



SENATOR ALLAN BIRD MEMORIAL SCHOOL
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wici-pimohtimitotān Walking together (mamawi pimohtitak)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

It is that time of the year again, where our staff are beginning to prepare for the arrival of the students. I would like to take this time to introduce myself and the new leadership position I have accepted for the 2025-2026 school year. As most of you know, my name is Diana McGillivray. I am from Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba which is a Cree community located in Treaty 5 territory. Prior to becoming the Director, I have worked in several areas within the school for the past 8 years. I started out as a Classroom Teacher then I transitioned to the Student Support Services program and later to the role of the Vice-principal and back to Student Support Services. These transitions have provided me with a great opportunity to get to know the students, their families and community of Montreal Lake.

Accepting the challenges of this new position will play a pivotal role in ensuring that school's vision and mission statements align with the local Woodland Cree culture, language and ways of knowing through our Land-based and Cree programming. In addition, the overall Wellness and Well-being of our students will also be a priority in supporting student success. As the Director, overseeing the daily operations and programming of the school will not be possible without the commitment, collaboration and support of the Administration team, the Education committee, the Staff and the Nation's leadership.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to welcome the students, their families and the community of Montreal Lake back for another great school year. We hope all our students had an enjoyable summer break as we are excited to welcome you back! Just as a reminder, ***Nursery to Grade 12 Registration will open August 27th, 28th & 29th, 2025. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025.*** The busses will be going around at their usual times. Our bus drivers are Brian Bird, Calvin Naytowhow and Jeff Okemow. If you are unsure about who your child's bus driver is, please check the SABMS Fb page or contact the school at 306-663-5602 and ask for Lorie Custer who is our front office Receptionist.

With that, the lines of communication are always open. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Admin staff. Agnes Naytowhow, Principal principal@mlcnedu.ca or Treena Cook, Vice-principal treena.cook@mlcnedu.ca at 306-663-5602.

Yours in Education,

Diana McGillivray
Director of Education