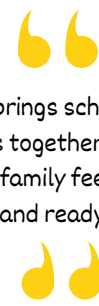


# Newsletter



"SWIS brings schools and communities together to help every newcomer family feel supported, connected, and ready to succeed."

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## This year at a glance.

This year, SWIS programs fostered strong connections and belonging through peer support, PALS, and YAC. Students built friendships, developed leadership skills, and stayed engaged through vibrant summer programming.

### Peer to Peer

Students supported each other, building friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging.

### Youth Advisory Committee

Over the last year, the Youth Advisory Committee helped share youth perspectives and supported planning activities and programs for newcomer youth.

### PALS

Over the last year, PALS supported newcomer families through mentorship, connection, and community-based activities.

### Summer Programming

Last summer our programming helped newcomer youth and families build connections through activities such as swimming, soccer, park outings, and community events.

## Staff Spotlight

**Nik**

Highschool SWIS

This school year, Nik stepped into the SWIS Team Lead role while continuing to support high school students. Her leadership and dedication continue to make a positive impact on the team and students she works with.

**Ade**

Elementary SWIS

Ade joined the SWIS team in 2025 and has already made a positive impact through her dedication and support for newcomer students and families.

**Dakota**

Elementary SWIS

We welcomed Dakota back to the SWIS team in 2025. Dakota previously worked in a SWIS role within our organization, and we are excited to have her return to continue supporting newcomer students and families.

**Joy**

Youth & Community Connections

Joy is our newest team member, supporting youth programming and Community Connections. We are excited to welcome her to the team and look forward to the positive impact she will make in the community.



## Announcements

School Supplies Drive  
MAY, JUNE, JULY  
DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT  
432 MAIN ST. N  
(NEWCOMER WELCOME CENTRE)  
DAKOTA: 306-690-5824

SUMMER PROGRAMMING  
CAMPS HAPPENING IN JULY-  
AUGUST ON WEDNESDAYS

MJMC ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING. JUNE 23 @6:30 PM  
RSVP 306-693-4677

# Success Stories

One newcomer student's journey this year highlighted the incredible impact that schools, teachers, and SWIS supports can have on student success. Arriving in Canada after experiencing significant hardships and educational barriers, the student faced many challenges adjusting to a new language, culture, and school environment. At first, communication and classroom participation were difficult, and the transition felt overwhelming. Through ongoing encouragement from teachers, school staff, and SWIS support, the student gradually built confidence, improved English skills, and became more engaged both academically and socially. The student shared that having supportive people who believed in them made a meaningful difference during difficult moments and helped them continue working toward their goals. This success story is a reminder of how welcoming schools and strong support systems can help newcomer students feel connected, supported, and empowered to succeed.

-Highschool Student.



## Staff Thoughts

SWIS year has gone well with our variety of program offerings including PALS, P2P, YAC, and Orientations. We had a great school year with the students; they were very eager to take part in programming and the growth has been phenomenal to witness in some of the newest arrivals. We are looking forward to continue building foundational supports for kids in our summer programming! -Nik

I recently stepped back into the SWIS Rural/Elementary role with MJMC this fall, and it has been wonderful. The school staff, families and of course the students have been amazing to work with. Seeing each of the students gain confidence, skills and friendships over this school year is such a joy and I can't wait to continue working with them, and their families throughout the summer and into the new school year in the fall! -Dakota



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