

# PIITAIKI'SOOM

(BEE-DAE-GEE-SOOM)

“Eagle Moon”

FEBRUARY 2024

INDIGENOUS

EDUCATION

NEWSLETTER



Handgames with Senator Joyce Fairbairn

## 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)

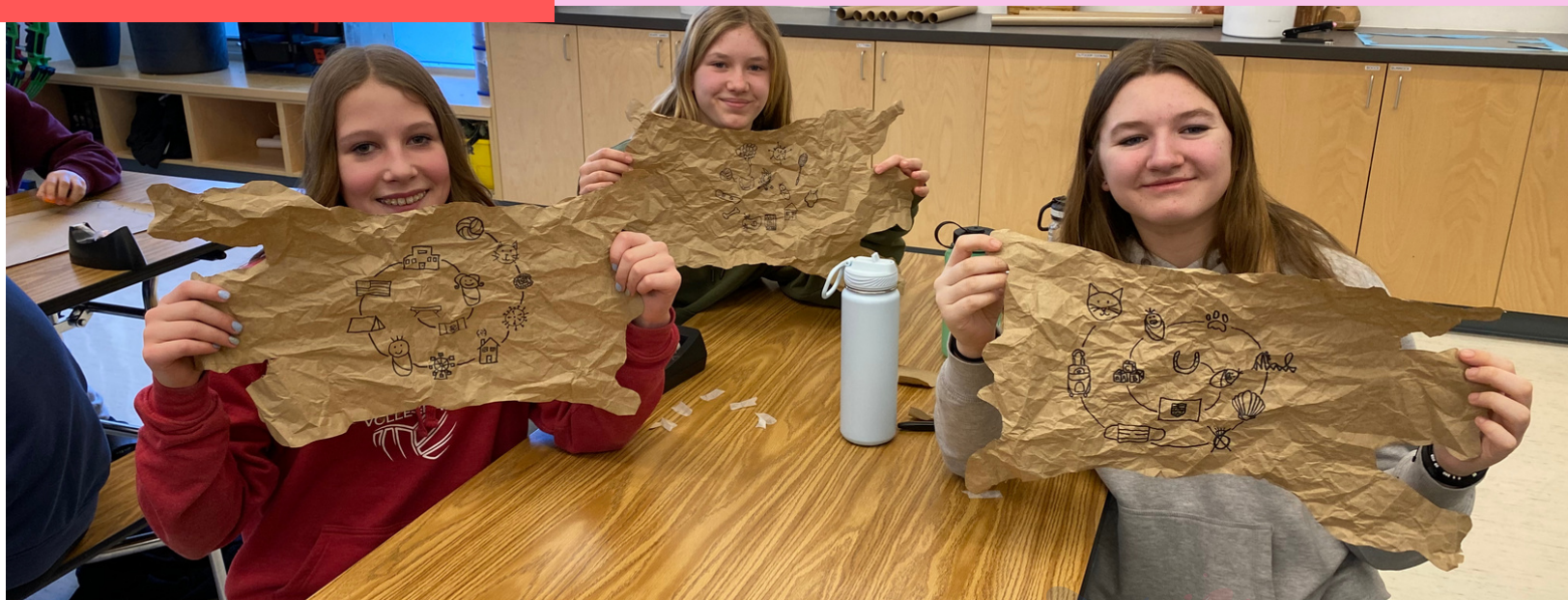
It means "I Love You"

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.

Students 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!

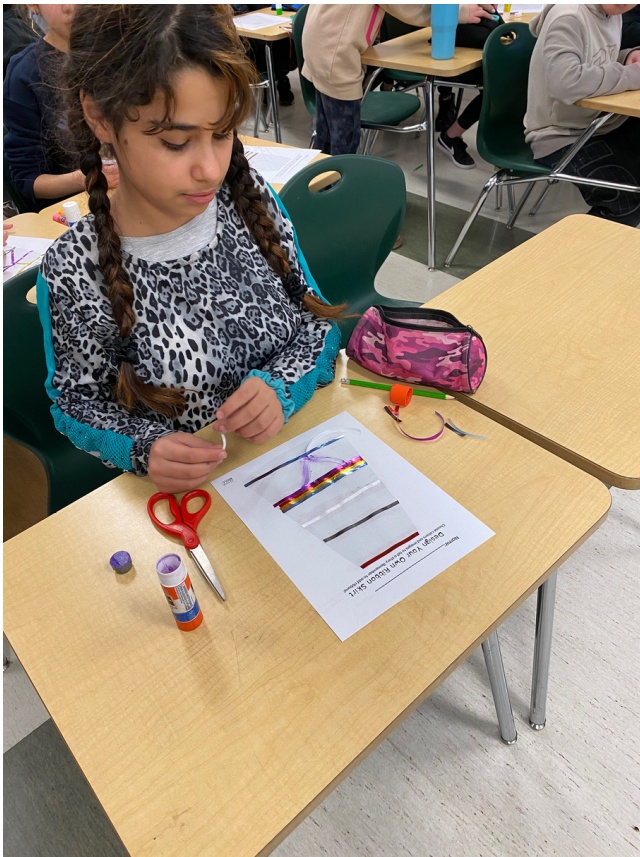
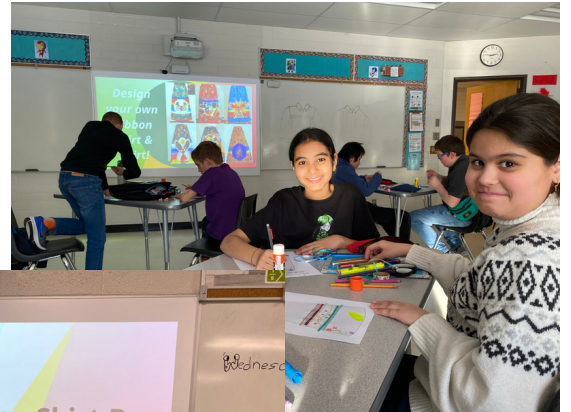
Students from G.S. Lakie's Soyiiipiiksiiks (Water animals) lunch group continue to prepare for their year-end cultural showcase! Way to go Soyiiipiiksiiks!

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

## Blackfoot, 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

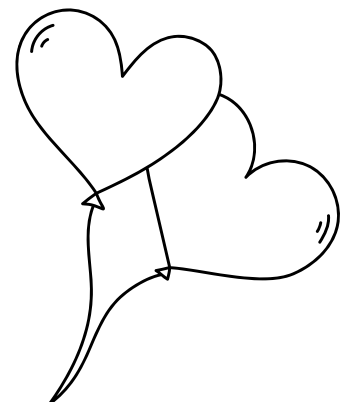
**Dad:** inn

**Elder relative (grandparent, parent in law, aunt,**

**uncle, step family member):** aaáhs



Chinook High School  
word of the week  
Kitsikakomimm

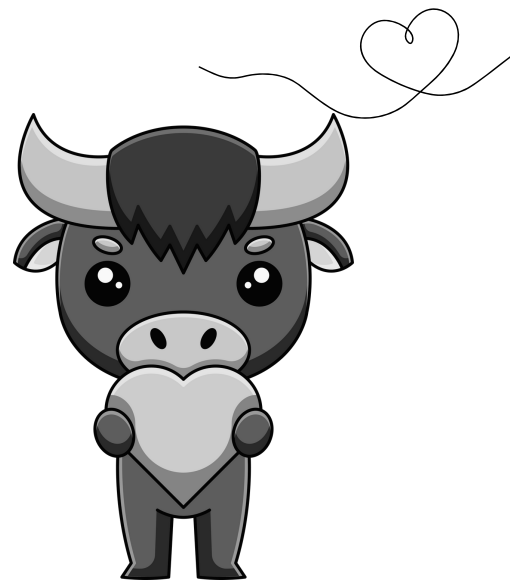


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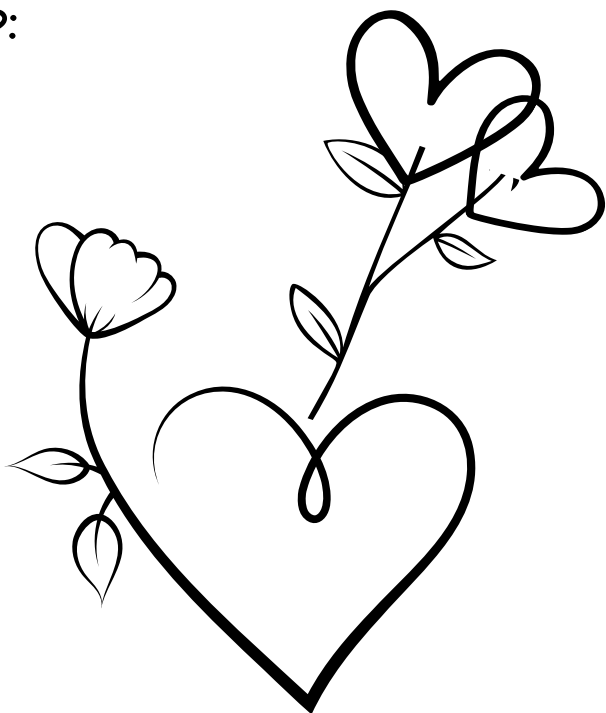
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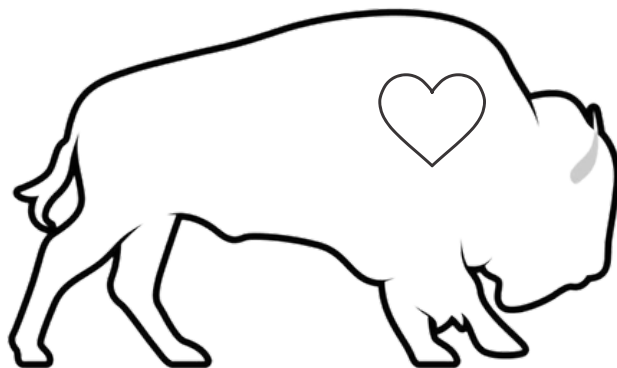


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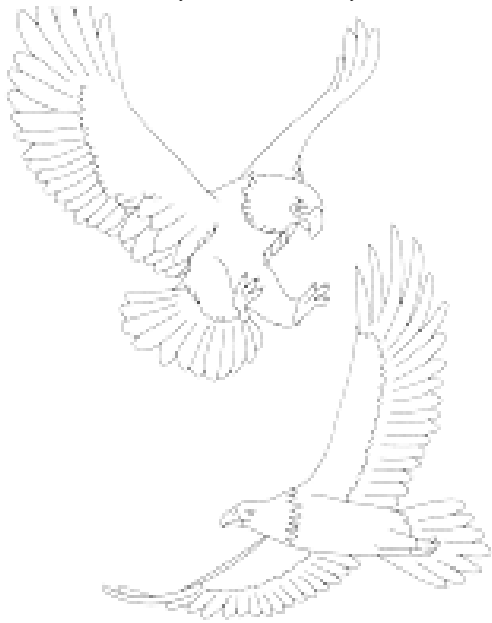
You're as  
iiyikitapiyi  
(brave) as a  
Buffalo



From:

To:

Thanks for being my  
itáKkaa  
(friend)



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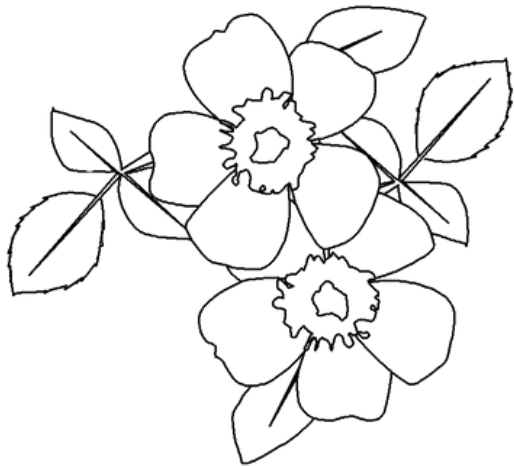


Thanks for being my  
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(friend)

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To:

nitsíniyi'taki  
(I am grateful) you are  
my friend!




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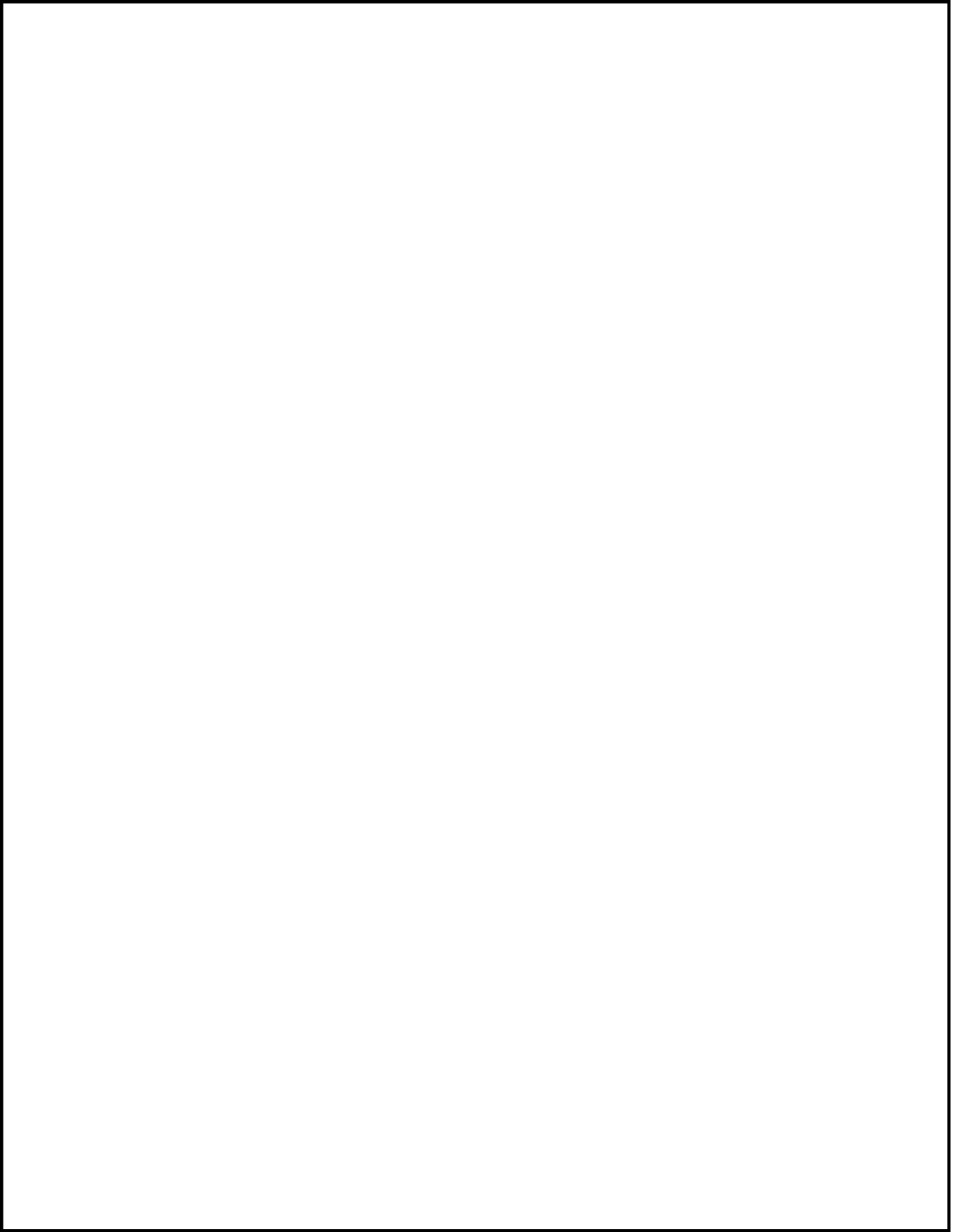
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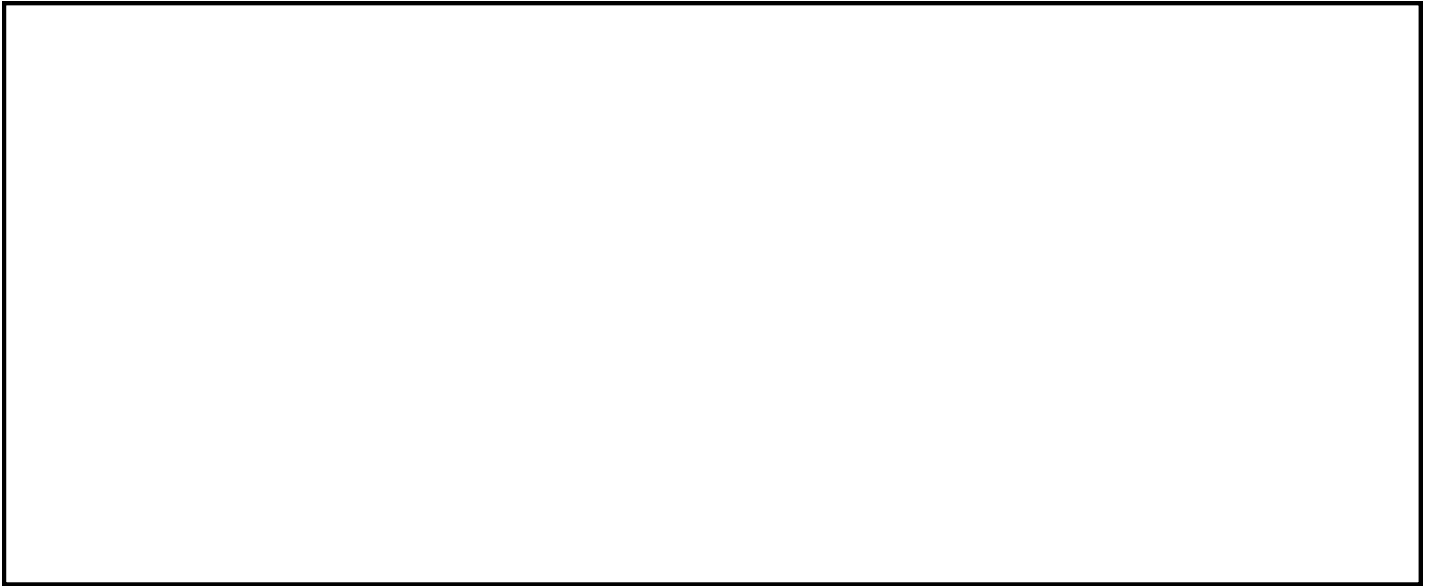


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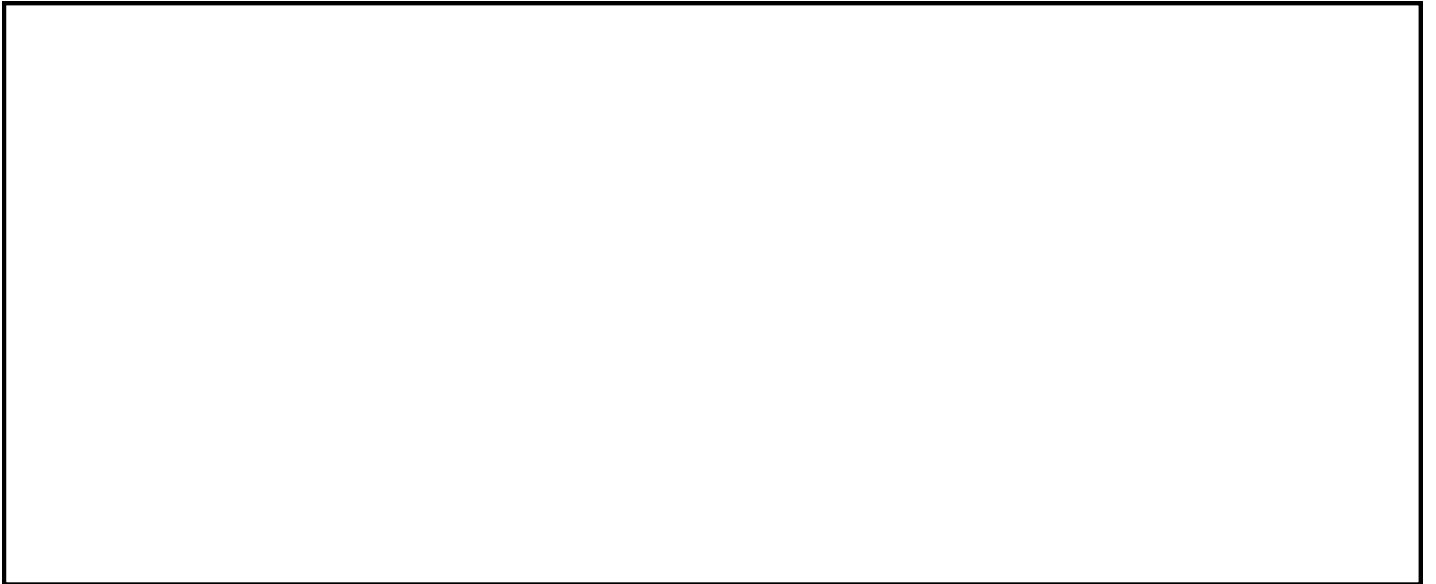
because...



I show Kitsikakomimm to myself by...



I show Kitsikakomimm at home by...



I show Kitsikakomimm at school by...

