

*Taking Pride
in Learning*



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School quick facts

Grades:

Headstart to Grade 9

Student Population:

439

Slogan:

Taking pride in learning

Location:

2-24400 Hwy 37
Sturgeon County, AB
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A strong foundation

Our school is operated based on the following guiding principles and policies which we developed with the well-being and success of students, parents and school staff in mind.

Overview

One of the division's longest established schools, Namao School takes pride in its heritage in the community. The school's motto "Taking Pride in Learning" is reflected not only in academic success but also in performing arts, athletic programs, character development and community service. Namao is well known for its outstanding music program. The school also serves students with specific needs, housing the Life Skills, Elementary Challenge and Knowledge and Employability programs. Namao School maintains its tradition of a strong school council and community support.

Mission Statement

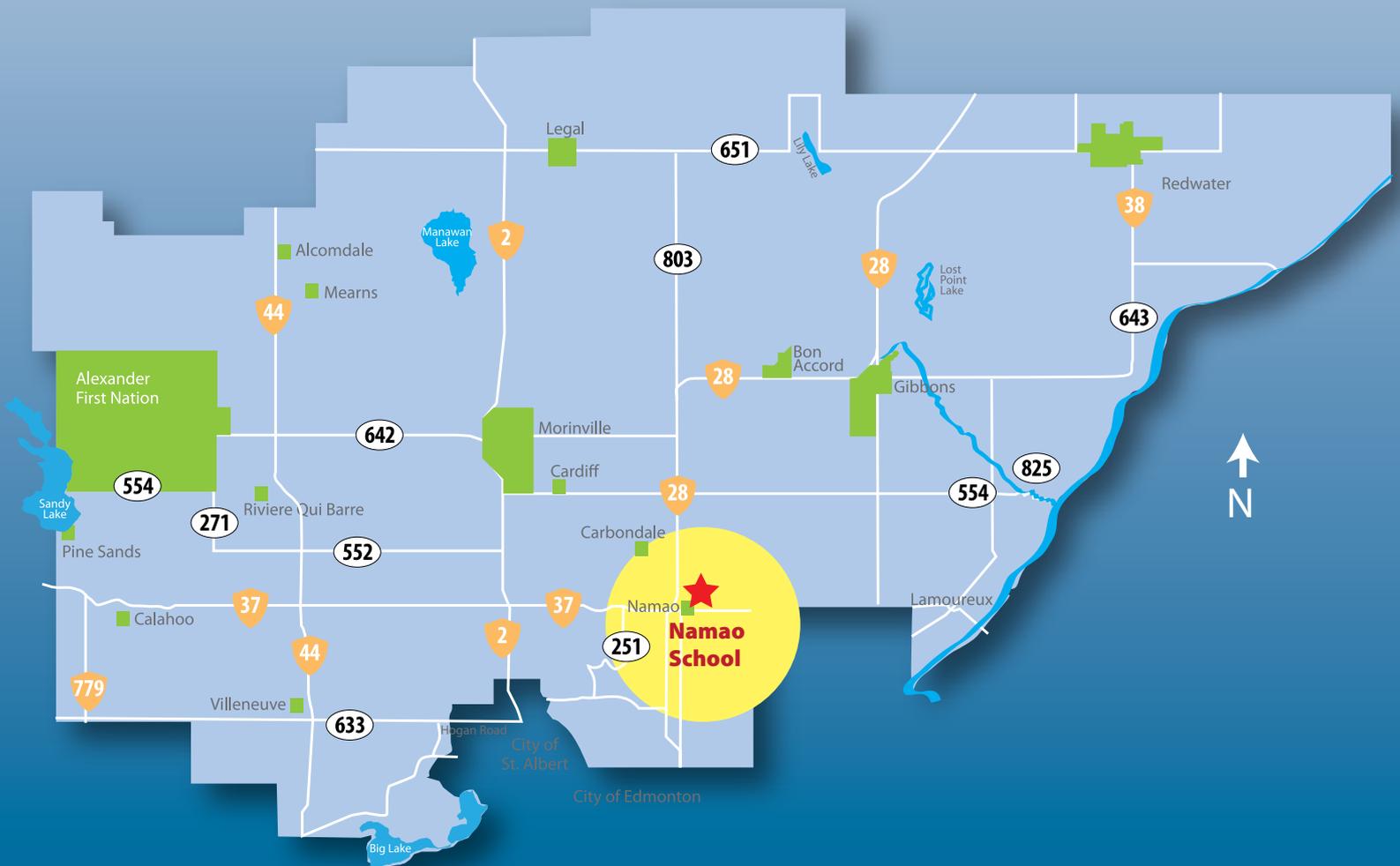
Namao School is committed to fostering quality student learning within a safe and caring learning environment.

Guiding Principles

- Namao School is committed to providing excellent instructional programs and educational opportunities
- Namao School is committed to establishing and nurturing a relevant, interactive, flexible, safe and caring learning environment
- Namao School is committed to encouraging varied, creative and critical thinking
- Namao School is committed to facilitating a climate of mutual respect through enthusiastic modeling
- Namao School is committed to providing a productive learning environment through organizing classes that are reasonable in size and composition and by allocating resources fairly

Where to find us

Namao School is conveniently located in Namao on Highway 37.



Unique programming

There are so many things that make our school unique, including the following programs designed to meet various student needs and interests.

Headstart Program

Helps prepare children aged 3½ to 5 in need of developmental support for speech, fine motor skills and/or social skills and provides a foundation for later success

Preschool and Kindergarten Enhancement Programs

For students who qualify, these two programs use the Reggio Emilia approach to teaching and foster learning through student interests and creative, project-based activities

Kindergarten Program

Helps prepare children for the transition from home to school and entry into Grade 1, and uses the highly respected Reggio Emilia approach to teaching

Knowledge and Employability Program

Designed for grade 8 and 9 students interested in pursuing a vocational career or who require additional support to meet the requirements for achieving a high school diploma

Elementary Challenge

Provides programming for children who require individual program planning due to learning difficulties

Life Skills Program

Provides programming for children with high needs, including cognitive, physical and behavioural challenges

Positive Playground Program

Provides excellent game resources for recess, physical education classes, fun days, substitute plans, peer support, leadership programs and initiatives such as Alberta's Daily Physical Activity (DPA)

Food Programs

All students have the opportunity to pre-order hot lunches during specific times of the school year

Support Programs

Offered to all students who have special needs and/or require speech, language and/or hearing support services

Junior High Complementary Courses

- Art
- Band
- Drama
- Food/Fashion Studies
- Fitness for Life
- Industrial Arts
- Information Processing
- Leadership
- Outdoor Education
- Mad Scientists – Hands on Science
- Promoting Academic Student Success (PASS)
- Basketball Mastery
- Volleyball Mastery
- Digital Photography
- Lego Robotics

Extracurricular Activities

- Junior High Volleyball
- Junior High Basketball
- Junior High Badminton
- Cross-Country Run
- Track and Field
- Journal Games
- Running Club
- Yoga Club
- Drama

Feature Program – Reggio-Inspired Classrooms

Namao School has so much to be proud of, but our kindergarten to Grade 2 Reggio-inspired classrooms truly help set us apart from other schools.

About the program:

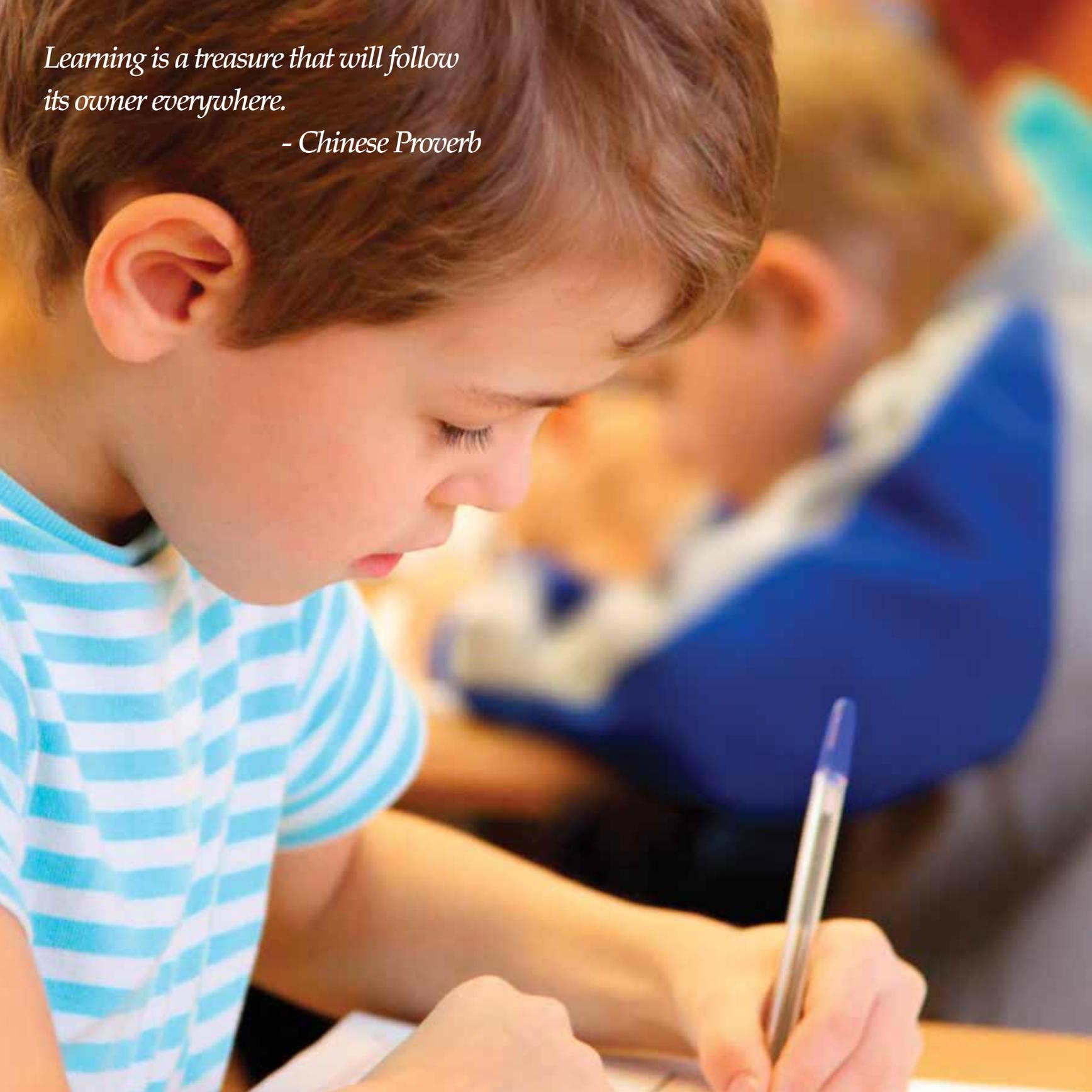
- The Reggio approach to teaching puts the natural development of children, as well as the close relationship they share with their environment, at the centre of its philosophy
- The school is committed to creating conditions that will guide and facilitate meaningful learning experiences
- The basis for discovery and critical thinking skills are developed through play and other engaging project-oriented learning experiences that consider the whole child



For more information about Reggio-inspired learning, please contact the school directly.

*Learning is a treasure that will follow
its owner everywhere.*

- Chinese Proverb



On the leading edge

Namao School is on the leading edge of education in Alberta – with an innovative parent-teacher communications forum, a new report card system and first rate technology.

Power School Parent Portal

We are proud to offer an online Power School Parent Portal, which allows parents to be active partners in the learning process, and stay up-to-date on their child's / children's progress, assignments and test results. Parents can access the Power School Parent Portal at <http://pschool.sturgeon.ab.ca>.

New report cards

Namao School has implemented a new report card, which focuses on an outcomes-based evaluation system that is supported by the province and is currently being implemented in schools throughout Alberta.

Technology

Our school uses first rate technology to support learning. Technology allows students to use the tools they have at home effectively at school, provides flexibility for students to demonstrate their learning and allows teachers to address different learning styles through multi-media resources and virtual environments.

All classrooms are equipped with access to laptops, a projection device, document cameras and interactive whiteboards. Also, assistive technology and division licences such as accelerated reading, star programs and Read and Write Gold are just a few of the methods used to enhance student learning. Additionally, our school has a wireless network where students can use their personal laptops, iPads and other devices.

Student transportation

Namao School provides free bussing to students enrolled in the Headstart Program, Kindergarten Program and grades 1 to 9 who live more than 1400 metres from our facility. If there is sufficient room on the bus, we may be able to accommodate students who live closer than 1400 metres.

Note: Students may be required to walk up to 0.4 kilometres from their gateway to the bus stop (gateway is the point of intersection of a private driveway and a municipal roadway).

Please visit Sturgeon School Division's transportation website at www.sturgeontransport.ca to find:

- Maps outlining pick-up areas
- Transportation request forms
- Up-to-the-minute bus schedules
- Sign up for bus cancellation notices



Namao School is proud to be part of Sturgeon School Division

Sturgeon School Division serves the needs of approximately 5,000 students in 16 schools throughout Sturgeon County and several bordering municipalities.

For more information visit www.sturgeon.ab.ca.