

# Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Education Department

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**Education Manager, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc**

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Weyktp Tkemlúpsemc,

Happy fall from the Education Department team! Our team is busy with supporting students and families with the start of another school year. We acknowledge the young learners transitioning into school for the first time and those secondary school learners who embark on a new journey toward post secondary! We're also thinking of all learners who are starting a new learning journey. We're very excited for and proud of you. Please reach out to our team members for any supports you may need starting your education journeys.

As a reminder, we work with many K-12 TteS families and children, both on and off reserve, and our goal is to minimize barriers families may experience with school, including school fees, transportation to and from school, extracurricular school activities, communications with schools, etc. Please reach out to us if you're having any difficulties or need some additional supports. We're very familiar with the district processes and are always willing to support TteS families.



## Upcoming Events

### September 5

First day of school

### November

Indigenous Human Services  
Worker Program starts  
November 8, 2023 for  
registered students

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**If you have any  
questions, feel free to  
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We also work to support education, training, trades and employment readiness for all members, regardless of age and level of education completed. So if you're a youth who recently graduated from secondary school or an adult who hasn't been to school for awhile, please reach out to our department for different programs and services that are available to you to further your education, obtain employability skills, achieve trades certifications or gain employment.

Our team also provides services to youth looking into post-secondary institutions, trying to get their drivers license, exploring career opportunities, and gaining employment. We provide wrap around services to our membership and do our best to further advance your education, career, leadership and/or employment goals.

If you're interested in furthering your education, your trade or a skill, please reach out to one of our team members, who would be able to provide you with supports to achieve your goals. Our team provides the following services:

- Early Childhood Education (via the Little Fawn Nursery)
- K-12 Education
- Post-Secondary Education
- Trades, Training and Employment Readiness (including Youth programming)
- Special Projects (i.e. Human Service Certificate program)

Some important information for your consideration:

- If you have a child who is at least (4) four years old as of this December, is a status Indian, and living on reserve, they may be eligible for a fully funded spot within our Little Fawn Nursery Preschool program. Your child doesn't need to be registered as a band member with TteS, they only need Indian Status. In order to be eligible, you need to fill out the necessary Nominal Roll form and submit required documents to Deb McNeil at Little Fawn Nursery by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

We look forward to hearing from you and supporting your goals. Should you have any inquiries or questions, please feel free to contact us. Our contact information for team members will be provided on the following pages.

We wish you all health and wellness and a great school year!

Cw7it te Kukwstsétselp (many thanks),

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Lacey Gottfriedson

Youth Coordinator, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

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SWEP (Summer Work Experience Program) July 4 – August 25, 2023

The Summer Work Experience Program has been wrapped up for the year at the end of August. Six TteS youth participated and completed the



program; they alternated through three different work placements within the organization. The placements that signed up for youth were: The Language & Culture Department, Economic Development & Food Sovereignty. The youth had a variety of tasks for the youth to participate in such as; language and culture classes, assist with tours, assist elders in meetings, assist with the Hot Dog cart, painting and beautification, learning how to harvest and preserve foods, planting, basic garden and landscaping experience.

The Summer program also provided learning opportunities and workshops such as; employment readiness, creating resume's, interview preparations, financial literacy, personality colors and the workplace, tour of TRU, drum making, Food safe Level 1, First Aid Level 1.



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SWEP 2023

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**Jade Seymour**

**K-12 Coordinator, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc**

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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and that the first month back in school has been successful.

I encourage TteS membership to connect with the Education Department for K-12 funding as funding is available for on and off reserve learners.

- School supplies
- Tutoring
- Transportation
- Extra curricular
- School Academies

TteS on reserve (nominal roll) K-12 school allowance cheques will be mailed out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

TteS off reserve K-12 school allowance cheques will be mailed out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

If your child attends school within School District 73 and would benefit from financial support towards school fees or a lunch program, connect with your child's school steno or contact me directly and I can assist.

School can be challenging at times please reach out if you require support with advocacy as our team is here to support TteS K-12 learners and families.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Fall.

Take good care.

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**Jonathan Michel**

**Post-Secondary Coordinator, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc**

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**Deadlines:**

Winter 2024 Post-secondary application for funding deadline: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Reminder to Sponsored students, please provide invoices for your Fall 2023 courses.

Strategic Studies Scholarship Applications 2023 Due: November 15, 2023.

***Community Events:***

**1. TRU Recruiters onsite at TteS**

TRU Indigenous recruiters will be working within the TteS community to be more accessible for questions. Starting Friday October 13,

*Where:* Admin Building 2<sup>nd</sup>

*When:* the second Friday of every month, time to be determined, please check Education social media for updates.

**2. TRU Parent Night**

*When:* November 15, 2023, 5pm to 7pm.

*Where:* TteS Community Service office  
300 Chilcotin Road  
V2H 1G3

*Who:* All TteS members

*Why:* Information session hosted by TRU, they will be providing information on the application process for post-secondary. SD 73 staff will be on site for course planning for High School students, and food will be provided.

### 3. TRU Fair 2024

This year's event is February 1st from 10 am to 3 pm in the TRU Campus Activity Centre.

To register for the event go to your Career Connections account <https://tru-csm.symlicity.com/employers/index.php> and click on Events and Career Fairs to see the Job Fair registration.

We have several booth sizes available and you can see more detail in the Exhibitor Package link.

Partner Sponsor, 16x8 booth, \$2500 (only one remaining) Deluxe Exhibitor, 12x6 booth, \$1000 (only eight remaining) Standard Exhibitor, 8x6 booth, \$500 Registered Charity, 8x6 booth, \$200

Please let us know if you need any support in registration.

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**Terri Mindel**

**Trades & Training Supervisor, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc**

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TteS Education Department ran a 6-week Customer Service Training Program for band members wanting to work at the Swelaps Market this October.

All 11 participants completed the program and currently 9 have been hired to work at the Swelaps Market. Picture is of their completion ceremony.

Congratulations to all the band members who participated in the program, most were youth who attended regularly and were committed to their learning.



Elder John George

Special thanks to the elder connected to the Trades and Training Program, John George. He drove the students every day to the training and mentors by demonstrating a great work ethic and commitment to trades and training.

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Debra McNeil

Nursery Supervisor, Little Fawn Nursery

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**Staff Update:**

Rubyann Lulua has joined our team at LFN as our Early Childhood Educator in the 3-5 room. Welcome Rubyann!



We want to congratulate all the children who have graduated from Little Fawn Nursery and will be starting their new journey into kindergarten. Time seemed to pass by so quickly.



We really miss you and hope you meet some wonderful friends. We truly wish you all the best.

**Congratulations to the preschool graduating class of 2023!**

Malakai Peters-Mackillop  
Owen Makowichuk  
Tyson Peters-Hill  
Damion Thomas-Dick  
Sienna Francoise  
Jemma Gillespie  
Jaxson Edward



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