

WELCOME TO

Kitchenuhmay- koosib Inninuwig



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Kitchenmaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation

Welcome!

I look forward to having you on our team. I thank you for wanting to be a part of our school and community. I would like to encourage you to be a part of our school and community by becoming involved. This is not to say that you have to be involved in every event, but you will find that you will gain so much support and life will also be a more rewarding experience.

I encourage you to please ask for assistance at any time. I will be more than happy to help you.

Best,

Jemima Cutfeet

Principal

Aglace Chapman Education Centre

Community



A Brief History

- **4 billion years** The age of the rocks around Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI).
- **10,000 years** The ice from the last Ice Age leaves the KI homelands.
- **7000 years** The age of the bones found around Bugg River showing that people were living there at the time.
- **5000 years** The age of remains found at KI.
- **1492** Christopher Columbus arrives on the shores of North America.
- **Early 1600s** First fur traders sail to the shores of Hudson's Bay.
- **1670** The Hudson's Bay Company is formed and the homeland of KI is considered by the English to now be part of "Rupert'sland."
- **Late 1700s** The people of KI are exposed to ideas about Christianity through the influence of traders they meet in the area or at the coast.
- **1793** "Canadians" or Norwesters enter the area of KI to trade.
- **1807** James Swain, a Hudson's Bay trader, establishes a post at KI.
- **1821** Merger of HBC and Northwest Company. Governor George Simpson imposes strict quotas and streamlines fur trading at terrible expense to trappers.
- **1840** Syllabics are invented.
- **1867** The Dominion of Canada is officially formed.
- **1872** The first missionary arrives in KI.
- **1874** The Government of Canada opens the first residential schools.
- **1875** Reverend William Dick becomes the first permanent minister at KI.
- **1890** Dog teams begin to be used for travel.
- **1924** Game law imposed in KI.
- **1929** Treaty 9 is signed in KI.
- **1950** Most people of KI still live in the forest year-round.
- **1970** Most people of KI live in the village year-round.
- **1976** Full First Nations reserve status finally granted to KI.
- **1996** The Hudson's Bay Company is asked to leave KI and does.
- **2006** An Ontario Supreme Court judge rules in favour of KI and approves a temporary moratorium on mining exploration in its traditional territory.
- **2011** KI community members passed the KI Watershed Declaration
- **2019** KI receives funding from Indigenous Services Canada to build a new school from K - 12



The Land

The community lies on the shores of Big Trout Lake. The school and teacherages are found on the East end of Post Island. Four stores—Sam’s, Tasona, Sunset Convenience, and Rubina’s—are located on the island. Another store, Albany’s, is found on the mainland. The Band Office, Nursing Station, indoor arena, and fitness centre are also in this area. The airport is only minutes away from the school and teacherages, which are centrally located. Post Island is connected to the mainland by a causeway. There are marsh areas beyond the lake along the shores.

Moose and caribou migrate through the community. Common birds include robins (which are sacred), swallows, and partridges. Deep hole fishing is popular in July. Common fish include trout, pike, pickerel, suckers, ling, perch, and whitefish.

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Community Map





Aglace Chapman Education Centre

Welcome!

School Population

392

Grades

JK - Grade 12

School Website

kiedu.ca

Principal

Roy Wagner

Education Director

Mike McKay

The Aglace Chapman Education Centre (ACEC) opened on June 14, 2023. This state-of-the-art facility, constructed from 2020 onwards, provides integrated primary and secondary education, catering to approximately 392 students. Named after Aglace Chapman, a former KI Chief and Indigenous advocate, the ACEC symbolizes his commitment to education.

With 25 graduates in 2023, the ACEC is positioned to guide the next generation toward success. Offering programs from Kindergarten to Grade 10, with over 40 staff members, the school prioritizes academic excellence within a safe and nurturing environment.

Emphasizing responsibility and citizenship, students are encouraged to engage in land-based learning, guided by Elders, and integrate traditional activities. While hunting is discouraged due to safety concerns, firearm training for children is supported.

- Two Native Language teachers: One for JK-grade 5; one for grade 6-high school
- Two cultural program leaders: Jane and Fred
- Offers cultural and traditional events and outings
- Provides a daily breakfast program for students
- Infrastructure includes a functional woodshop, culinary and electoral class, a school gymnasium, a well-stocked library, a computer room with flat-screen computers, a home economics room, a science lab, and an outdoor rink and indoor arena
- Each classroom (grades 2 and up) has laptops for the students to use
- Smartboards are provided in nearly every classroom
- Has multiple school buses to provide on-reserve bus transportation for all students



Aglace Chapman Education Centre's long-term goals:

1. To nurture the values of respect, discipline, and responsibility in an active and warm environment.
2. To support children in learning to be proud of themselves, and to foster pride in their culture, heritage and language. This is reinforced with a strong positive foundation of academic skills.
3. For students to have access to various all world knowledge and all Indigenous knowledge, and be able to walk in both worlds.

A Day in the Life of a Teacher

The regular school day is from 8:45am to 3:50pm, but the learning continues for many more hours.

The teachers live next to the school in a teacherage, so the commute is very short. Our breakfast program starts at 8:45 AM, and classes at 9. K-3 classes have recess from 10:05 AM to 10:15 AM, and grades 4-8 have recess from 10:20 AM to 10:30 AM. The K-3 classes have lunch at the school from 11:20 AM until 12:55 PM, and the grades 4-8 have lunch from 11:50 AM to 12:55 PM. Afternoon recess runs from 2:05 PM to 2:15 PM for K-3, and from 2:20 PM to 2:30 PM for grades 4-8. Finally, Elementary dismissal is at 3 PM, and 3:40 PM for Secondary.





Teacherages

Most of the teacherages are just minutes away from the school. For some, the walk outside may be as short as one minute. There are at least 4 houses for couples and two apartment complexes for single teachers. Some single teachers may share their apartment with a roommate.

All apartments have beds, living room furniture, and kitchen appliances. Apartments have shared laundry facilities, houses have their own.

Teacherages are located right next to the school. They are furnished, except for bed linens and towels, which teachers must provide. Rent is approximately \$400-500 a month. Teachers must also pay for internet, cable, and phone.

No pets is the norm, however some exceptions may be made under exceptional circumstances.

Cell phone service is available through Knet or Tbaytel. There is also a local cellphone service. You may have to double check if your cell phones work in the community. Some teachers have had to buy a second phone which works in the north. Internet and cable are available from the KI Telcom office located in the Tasona store building (around the side across from the arena).





Life in the Community

Community Events

- Homecoming every second year, even years (2016, 2018, etc.)
- K.I. Days, every other year, odd years (2017, 2019, etc.)
- Multiple fishing derbies throughout the year
- Hunters Festival
- Every year the school is closed at the end of September for cultural week
- KI Voice, the annual singing competition

Community Activities

There is a community arena that is used for public skating and hockey (youth and adult). Usually kids use the ice from 6 to 8 pm and adults play later in the evening. Various activities take place in the community hall, including a flea market and bake sale. The syllabic club meets there.

Amenities

- 3 churches (Anglican, Gospel, and Christian Fellowship Centre)
- 5 stores, 2 walking distance from the teacherages
- ATM machines located in Sunset Convenience & Tasona Store

What's going on in KI?

To find out what is going on in KI, teachers can consult Facebook groups, message boards (found in stores and other public places), and through the local radio stations.

Receiving Packages in the Community

The post office is located in one of the stores near the school. It is possible to ship packages through Wasaya or North Star airlines, depending on the weight and weather. The airlines each fly into KI 5-6 days a week. Contact the airline for details: 877-492-9292





Around the Community



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Elders traditional lessons

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Setting the ice gill net jig

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Softball

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Kayaking

⑤

Powwow grounds

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Snowshoeing

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Radio station

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Skidooing

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Relaxing on the lake





Get to Know K.I. Community Members

MEET JEMIMA CUTFEET, Principal

What do you like most about your community?

So many things! The freedom that we have. The space, our land, the water, being outdoors, being with my family. You can't beat seeing the Northern Lights! The sunsets. Yes, we have bugs. There are pros and cons to any place.

I also love that we are a close-knit community. We help each other out when we have to. If there's a loss in a family, the community steps up. There's a lot of support here.

What do you like to do in the community when you have a day off?

Being with my son. He's my only child. I love being with my boy. I love going for walks, I love to read. I love to go out on the lake for a boat ride, to go fishing. I also enjoy outdoor cooking, being with family and friends. It's nice to be together. Certain times of the year I love going out for a ride on the trail or go for a walk with my son into the bush. Sometimes I also go to Wapekeka, a nearby community, with family to visit.

How would you describe your community to someone who has never been?

We're a remote fly-in but we are also a strong community. We may not have the conveniences that you find in a city. K.I. is a growing community with changes happening. K.I. is a community with people who are fiercely proud of their land and their water. We welcome anybody to come.

MEET SUNSHINE WINTER

What do you like most about your community?

First thing that pops into my head is when somebody is in need everyone comes together.

What do you like to do in the community when you have a day off?

I like to go for a ride to Sandy Banks. You can get there by road. It's like a big hill or cliff, a sandy cliff. You can see a whole view of the lake. You can drive up to the top and sit up there and watch the lake. There's always a breeze up there. It is beautiful! I just love going there.

How would you describe your community to someone who has never been?

It's very fresh: the air, the water, it's refreshing! You can step out of the house and you'll end up in the bush. So many nice views, we're surrounded by water everywhere. There are walking trails; you can walk along the beaches as well. You can go fishing. People are really friendly and welcoming. Sometimes with the Elders there's a language barrier but they'll still try to communicate with you somehow, to welcome you.



Quick Facts

Community Name

Kitchenmaykoosib Inninuwig
(formerly Big Trout Lake First Nation)

Tribal Council

Independent First Nations Alliance

Provincial Territorial Organization (PTO)

Independent

Population On-Reserve



1,645

Language Spoken



Oji-Cree

Treaty



Treaty 9

Average Yearly Temperature



-28°C

January

21°C

July

It can dip to -46°C in January
and reach +33°C in June.

Access



Year-round



Jan - Mar

Connects to Pickle Lake.



Getting To and From KI

Wasaya Airways is the only airline that provides passenger service for the community. Charter airlines that service KI include Kasper Air and Sky Care.

An all season road connects KI to Wapekeka, 45km away. The winter road connects KI to Pickle Lake, which then connects to Sioux Lookout. The winter roads are usually open from January to March; the exact dates depend on the season.

Directory

Education Director

Joseph McKay

Education Authority office

807-537-2553

Principal

Jemima Cutfeet
807-631-7307 (cell)

School Office

807-537-2264

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PO Box 168
Big Trout Lake,
ON P0V 1G0

Airport

807-537- 2653

Band Office

807-537-2263

Health Centre

807-537-2328

Police

807-537- 2585

Post Office

807-537- 2752

Sam's Store (family run)

807-537- 2691

Tasona (band operated store)

807-537- 2259

Daycare

807-531-9177

You Matter Safehouse

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Women's Shelter

807-537-2242

Economic Development Office/Telecoms Centre

2500

Wahsa Distance Education Centre

807-537-2807

Sunset Convenience Store

807-537-9777

Sunset Lodging

Stanley Bluecoat (Owner)
807-537-2003
807-738-2248 (cell)



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