Kanatakon School Parent meeting Oct 19, 2026

Attendees:
Wendy Thompson, Wahiahawi Hall, Ciera Jacobs, Courtney Skidders
Online:
Krista Loran
Staff:
Alice King, Shelby Thompson, Kanentahawi Delisle, LeighAnn McDonald

Mini language lesson, Oh nahoten iesaiats? Everyone introduced themselves using the mini lesson and NLA approach.
Possibility to do audio recordings for class dojo for parents to use at home.

Fundraising

Clarification as to what funds are used for. Funds are used towards school initiatives, class and school wide activities, such as our schoolwide tubing trip.
It was suggested when we do fundraisers to try our best to make sure we aren't doing a duplicate or similar fundraiser as the schools surrounding us. Alice asked if anyone had any fundraising ideas. A t-shirt sale was suggested. We could hire or ask a local designer to create something for the school and we could sell those. It was also suggested that we use a student's past or present artwork and sell that. A recommendation made was to also sell seasonal attire. Tshirts for summer, sweaters for fall and winter.
The November raffle will be the Harvest Basket Raffle we've done in the past. Items will be donated by staff and families to create a basket of fall harvest items. Draw date Nov. 25 at student led conferences. $5/ea or 3/$10. Donations and ticket sales end the Friday before draw date Nov. 20, 2026
Examples of past items

- Homemade canned goods
- Dishtowels
- Kitchen utensils
- Ribbon skirts
- Material
- Moccasins
- Leather
- Deer meat

Kanentahawi and Shelby will make flyers to send home. A parent suggested sponsorship letters to be handed out to local community programs to help families donate items if needed.
(0-6, mental health,ACFS, family wellness, DOH).

Questions
Parent questions "What does Christmas look like at Kanatakon School?"
The school will return to our annual family sharing meal, no christmas concerts, there will be a tree at the front entrance that will be used to collect donations for Iahkhisotha and

tsiionkwanonsonte, with an emphasis to teach students about “giving back”. In the past the tri-district recreation committee has donated to the schools for teachers to buy their students gifts, this is out of the schools hands, but a recommendation was made that we (the school) ask if the donation could be made into a gift card for families instead.

Tsi snaihne snack situation- “does kanatakon need snacks?” No, Kanatakon is all set for snacks. Children receive fruit daily for a snack. It was suggested if students would like a different snack to bring something from home. Students do not receive cereal bars or sugar snacks anymore, in order to be more health conscious.

“Is there a joint initiative for parent committees of all three schools to meet for the benefit of all three schools? A tri district parent committee so all 3 schools are on the same page about topics and issues
-it would be a place to bring concerns and strategies
-an opportunity to be heard
-promote parent input
-discuss curriculum

Could we start collecting non-perishable items for a school food pantry? Not everyone utilizes the church's pantry. Mohawk school has a pantry open to their students and parents, they are free to take anything they need. Could be set up at the front door, students can grab what they need as they head out.

Halloween Decorating
Parents are being invited to come decorate the gym Thursday Oct 29 from 1-3 for Halloween festivities.