John J. Sark Memorial School Newsletter

September 2025 – Wikumkewiku's

Kwe' JJSM School families!

We are excited to start the 2025-26 school year! We are glad to have staff and students back together and to start getting into routines. We are excited to welcome Morgan Stewart to our teaching staff! As well as a warm welcome back to all our school staff!

This year, we are excited to have smaller class sizes in the **morning**. This will consist of:

- Grade 1 with Morgan Stewart
- Grade 2 with Megan Palmer
- Grade 3 with Emily Newcombe
- Grade 4/5 with Teagan Pringle
- Grade 6 with Jesse Todd

Then, in the **afternoon**, they will be in combined classes:

- Grade ½ with Morgan Stewart
- Grade ¾ with Emily Newcombe
- Grade ⅝ with Jesse Todd

We will also have full day PreK with Cindy Griffin and PreK/K5 with Janelle Milligan.

We plan to spend lots of time outdoors again this year, *Learning About Mi'kma'ki*. With fall weather coming, please send your child to school with jackets, sweaters, rain gear, boots, and extra clothing and socks in their backpacks!

We will be hosting a ***Meet the Teacher on September 17 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.,*** an opportunity for parents to meet our new teachers and check out their classrooms!

Here at JJSMS, we strive each day to ensure
that our students know that
Every child Matters, Every child belongs,
and Every child can learn.

Please know that my door is always open if you have questions or concerns about the school and/or your child. I wish everyone a fantastic school year!

App Nmultes! Christy Rossiter

*If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school (902-831-2777) before **9:00 am** on any day.*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept 2,3	Staff Days
Sept 4	First Day of School for Students
Sept 17	Meet the Teacher (3:30-4:30)
Sept 25	Terry Fox School run/walk
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
Oct 1	Treaty Day(no school)
Oct 10	PD Day (no classes)
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Day(no school)
Oct 31	Halloween 2:00pm dismissal

September Birthdays
Wikumkewiku's Ajipuna'

Creed, Nevin, Liam, Jace, Loriann, Kyrie, Kaizor, Nathaniel, Miley, Violet, Belinda.

A good idea to send in a change of clothes and extra socks to keep for emergency in locker.

Please leave electronics at home (phones, games, iPads).

Education Assistants

Missing: Joni

Reminders

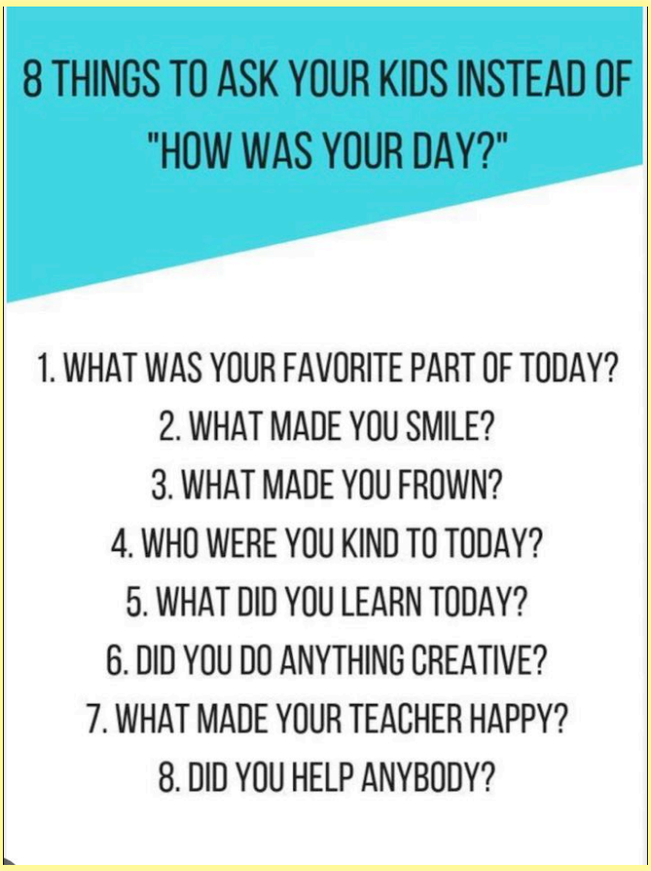
- *Send back registration forms*
- *Sign into Story Park app*
- *Indoor Runners*
- *Change of clothes and extra socks to keep in locker*

Support Staff

Missing: Krista, Stevie, Angie

Teachers

Welcome back to school!
Try these conversation starters to engage with your child about their school day 😊



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MUTUAL RESPECT POLICY

- Lennox Island Band and ALL entities believe their clients and staff are entitled to an environment free of harassment and aggression.
- Physical and Verbal abuse of clients and staff will NOT be tolerated.
- Any person(s) who verbally and/or physically threatens and/or attacks another, or destroys any property WILL be reported to the police.

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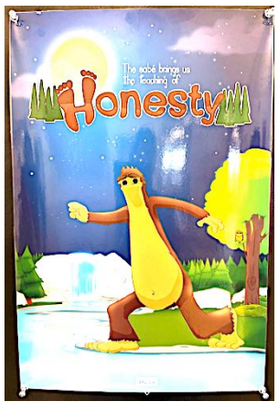


Mi'kmaq

Pjila'si Wikumkewiku's!
Welcome September!

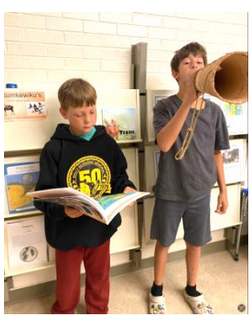
I am very weltasi'(I am happy) to see all the l'patujk aq e'pite'ji'j (boys and girls)back at our kina'muo'kuom(school). We have so much learning and fun ready to happen. As we work on practicing our language again, here are some easy phrases to use here, there and everywhere:

Weli eksitpuk-good morning: Kwe'–hello; Apnmultes – I'll see you again: Wela'lin –Thank you. Weliaq – you're welcome: Juku'e – come here: apaja'si – come back; Meskeyi -I'm sorry: Kesalul – I love you; Weli Ajipuna – Happy Birthday.
See how many you can catch yourself using each day! Ap Nmultes!

Wikumkewiku's – September
L'patujk aq e'pite'jij – boys and girls
Weli'eksitpuk- good morning/grand rising.
Ap nmultes – See you again.
Weliaq – You're welcome
Mesketi – I'm sorry
Weli'ajipuna – Happy Birthday

Welta'si – I am happy.
kina'muokuom – school
Kwe' – hello
Wela'lin – Thank you.
ju'ku'e – come here
Kesalul – I love you.
apaja'si – come back.

Pjila'si - Welcome

Living With Mi'kma'ki in Nipniku's

Animal Calling Moon
~ learning about animal calls and the traditional Moose hunt.