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Oki PFS Parents and Caregivers,

On June 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Piitoayis Family School is honoured to host a Poyskinaksin (Blackfoot Face Painting Ceremony) with Elder Rose Fox, a member of the Moa'tokii--Buffalo Women's Society. We are also pleased to welcome both Agnes First Charger-Shouting who is the Grandmother of the Moa'tokii--Buffalo Women's Society and Delphine Pipestem, who is a Ceremonial Knowledge Keeper from Siksika and members of the Horn Society.

The ceremony will take place in the PFS Family Room. Students will participate on a scheduled basis. PFS families are welcome to attend on a drop-in basis throughout the day. You do not need to be Blackfoot to participate—everyone is welcome.

The red ochre and buffalo fat used during the ceremony are a blessing and form of protection for both you and your children. The paint is traditionally kept on while the sun is up. Students will receive instructions on how to remove the paint once the sun has set; these instructions will be provided.

If you would like your child to participate, please sign and return this form. For caregivers who wish to participate, please come prepared to make an offering, such as a monetary contribution (approximately \$5), tobacco, or a small gift (e.g., earrings, a blanket). The intention is to offer what you feel is appropriate as a sign of gratitude.

When attending the ceremony, participants are respectfully asked to cover their arms and legs (long dresses or long pants; no shorts, short skirts, or sleeveless shirts). Please note that the ceremony may take up to five minutes per person.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful cultural experience with our school community.

Hand to Heart,
Crystal Good Rider & Shauna Penner Principal
& Assistant Principal

Parent/Caregiver Permission for Students:

I, _____, give my child _____
(First Name & Last Name- Please Print) (First Name & Last Name- Please Print)

permission to participate in the **Poyskinaksin (Face Painting Ceremony)** at PFS on

June 11, 2026. They are in _____'s class.
(Your child's teachers name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(MM-DD-YY)

Yes, I am interested in participating in **Poyskinaksin** as a parent/caregiver. There
will be _____ adults coming. (Please add amount of people attending)