



Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School

February 14th

Things to Remember :

Wednesday February 14th

Rock your red (Dress up day)
Happy Valentine's Day!!

Thursday February 15th

Semi-Sweet, Semi Formal
dance
Doors open @7pm, pick up
@8:30pm

SJF Students ONLY!

February 19th–23rd

NO SCHOOL

Please see below for the
badminton schedule



Interested in Powwow Clubs?

- Sweetgrass Youth Alliance has powwow clubs running twice a week with Sheldon Day Chief, who is incredible with kids!
- Powwow club times:
 - ✦ Tuesdays 6:00 - 9:00pm at Sikoohkotoki Friendship Center 1709 2 Ave. S, Lethbridge
 - Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30pm at the YMCA, 74 Mauretania Rd. W, Lethbridge

Please follow us on our Facebook page:

[Facebook](#)

Checkout our website as well to keep up to date

[Home | Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Here is the Lethbridge School Division Policy Feedback Link:

[Policy Feedback | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Carl's Corner

Tiny parasites called Demodex mites live in your eyelashes and eyebrows. They eat your dead skin!



LOST AND FOUND!

Make sure that your student is checking the lost and found as we clear it out weekly!





Student Fees Are Due

All term 1 fees are now past due, please go to

[School Cash Online](#)

To pay any outstanding fees.

Sign up today!

An easy way for parents to pay:
SchoolCashOnline

Student Contact Information

Please make sure all your contact information is up to date for your student. If you need to change address or phone numbers please email:

sjf@lethsd.ab.ca

to get an information change form.

Attendance

Please make sure to use Safe Arrival when you know your student will be leaving early or when they will be absent for a day or more



Deadline for Yearbooks is February 28th for \$42.00

Registration

The registration process will be changing for 2024/2025 so please make sure you have your parent portal set up as you will **NEED** it to register for the new school year.

Need a Tutor?

The University of Lethbridge Education Undergraduate Society offers tutoring for grades k-12!

- **One time, once a year \$25 registration fee**
 - **\$20/hour grades k-8**
 - **\$25/hour grades 9 - 12**

[2023-2024 EUS Tutor Request Form | Cognito Forms](#)



Green Shirt Day is Friday, April 7th, 2024. It is a day that honours Logan Boulet and the Humboldt Broncos that were riding the bus to a junior hockey playoff game on April 6, 2018. Tragically, the bus was involved in a terrible crash, which resulted in the passing of 16 people. Logan was the only one able to donate organs. His story inspired over 150,000 Canadians to become registered organ donors. Green Shirt Day continues Logan's legacy and asks Canadians to *Register-Tell Your Family-Be Inspired*.

[Home - Green Shirt Day](#)



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

GR 6 GIRLS 7:30-8:30 A.M.

GR 7 GIRLS 3:45-4:45 P.M.

GR 8 CO-ED 4:45-5:45 P.M.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

GR 6 BOYS 7:30-8:30 A.M.

GR 7 BOYS 3:45-4:45 P.M.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

GR 8 CO-ED 7:30-8:30 A.M.

GR 6 CO-ED 11:45-12:45 P.M.

GR 7 GIRLS 12:45-1:45 P.M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

GR 7 BOYS 7:30-8:30 A.M.

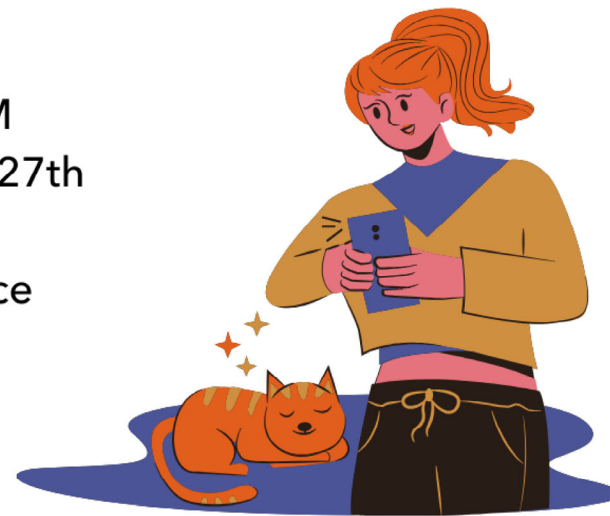


FRIENDS WITH BOUNDARIES

A psychoeducational peer support group for female-identifying individuals ages 13-18. This group will give youth the opportunity to learn new strategies when supporting friends, how to recognize signs of dating violence and what healthy relationships look like.

9 Week Youth Peer Support Group
Wednesdays from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sessions 1-5: February 28th - March 27th
Sessions 6-9: May 1st - May 22nd
Location: Family Ties Gathering Space
(909 3rd Ave North, Lethbridge, AB)

Food will be provided!



Facilitated by:
Christina Schmidt, BSW, RSW
Taylor Council, BSW, RSW

Access registration forms by
emailing christina@csacleth.ca





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1.

KITCHEN GOD CELEBRATION (CHINA)



Feb 3- This custom is based on the traditional farewell ceremony for T'sao Wang, Prince of the Oven, before he leaves for his annual trip to heaven to report on families' good behavior during the year.

LOSAR (NEW YEAR TIBET)

Feb10- The tibetan New Year is called Losar and is celebrated for three days by visiting, feasting and the relaxation the monastic discipline.

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3.

SEOLLAL (KOREA)



Feb10- The Korean New Year lasts three days. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, eat traditional food, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders.



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BASANT PANCHAMI (HINDU)

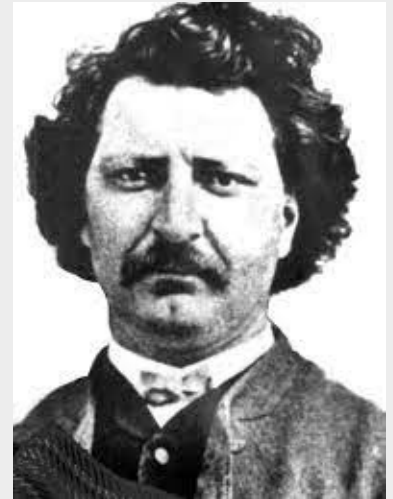


Feb 14- Basant Panchami in Northern India heralds the approach of spring and yellow colored clothes are symbolically worn. Even the food is colored yellow by using saffron. This festival honors Saraswati, the goddess of Learning, Wisdom and the Creative Arts.

LOUIS RIEL DAY (ABORIGINAL, CANADA)

5.

Feb 19- He was the famous Métis leader who in 1885 led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Métis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for Native independence.



6.

ABU SIMBEL FESTIVAL (EGYPT)



Feb 22- Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year- once on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and on Oct 22, celebrating his birthday. Crowds pack in the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra and Amon.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CANADA)



In December of 1995, the Parliament of Canada recognized February as Black History Month following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, Jean Augustine. The presence of peoples of African descent in Canada dates back farther than Samuel de Champlain's (a French explorer and navigator in early 1600's) first voyage down the St. Lawrence River.

Reference

Khanna, A., Mody, P., Powers, S., Raza, R. (2023).
Multicultural Calendar 2022. Toronto: O

PIITAIKI'SOOM

(BEE-DAE-GEE-SOOM)

"Eagle Moon"

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OKI TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

A message from Mrs. Christiansen:

Thank you to all the staff and admin that have invited me in to your classrooms! I've had so much fun learning with your students!




Because we're in the Valentine's Day season, here's a word you can teach to your students this month!

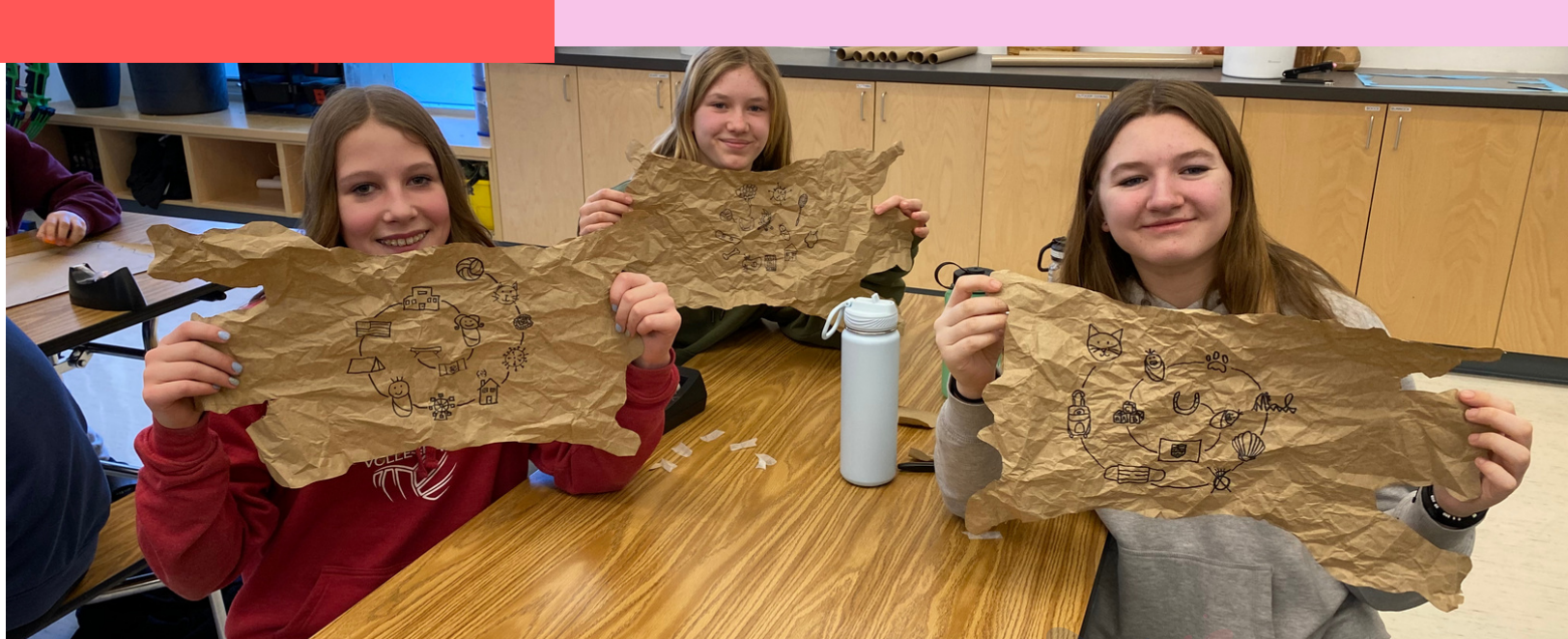
kitsikakomimm (git-si-ga-go-mimm)

It means 'I Love You'

We will see you at our next school visit!

IMPORTANT DATES: Then & Now!

- Louis Riel Day (Manitoba)
/ Louis Riel's Birthday
Feb 19 
- International Peace Powwow
- Enmax Centre
Feb 24-25 
- Alex Janvier's Birthday
- Canada's first
Indigenous Modernist
Artist
Feb 28, 1935 



Students told their personal stories using Winter Counts at Senator Joyce Fairbairn

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS!

Check out what our Middle School's did this month!



Tipi Models with Gilbert Paterson

Gilbert Paterson's Indigenous Student lunch group started this month! Students brought their lunches, and joined Mrs. Wall & Mrs. Christiansen in learning some Indigenous Games!

For Health Days, Grade 7's at Senator Joyce Fairbairn learned about balance between work and play through Handgames.

Student's in Mr. Lacourciere's Outdoor Education class at Senator Joyce Fairbairn shared their personal stories through Winter Counts this month!

Shoutout to Mrs. Bruised Head's lunch hour beading club at Wilson Middle School! Students have created beautiful work so far!

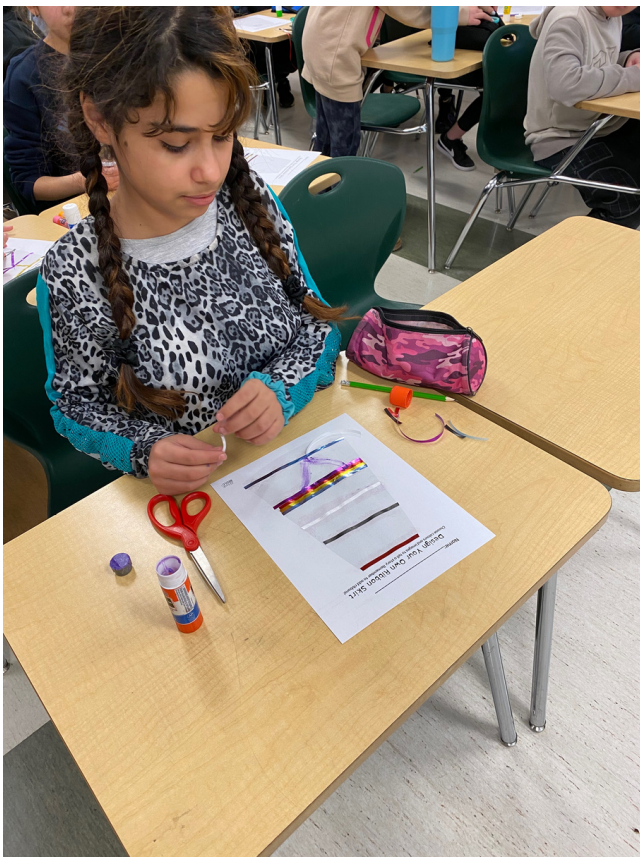
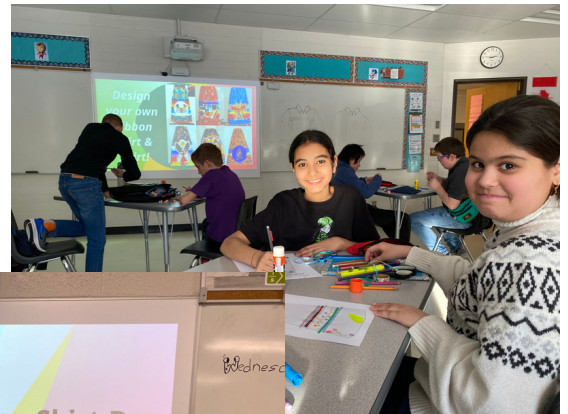
Students from G.S. Lakie's Soyiiipiiksiiks (Water animals) lunch group continue to prepare for their year-end cultural showcase! Way to go Soyiiipiiksiiks!

Ms. Marten's grade 7 class at Gilbert Paterson learned about different traditional Indigenous dwellings for their Structures & Forces unit! Your tipi models were great!

NATIONAL RIBBON SKIRT DAY HIGHLIGHT!

GILBERT PATERSON & WILSON

Throughout the month of January, students at Gilbert Paterson and Wilson Middle School learned about cultural diversity and inclusion through Ribbon Skirt Making! Commemorating Canada's 2nd National Ribbon Skirt Day!



BLACKFOOT LANGUAGE HIGHLIGHT!

SENATOR JOYCE FAIRBAIRN

The next time you visit Senator Joyce Fairbairn, be sure to check out their new Blackfoot language signage throughout the school!



**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE NEWS
NOW!**

Lily Gladstone

**Blackfeet, Nez
Perce**

**Made history at the Golden
Globes becoming the
ceremony's first
Indigenous North American
to win! She has also been
nominated for an Oscar!
Blackfoot country is going
wild for Lily!**

**Academy Award
Nominee**

LILY GLADSTONE
KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON

Actress in a Leading Role

Full Story...





KITSIKAKOMIMM

'I LOVE YOU'

BLACKFOOT WORDS

Love: KitsiKaKomimm (git-si-ga-go-mimm)

Hope: itotsiihtaa (e-dots-sih-da)

Happy: i'taam (e-dahm)

Beautiful: niitsi (nit-seew)

Show Kindness: iKimm (iK-imm)

Work hard: iiKa'Kimaat (e-ga-gee-mat)

I am grateful: nitsíniyi'taKi (

Friend: itáKKaa (e-da gaa)

Family (relative): iKso'Kowa

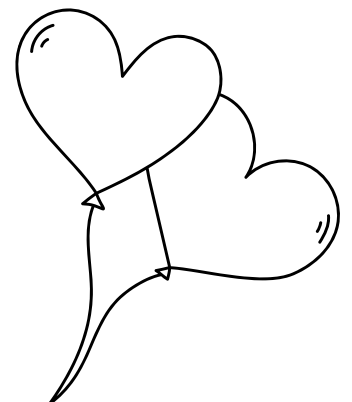
Mom: na'á

Dad: inn

Elder relative (grandparent, parent in law, aunt, uncle, step family member): aaáhs



Chinook High School
word of the week
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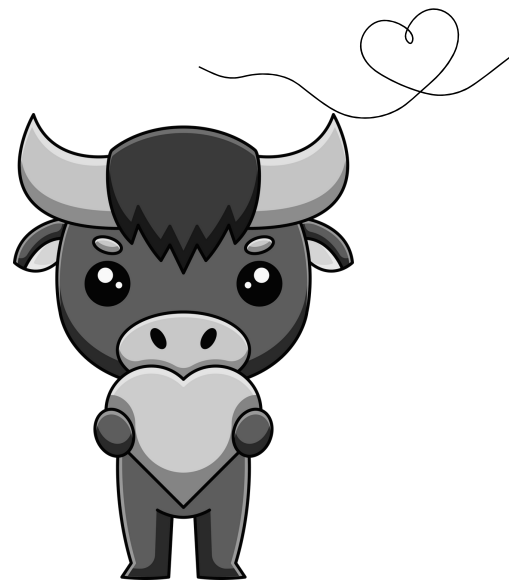


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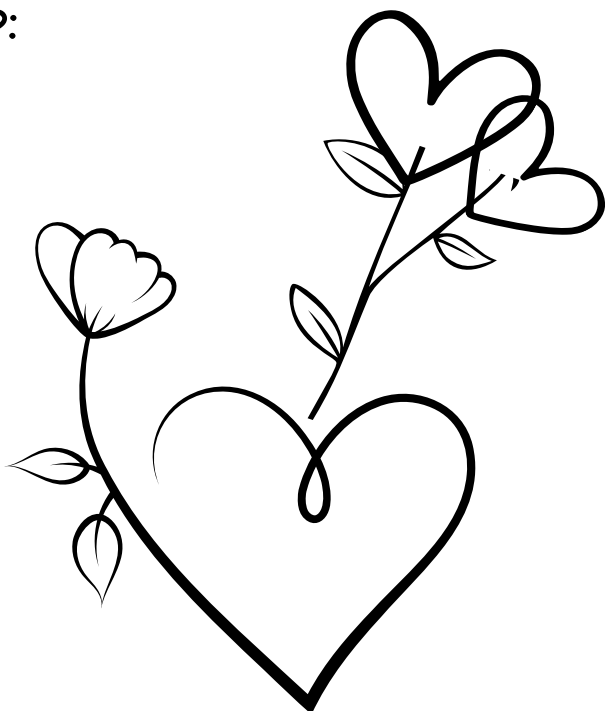
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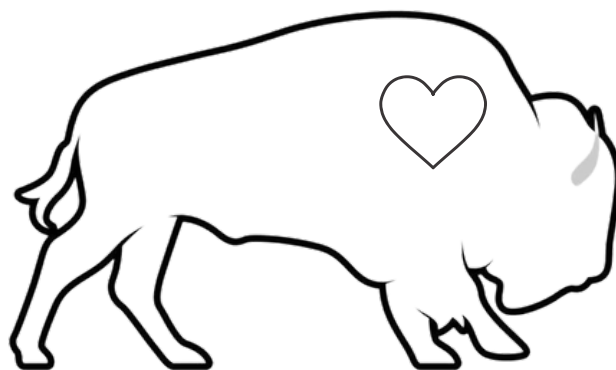


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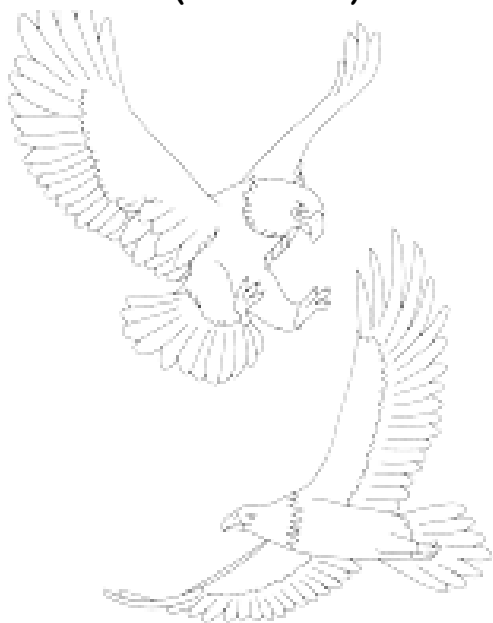
You're as
iiyiKitapiiyi
(brave) as a
Buffalo



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Thanks for being my
itáKKaa
(friend)



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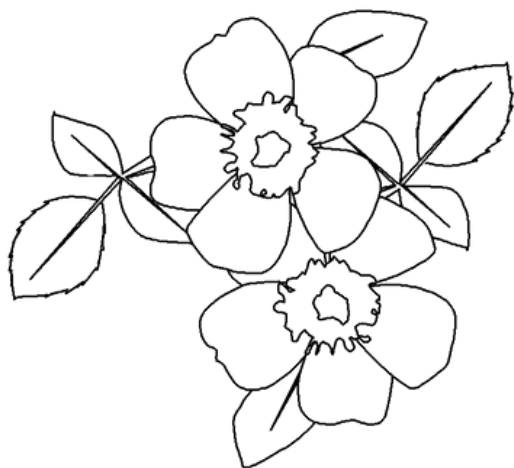


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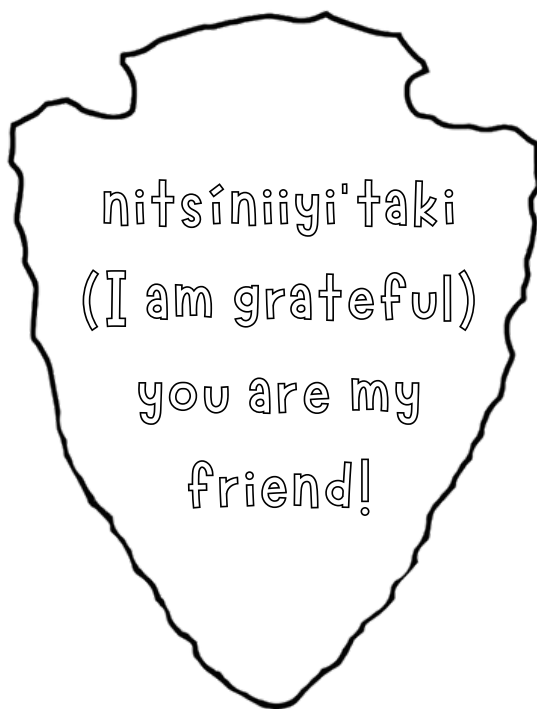
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(I am grateful) you are
my friend!



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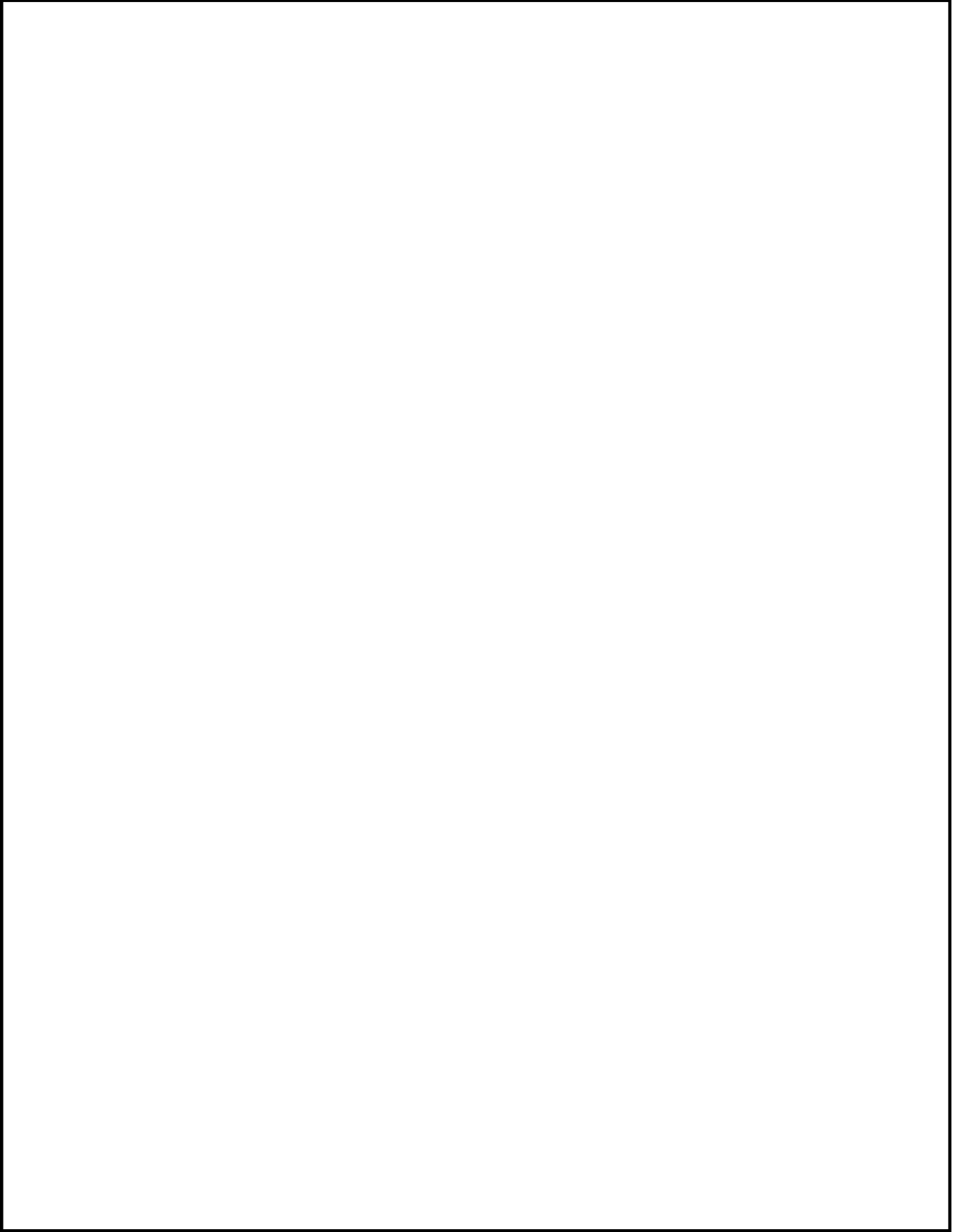
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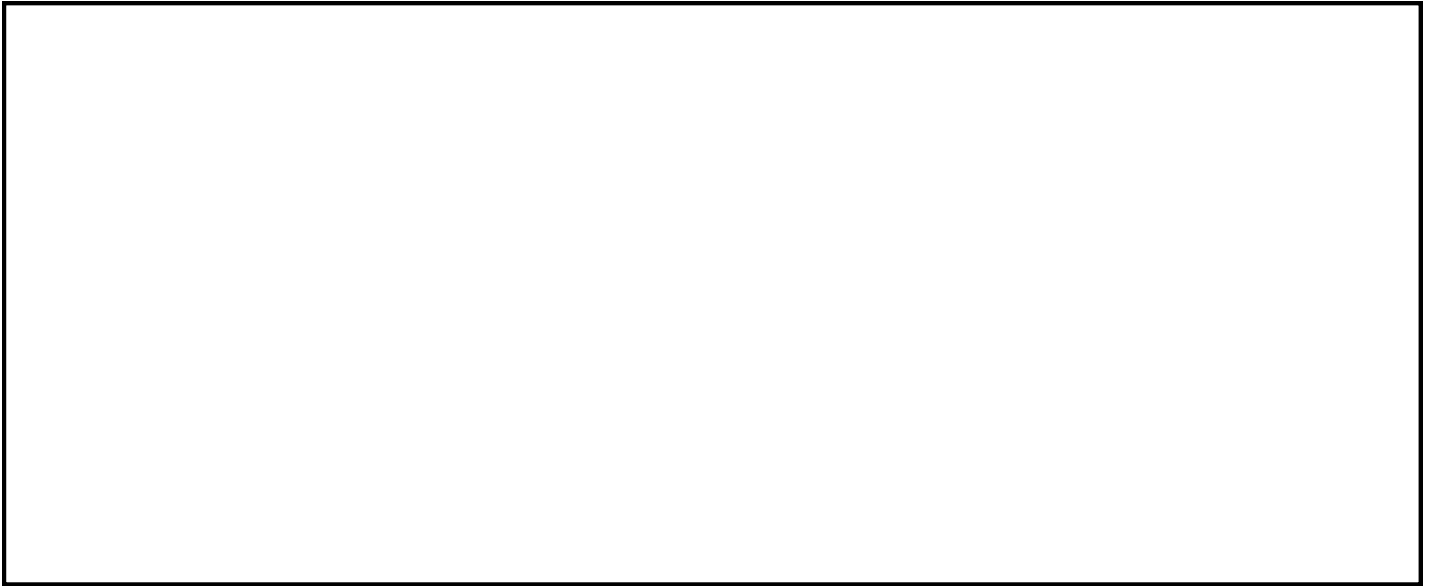
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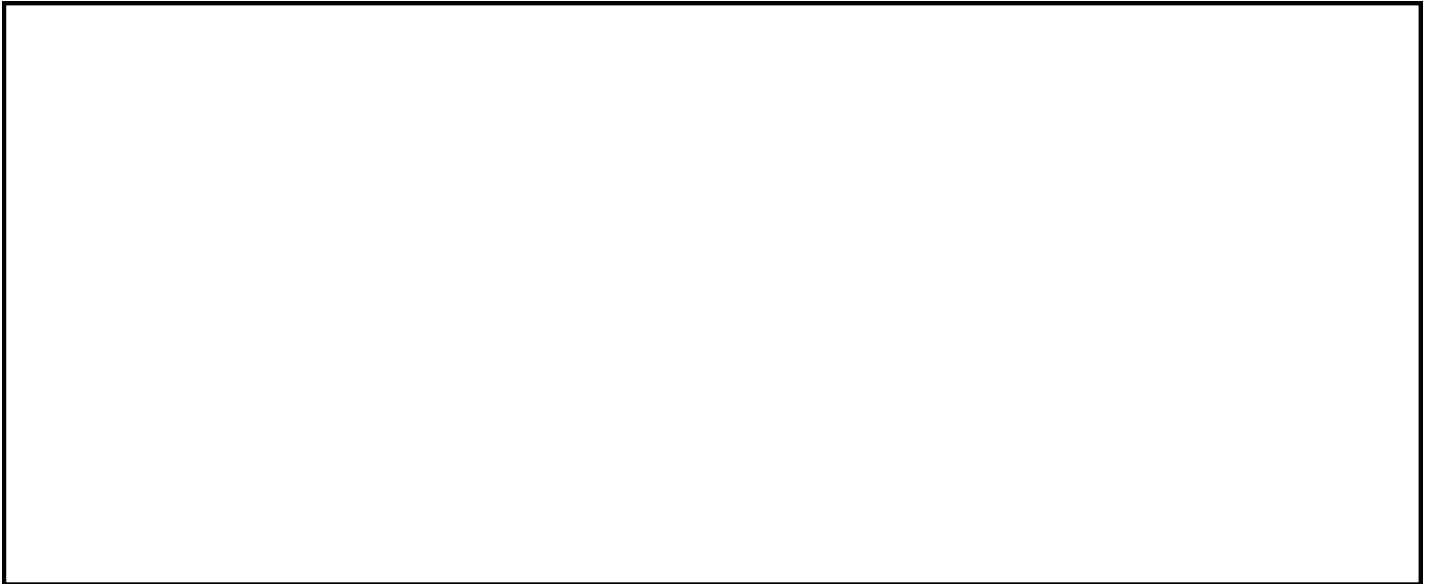
because...



I show Kitsikakomimm to myself by...



I show Kitsikakomimm at home by...



I show Kitsikakomimm at school by...

