we look forward to next year.

Shawna Corrigan

School Counsellor



Grade 6's partner with the High School Arts Students

Painting with Kevin Pee-Ace – Grade 6 students attended a two-day paint workshop with the high school visual arts students. They learned how to paint using a Kevin Pee-Ace tutorial video. Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Dallas Arcand – Hoop Dancer Performance April 8, 2024

Dallas Arcand is a 3-time World Champion Hoop Dancer, Keynote Speaker, Skilled Workshop Presenter, Storyteller and Musician specializing in Education and Healing Workshops, Anti-Bullying, and Hoop Dance 101. An Indigenous Entertainer from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Also a registered member of the Alexander First Nation, Alberta. His passion for arts and culture have always been prominent in his upbringing, empowering him to become a 3-time World Champion Hoop Dancer. Throughout his 25-year career of performing, Arcand's singing, dancing and traditional flute skills have earned him numerous accolades

Dallas' performance featured an Indigenous style hoop dance demonstration, drumming and singing, native flute playing, lecture on topics involving Indigenous history, and cultural origins presentation. The performance focused on educating and engaging students in learning about Indigenous culture pertaining to North American history. Dallas Arcand will demonstrate, explain, and share collective knowledge about the protocols involved and associated with Indigenous culture.





Rossignol High School Presents



Class Of 2024

POTENTIAL
Graduates



Thomas Ballantyne
Haley Burnouf
Rhyan Caisse
Ariyana Corrigal
Lexi Cummings
Connor Durocher
Zander Ermine
Phoenix Favel
Hayden Favel
Emma Gardiner
Merrick Gardiner
Luna Gardiner
Josh Kyplain
Kaydance Hansen



Terra Hodgson
Ebony Hodgson
Latoniya Key
Keirsten Laliberte
Drew Laliberte
Luka Laliberte
Ethan McKenzie
Winston Ratt
Sydney Raymond
Hannah Roy
Davin Roy
Janna Roy-Janvier
Sarah Sidhu

25th Annual Michif Culture Week

March 18-22, 2024

We had an amazing week of Michif Culture and Language

- Kokum Ruby Caisse—
Storytelling—The Legend of the Mosquito
- Delores Kent—Braided Bracelets
- Chellsea Belanger—Beaded medallions
- Moshom Rickey Merasty—Ice Fishing
- Norbert Wolverine—Skiff Building
- Michif Festival—Each class performed
- Fashion Show—Nipi Designs & Friends

Thank you to A la Baie Metis Local 21 for their financial sponsorship for this prestigious



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25th Annual Michif Festival
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 1:15pm

Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Robert Merasty
Welcome to our 25th Anniversary - It's a la Baie Metis Division 111
Greetings from Metis Nation of Saskatchewan - Mr. Stephen Merasty

Kokum Dorothy - Drum Song
3/4M Opening Prayer
2K - kâ-kanâtahk
PK - Hello, tânsi & Jigging
Fashion Show - Designer Dianne Chaboyer
Fiddlers - Grade 6 Groups - "Spring Ballad"
1J - wâpesh
6B - piyâkwâw nôcîkwisâ
4/5D - Heel Toe Dance
Lucas Carrigal - Fiddle solo
Fashion Show - Designer Chelsea Nokusis
KB - micôwin song
K/1F - napêw pihcôyihk l'sî
Nyssa Caisse - Fiddle solo
2/3K - ni krraî kapô
Fiddlers - Grade 5 Groups - "Liza Jane"
5/6R - nahkom itwâw
Fashion Show - nipi designs - Lydia Gardiner

Thank you to students and staff from A la Baie Metis Local 21 for their financial sponsorship - Mr. Louis Gauthier
Thank you to our families from Michif Festival Committee



Special Guest - The Wandering Metis - Jason McKay



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Leah Horvath—Deep Sea Turtle

