



MANITOBA  
**FIRST NATIONS**  
SCHOOL SYSTEM

# TEACH FOR **FIRST NATIONS**

Fox Lake School



Established by  
**Manitoba**  
First Nations Education  
Resource Centre Inc.





Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. is guided by the following vision and mission statements:

## VISION

Support First Nations to develop and implement a comprehensive holistic educational system inclusive of First Nations languages, world views, values, beliefs, and traditions with exemplary academic standards, under First Nation jurisdiction.

## MISSION

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve: *mino-pimatisiwin*.

Cree, Ojibwe, Ojibwe-Cree

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve: *honso aynai*.

Dene

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve: *tokadakiya wichoni washte*.

Dakota



# WELCOME



On behalf of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) Board of Directors, I am pleased to present you with this Fox Lake school information package. I extend my appreciation to everyone involved in gathering and providing information to make this project possible.

Teaching at Fox Lake school will provide you with a unique and valuable career, as well as many new life opportunities. The Manitoba First Nations School System (MFNSS) is excited to work with you as you begin a new journey in your teaching career.

Ekosani,

Chief Clarence Easter  
Chemawawin Cree Nation  
**Chairperson | Board of Directors**



On behalf of the MFNERC and the MFNSS, we are excited to share this information package with teachers who are interested in joining us to work with First Nations students in Manitoba.

This information package aims to connect motivated and knowledgeable teachers to our First Nations schools. This particular package highlights the many benefits of working with the community of Fox Lake Cree Nation and the opportunities available at Fox Lake school.

We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to answering any questions you have about the exciting career opportunities available.

Ekosani,

Charles Cochrane  
**Executive Director | Manitoba First Nations  
Education Resource Centre**



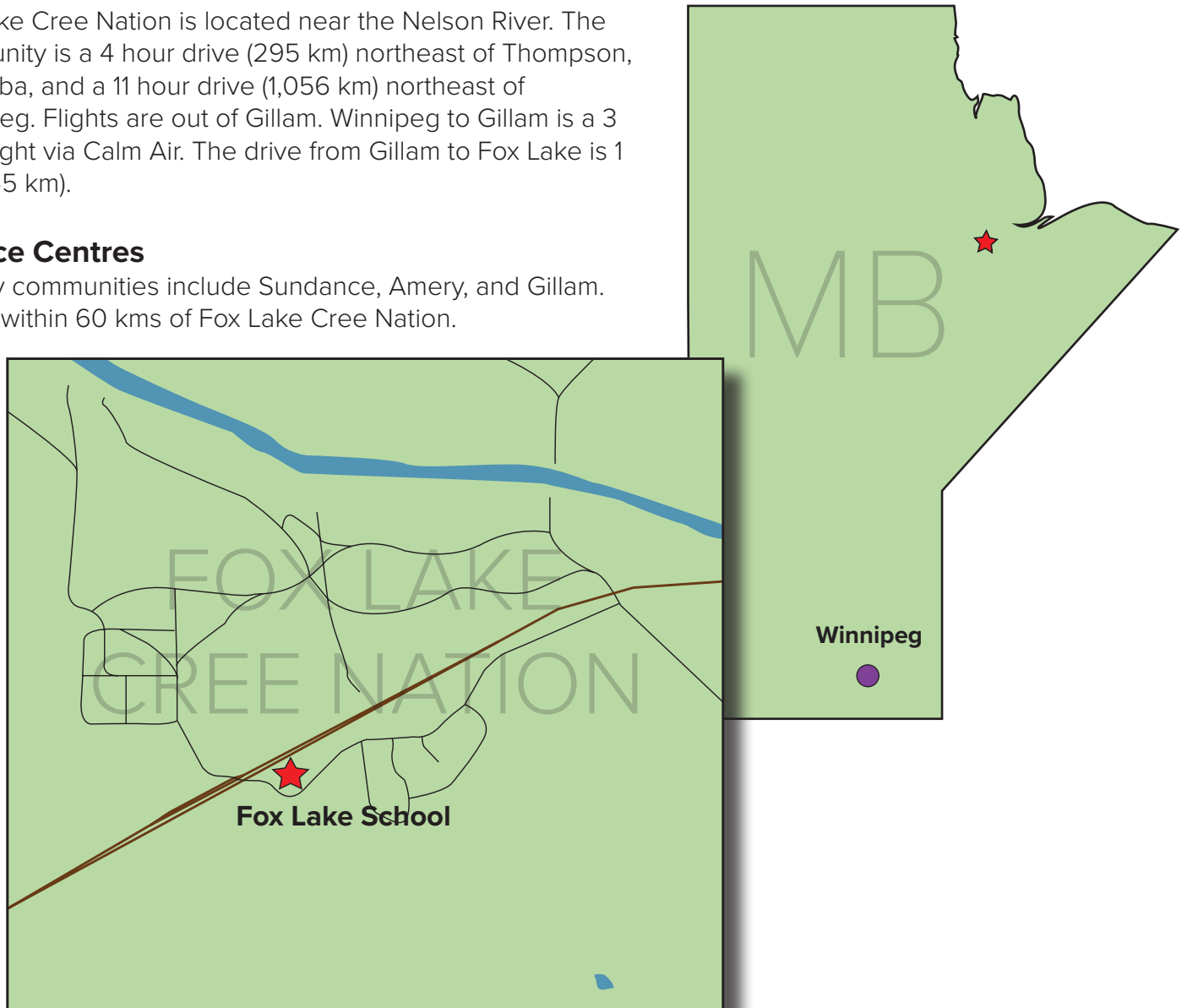
# Surrounding Land

## Where is Fox Lake Cree Nation?

Fox Lake Cree Nation is located near the Nelson River. The community is a 4 hour drive (295 km) northeast of Thompson, Manitoba, and a 11 hour drive (1,056 km) northeast of Winnipeg. Flights are out of Gillam. Winnipeg to Gillam is a 3 hour flight via Calm Air. The drive from Gillam to Fox Lake is 1 hour (55 km).

## Service Centres

Nearby communities include Sundance, Amery, and Gillam. All are within 60 kms of Fox Lake Cree Nation.







# Fox Lake School

## Mission statement

The mission of Fox Lake School is to use our traditional Cree values in support of students to achieve academic excellence, personal success, and live a good life.

## Demographics

Student: 21

Staff: 10

Teachers: 3

## Grades

Nursery – Grade 8

## School time

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## Community Population

Registered – 1,273

On-reserve – 203

## Language

Cree

## Council

Keewatin Tribal Council

## Treaty

Treaty 5

## Temperature Range

Average Summer: 20 °C

Average Winter: -25 °C (windchill can make it feel like -40 °C)

Having appropriate outdoor winter clothing is necessary.



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# School Specialty Areas



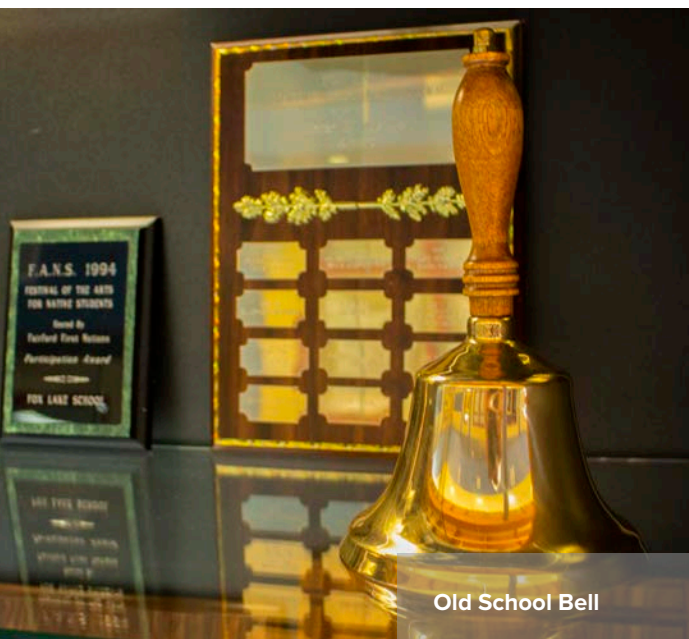
Classroom

## Classes offered

Fox Lake School offers a land-based program with many different activities. The most notable events are the week-long Goose Camp and Spring Harvest. The program is a way for First Nations youth to learn about their culture while attaining essential skills to survive off the land.

## Events

Fox Lake Cree Nation hosts many community events. The Goose Camp in the spring features community-wide activities. At Christmastime, the health team hosts a large gathering where all the kids receive gifts. There is a winter carnival with a variety of cultural activities. Events also take place in Gillam, which is approximately 55 kms from Fox Lake Cree Nation.



Old School Bell

## Competitions

Fox Lake School participates in the annual MFNERC Science Fair hosted in Winnipeg and the regional event hosted in Nelson House. These science fairs allow students to showcase their talents and make new friends.





# Facilities

## **Student facilities**

Students have access to a gymnasium, computer lab, library, and multi-purpose room.

## **Teacher facilities**

Teachers have access to a staff lounge and all of the student facilities.

## **Renovations/upgrades**

Fox Lake School seeks to expand on the Native Language and Culture Programs. The school is introducing a virtual high school.

## **Wi-Fi/cellular service**

There is free Wi-Fi at the school for staff and students. There is no cellular service in the school.



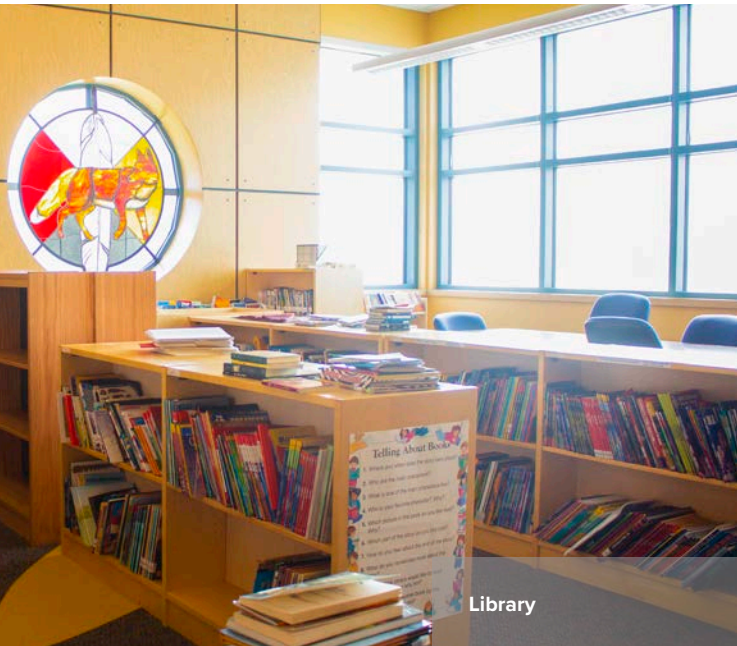
Kindergarten Room



Goose Camp



# Teacher Responsibilities



## **What is Fox Lake School looking for in a teacher?**

Fox Lake School seeks teachers with experience and a willingness to learn about other cultures. Energetic teachers who always put students first ensures a thriving school environment.

## **Average day**

Teachers start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break.

## **Other responsibilities**

Teachers help out with recess and lunch supervision, ensuring the students are safe, well-behaved, and relaxed during break times.







# Teacher Accommodations

## Teacherage Rentals

The school provides accommodations for teachers.

Included in the teacherages: sofa; table and chairs; bed and dressers; washer and dryer; kitchen appliances; and water. Some units have dishware and/or cookware. There is weekly garbage pick-up.

## Rent

\$400 per month.

## Distance from the school

Walking distance from the school.

## Pet friendly

Yes.

## Wi-Fi/cellular service

Wi-Fi is available. There is no cellular service in the teacherages or the community.

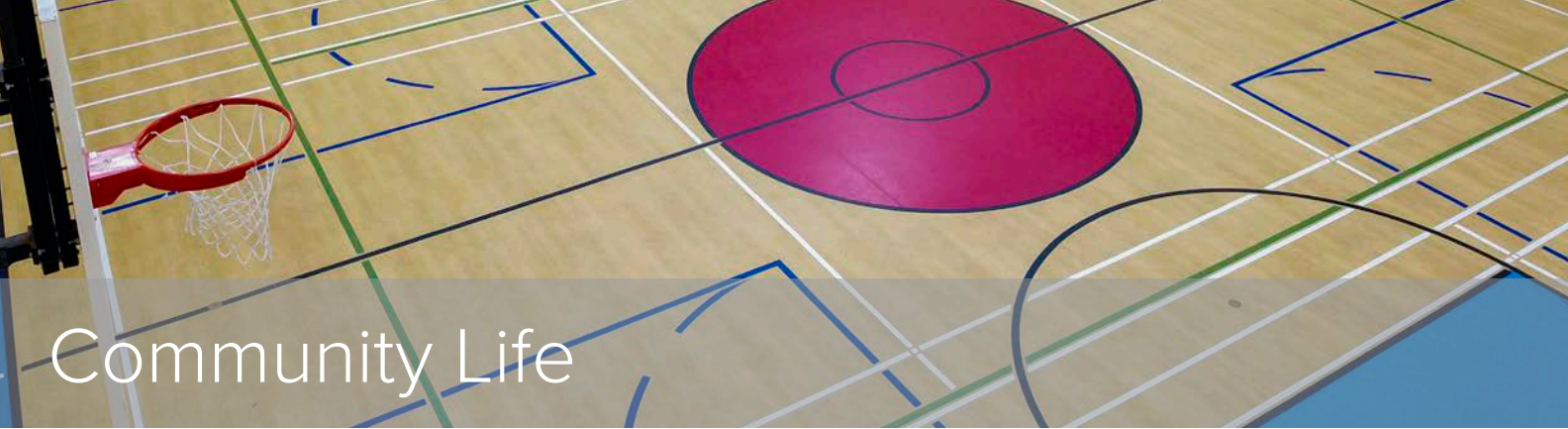


Teacherages



Daycare Centre





# Community Life



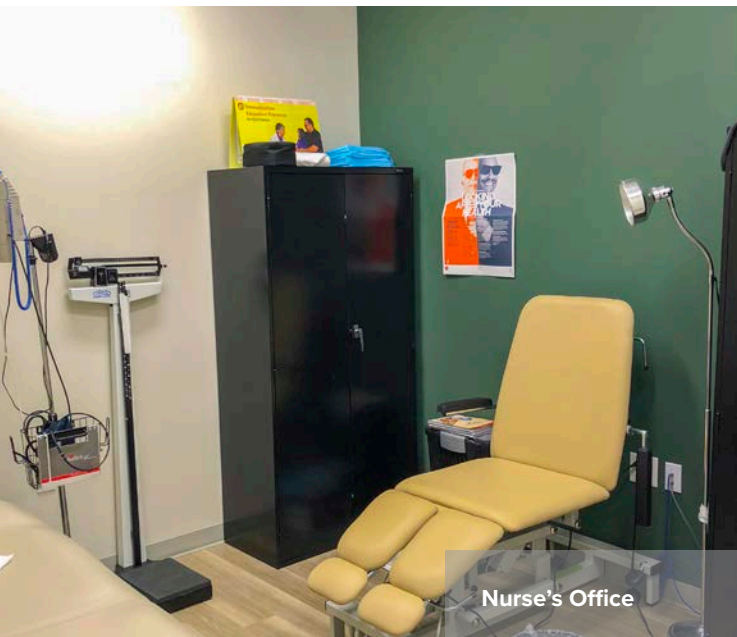
## Highlights

Fox Lake Cree Nation is known throughout Manitoba for having a land-based program featuring a variety of hands-on learning experiences. The Goose Camp is a highlight of the program.

## Community life

Residents of the community are friendly and enjoy spending time together. Hunting and trout fishing in and around the community is popular.

Fox Lake School provides a meeting place for community residents to socialize and attend events. Fox Lake residents often travel to Gillam and Thompson where they can enjoy further entertainment and activities.



## Services

The community has a nursery, RCMP station, and a health centre. Plans to build a gas bar and small restaurant are underway. Additional services can be found in Gillam.





# Community Directory

## **Gillam Airport**

Phone: 1-204-652-3170

Fax: N/A

## **Band Office**

Phone: 1-204-486-2463

Fax: 1-204-486-2503

## **Education Authority**

Phone: 1-204-486-2463

Fax: 1-204-486-2503

## **Health Centre**

Phone: 1-204-486-2463

Fax: 1-204-486-2503

## **RCMP**

Phone: 1-204-652-2463

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## **School**

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