



ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION IMDE-E-2

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SMUDGING AT SCHOOL

Stevenson-Britannia School

January, 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Your child has been invited to participate in smudging at school for the duration of the school year. As an inclusive and culturally responsive school, we are welcoming all students to learn about First Nation, Métis, and Inuit traditions.

Smudging is a First Nation tradition that involves the burning of sage or sweetgrass at the start of a sharing circle, or at the start of the day. In our school division sage will be used and participation is always voluntary. Smudging allows people to become mindful and centered, better able to hear, see, think, speak, and act in a good way. It is done in a designated area in the school, approved by the Division's Workplace Health and Safety Officer to ensure that there is proper ventilation. More information about smudging is available by contacting the school.

Students will not be allowed to participate in smudging without parental consent and the return of this form to the classroom teacher.

****Please sign and return the bottom portion of this form.**

I would like my son/daughter _____ to:
(Child's Name)

- participate in smudging at the school
- observe without participating in smudging at school.
- leave the room during the smudging event.

Comment(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name: _____

Signature: _____ Contact number(s): _____

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