

Bonjour, Hello, and Tansi

Lakeview Elementary

May 2025



Left photo: Trappers Games; Center photo: Trappers Games; Right photo: Grade 4 Junior Supervisor helping out!

What Difference is FTV Making at Lakeview?

- More research-based high impact teaching strategies are being used in the classroom.
- As teachers are building relationships with students, more conversations are happening that support the whole students, and not just their academic success.
- More Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Indigenous Role Models have been in the building.
- More land-based learning opportunities are being planned for the students.
- Our school is recognizing and celebrating Indigenous days of significance.
- Teachers are working to infuse Indigenous content, perspectives and ways of knowing within the classroom.
- Teachers are collaborating with each other, and our Indigenous learning coach.

What we Hope to See Going Forward

- Improved attendance
- Improved achievement data
- Improved student engagement, which will then translate to improved graduation rates for Indigenous students.



Trappers Games were held on Thursday, April 12th.

The students went around to 17 different stations set up both outside and in the school. Events were held such as sash tug a war, log throw, nail driving, and rope winding.

Quotes from the experience:

"I liked hammering the nails and doing the log pull with the sleds."
(K student)

"I liked the animal calling the best- it was so much fun!"
(Grade 1 student)

"Everything was my favorite. I learned about the materials they use during Trapper's Games."
(Grade 3 student)

"It was very well organized, and the kids loved the active games like the nail driving and the log throw."
(Lakeview Teacher)



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Special Notes & Coming Events...

Celebrate Screen Free Week - May 5- 11, 2025

We all need time to unplug. So, this year for Screen-Free Week 2025, we're inviting you to come as you are and celebrate however you can, whether it's by unplugging for one day, shutting off your phone at dinner time, spending more time outdoors, or taking the whole week to only use screens for work and school and enjoy some serious offline fun! Kids, grown-ups: we all need a little time to put down our digital entertainment devices in favor of real-life connection and play.

Celebrated every spring by thousands of families, schools, and communities across the world, Screen-Free Week is an opportunity to experience what commercial-free time and space feels like.

Participants pledge to replace screen-based entertainment with offline activities and downtime. It's a chance to see that a different way of interacting with technology isn't just possible – it's also restorative, fun, and even life-changing!

Screen-Free Week isn't about what you give up. It's about what you get! An hour once dedicated to YouTube becomes an hour spent outside; ten minutes spent on social media turn into ten minutes spent doodling; a video game on a rainy afternoon is transformed into hours reading, chatting, or playing pretend.

TIPS:

- Turn your living room into a place for family interaction and play by arranging the furniture so the TV is not the focus of the room.
- Create a morning routine that doesn't involve screens.
- Make meals a time for your family to talk about the day without distraction from TV, smartphones, and other screens.
- Provide easy play options, like sensory play—which gives children the chance to explore using their sight, touch, and other senses—to engage kids while you get things done around the house.
- Make memories by planning outdoor activities that the whole family can enjoy together.
- Make activity kits using supplies you already have to keep children busy during transitions (the time between one activity and the next) and other tricky times of the day.
- Take a break from your smartphone and other screens during periods of the day to give your child your uninterrupted attention.

Screen Free Bingo

We will be sending home a screen-free bingo card as a challenge for all students to complete. Please complete the challenge at home and bring back to school and place in the box outside Mrs. Eftoda's office. We will make a draw for three winners who can bring their lunches and eat with Mrs. Pockrant and Mrs. Eftoda. They will also win a new book!

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Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance at school allows a child to have the best possible start in life. There are lots of reasons why a child should attend school:

- To learn
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To understand responsibility
- To develop new skills
- To grow as individuals
- To make new friends, have fun and develop life skills



Second Step Parent Information

This month, our schoolwide theme is friendship skills. In our morning announcements we'll be reminding students to use the Second Step Friendship Skills such as:

- Inviting others to play
- Playing fairly
- Making amends
- Handling name-calling



Second Step lessons specifically teach students to use each step and reinforce the message to use fair ways to play and help make better choices when sharing, trading, or taking turns. Helping students to identify ways to play fairly through sharing, trading, and taking turns.

Students will continue to learn friendship skills to handle interpersonal conflicts effectively. When we reinforce successful use of friendship skills, students will use the skills more outside of *Second Step* lesson time.

Grade 4 OurSCHOOL Survey

In May our Grade 4 students will be completing OurSCHOOL Survey. This is an opportunity for our Grade 4 students to share their voices! We will share the results of the survey in our next newsletter.

MaraFun

Grade 3 and 4 MaraFun runners will keep running Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch as they work toward a full marathon! Our Fun Run is planned for Thursday, May 22nd — more details coming soon. Go runners!

Michif Language Club

Each Wednesday at noon students can continue to join our Michif team to learn the Michif language!

Red Dress Day

On May 5th at Lakeview, we will recognize MMIWGT2S Day by wearing red to honor Indigenous women and girls who have been lost or hurt. We will reflect on how to respect and care for the women in our lives, in a way sensitive to our students' ages, as part of our journey toward Truth and Reconciliation.



Jump Rope for Heart

We will be raising money online from May 5th-9th. We will be hosting our Jump Rope for Heart activity on May 9th.

Kindergarten Grad

Kindergarten grad will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 1:00 PM in Lakeview's gym.

Moosehide Campaign

On Thursday, May 15th, we will recognize the Moosehide Campaign, a movement uniting Indigenous and non-Indigenous people against violence toward women and children. Wearing moose hide pins symbolizes strength, resilience, and positive choices.



NO School

There is no school on Friday, May 16th.

There is no school on Monday, May 19th.

Spirit Day-Sports Day

This month our spirit day will be sports day. An idea might be dress in their favourite sports gear or team jersey! Spirit Day will be held on Friday, May 23rd.



Hot Lunch

We will be having hot lunch on Friday, May 30th. Watch for order forms or order online through schoolcash.



Track and Field- Save the Date!

We will be hosting our track and field day on Friday, June 13th.



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Metis Core Value-Sharing Second Step Friendship Skills				1^{D4}	5^{D5}	3 C'est le mois de mai. (It's May)
4 Screen Free Week Mental Health Week Opin'yâw' pîsim- (oh-pin-yaw-pee-sim) May Egg Laying Moon	5^{D6} Red Dress Day MaraFun Club	6^{D1} Growing Smiles Delivery	7^{D2} MaraFun Club Michif Club FI Chasse au bison	8^{D3}	9^{D4}	10 Bonne fête des mères! (Happy Mother's Day)
11 Askî (us-ski) Earth	12^{D5} MaraFun Club	13^{D6}	14^{D1} MaraFun Club Michif Club	15^{D2} K Grad 1-2 Moose Hide Campaign	16 NO SCHOOL	17 Il n'y a pas d'école lundi, c'est la fête de la reine. (There's no school Monday, It's Victoria Day)
18 Natohta- (na-toe-ta) Listen	19 Victoria Day	20^{D3}	21^{D4} Saskatchewan Treaty Recognition Week (Until the 27th)	22^{D5} Land based Learning @ St. Cyr-Grade 2 MaraFun Windup	23^{D6} Spirit Day-Sports Day	24 Il nous reste qu'un seule mois d'école. (There's one month of school left).
25 MaraFun Saskatoon Pimipahtâ (pim-pah-tah) Run	26^{D1} Land based Learning @ St. Cyr-Grade 1	27^{D2} Land based Learning @ St. Cyr-Grade 3 Grade 2 Field Trip Gr. 4 Jonas Tour	28^{D3} Land based Learning @ St. Cyr-Grade 4	29^{D4} Land based Learning @ St. Cyr-Ks	30^{D5} Hot Lunch Assembly @12:45 – 1:15	31 J'aime l'école (I love school.)