



TTES EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Welcome back!

Registration 2025

Nominal Roll, Off-Reserve Education Funding, and Bus Registration forms are available on our website:

tkemlups.ca/education/



Weyt-kp TteS Membership in this Summer newsletter, we will update you on our exciting events and opportunities!

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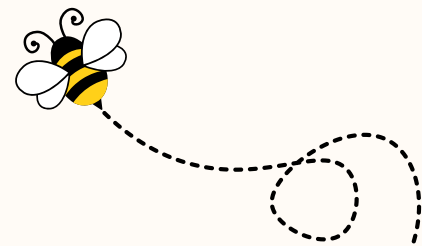




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Weytkp Tkemlúpsenc,

As summer winds down and a new school year begins, we hope all our Tkemlúps families and students experience a smooth and positive transition. The TteS Education Department is here to support you every step of the way.

We continue to work closely with K-12 students and families to help remove barriers in education—whether it's school fees, transportation, extracurriculars, or navigating communication with schools. Our goal is to support your child's success throughout the year.

Our team also provides support for members of all ages who are pursuing education, training, trades, and employment readiness. Whether you're a youth who just graduated high school or an adult looking to return to school or training, we encourage you to reach out. We offer programs and services to help you reach your education and career goals, gain employability skills, obtain trades certifications, or find meaningful employment.

We're also here to support youth who are exploring post-secondary education, working toward getting their driver's licence, or starting to build career experience. We offer wraparound services to help you grow in education, leadership, and employment.

If you're interested in furthering your education, gaining a trade or skill, or accessing support for a specific goal, please connect with one of our team members. We provide the following services:

- Early Childhood Education (via Little Fawn Nursery)
- K-12 Education Support
- Post-Secondary Education Services
- Trades, Training & Employment Readiness (including youth programming)
- Special Projects (e.g., S100 course delivery)

Reminders & Key Information

- If you live on reserve and have a child in K-12, please ensure they're registered on the nominal roll with Jade Seymour, our K-12 Education Coordinator.
- If your child is at least 4 years old and living on reserve, you may be eligible to register them for Little Fawn Nursery and have preschool costs covered. Reach out to Debra McNeil or Jade Seymour for more details.

We're thinking of all our students as they head into a new year—especially our recent high school grads and those starting post-secondary this fall. Please know our team is still here to assist and cheer you on.

Wishing everyone a healthy, inspiring, and successful school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Team contact information can be found on the following pages.

Ec k sôt'u7cw (Take special care),

Dessa Gottfriedson, Education Manager | Ph: 250-314-1505 | E: desa.gottfriedson@ttes.ca



Kindergarten - Grade 12



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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and are well rested and ready to start the new school year.

If you're living on the TteS reserve and are enrolled in grades K-12, I encourage you to register for TteS nominal roll.

If you're an enrolled TteS member as per the TteS Membership Code in grades K-12, I encourage you to register for K-12 off reserve funding.

Use the QR codes below to register...

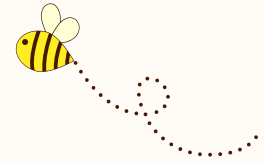


Please reach out to Jade Seymour K-12 Education Coordinator
for further information

Jade Seymour, K-12 Education Coordinator | Ph: 250-314-1578
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Little Fawn Nursery



A heartfelt congratulations to our graduating class of 2024/2025, Tara Gottfriedsen, Tessa Gottfriedsen, and Sne7em Malloy. Best wishes as you embark on your new journey into kindergarten. We extend our sincere wishes for success, and we hope you experience many new and exciting adventures at your new school.

We have an exciting array of projects and activities scheduled for the upcoming season, and we anticipate a year filled with excitement and adventure.

We cordially invite you to visit and tour Little Fawn Nursery. This presents an excellent opportunity for us to share information about our Secwépemc language program, for you to meet our dedicated staff, and for us to address any questions you may have.

Registration is currently open for the Preschool Program:

- The infant room has a waiting list.
- There are few available spaces in the 3-5-year room.
- The preschool program officially commences on September 8th.
- Places are available for the preschool program (Nominal Roll).

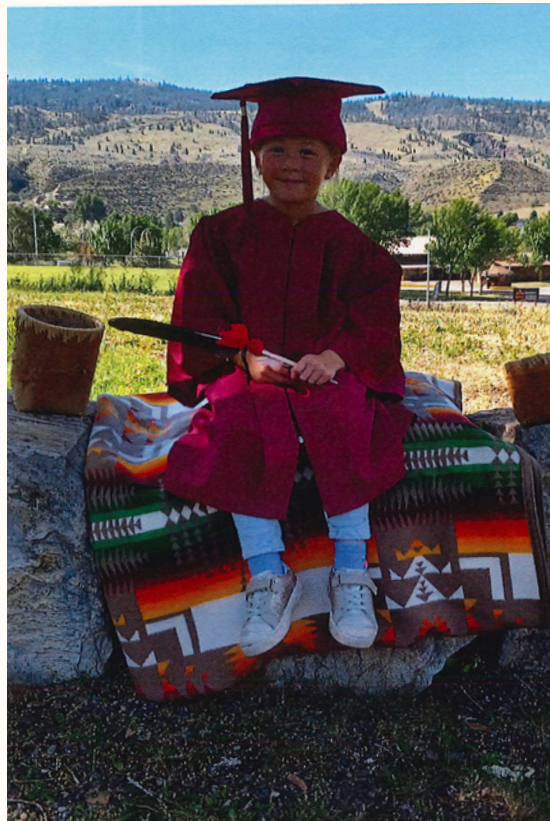
Eligibility for Nominal Roll includes:

- A student who turns four years old by December 31st (please provide a copy of the Birth Certificate).
- A student holding a status Card.
- A student residing on-Reserve (a utility bill must be provided by the parent).
- A student “in care” who would conventionally reside On-Reserve.
- A student enrolled by September 30th (a parental form must be completed).

We look forward to another successful year and to welcoming new friends.

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Cultural Education Resource Teacher



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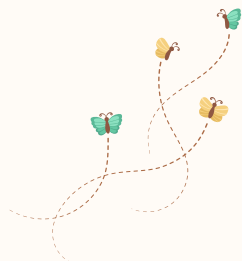
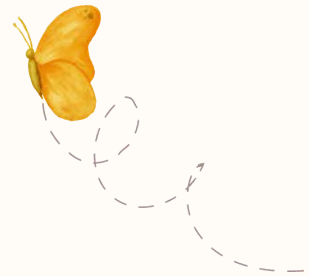
I am officially transitioning into my full-time role as the Cultural Education Resource Teacher, stepping down from my previous role as Youth Coordinator. In this position, I will support our community's learners, families, and schools by helping to bring Secwépemc language, culture, and teachings into educational spaces.

While the work is still taking shape, my role will focus on creating opportunities to strengthen Secwépemc learning and cultural connections across various age groups and settings.

As I performed dual roles, I participated in welcoming events at TRU, organized and facilitated workshops with the Hospital Employee Union, and helped with the Qéqllens re Stselxméms research recruitment and information session with TRU.

Lacey Gottfriedson, Cultural Education Resource Teacher | Ph: 250-828-9738
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Post Secondary Education



Reminder: Sponsored students, if you have not already done so, please provide invoices from your post-secondary institute for your Fall 2025 tuition.

Deadline to apply for funding starting Winter 2026 term (January-April) is November 15th, 2025.

Interested in a career in Holistic Wellness and Addictions Counselling? We are looking for students for an in-community cohort of Nicola Valley Institute of Technology's Indigenous Holistic Wellness and Addictions Certificate.

If you have any questions, please email

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Youth Coordinator



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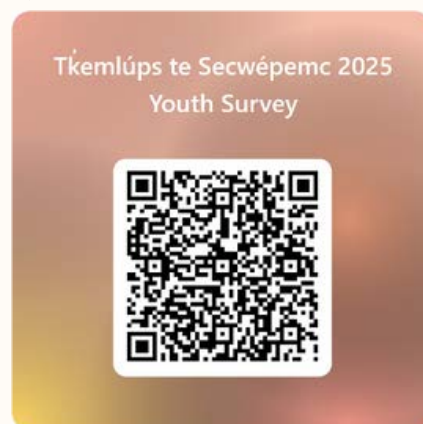
I began my journey with the new role as Youth Coordinator on July 9th, 2025!

I am honoured and exceptionally grateful to hold this position as I am exceedingly excited to work with our Tkemlúps te Secwépemc youth aged 13-30 in support of their educational and employment skills development, readiness, well-being and success. My goal is to walk alongside our young people as we explore our strengths, overcome barriers, and build futures that reflect set career aspirations as well as our Secwépemc ways of knowing and being. With a background riddled in youth engagement, program development and participation and as a long-time student myself, I believe youth thrive in environments that provide access to mentorship, cultural grounding and hands-on experiences in education, trades and employment! So, let's get down to business! Come pop in my office, anytime or reach out via phone or email, and we can get you rollin' on your progressive educational and employment pathway(s)!

In the months ahead, I'll be focusing on:

- Strengthening partnerships that open doors and opportunities for youth in trades, training, and education.
- Building mentorship opportunities that connect our young people with Elders, knowledge keepers and industry partners in their fields of interest.
- Listening to youth directly – understanding their needs, interests and aspirations so that programs can truly reflect our voice.

I am sincerely stoked to meet with many of you at upcoming community events, and I welcome your ideas, feedback, and partnership in creating a culturally celebratory and welcoming environment that supports our TteS youth. Together, we can create pathways that honour Secwépemc traditions while preparing our youth for success in every arena – education, employment, social and spiritual.



In an effort to better understand and connect with our TteS Youth community, I have put together a TteS Youth Survey.

Summer Work Experience Program 2025:

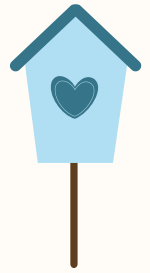
When I started my position, the Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) was in full swing for summer 2025! I had great fun getting to know Gavin, Jasmeena, Katara and Noah over the last month. They each participated in various work placements over the summer, inclusive of Petro Canada Gas Station and Carwash, Chester's Chicken and Sweláps!

Each placement came with its own simplicities and struggles, however, each one offered something different for each individual youth.



Lastly, we concluded SWEP2025 last week with a schedule full of opportunities relating to education, employment, Secwépemc epistemology and simply some summer fun in the sun!





Trades & Training

Last year, the adult upgrading program had two staff members complete their Adult Dogwood. Classes are available evenings for staff.

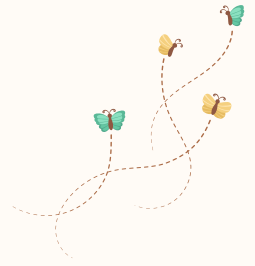
Start your apprenticeship training as a carpenter. Level One will be offered this January at TteS. A great program for those with some carpentry experience and wanting to get paid tradesperson wages.

A construction trade sampler took place from February to May 2025. This was in partnership with TRU and Infrastructure BC. 10 participants completed the training and worked on a renovation project at Spiyu7ullucw Ranch to renovate one of the old ranch houses. All ten students are moving on to apprenticeships in electrical and carpentry this fall. Work placements are being coordinated with the construction company EllisDon to work on the BC Cancer Agency build starting this fall.



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Top Dog Hot Dog Cart was a Success!

The Top Dog Hot Dog Cart rocked it this year! Our coordinator and youth attended 28 events over the summer and raised \$2800 towards bursaries and scholarships for band members. This was a youth program to teach customer services and essential skills. We had four great youth who were employed and helped over the summer. The Education Department would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported the cart, specifically the sponsors that donated 1000 hot dogs and buns for Indigenous Day.

Big applause to everyone for supporting our youth and post-secondary students, see you next summer!

Brook Mindel, Top Dog Coordinator



School District No. 73 Kamloops-Thompson



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UPGRADING COMING TO TTES

STARTS SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2025

Work towards obtaining your
BC Adult Graduate Diploma, preparing for post
secondary, or gaining better employment

Information Session is on **September 9th 6-9 pm** to
meet an educational advisor to plan your studies

Duration: 17 wks - evenings

**Location: Face to face at White Tech
Classroom with Instructor**

Tuition/Textbooks: **FREE & Tutor support**

Schedule: Full or Part time studies

**Open to all First Nations Students with an
address on reserve**

To register and for more information please contact
Terri Mindel in Education
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In Partnership with School District 73 Kool School

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

Carpentry Level I Apprenticeship Training
coming to TteS in January 2026!



FREE FUNDED
& TIED TO INDUSTRY



Programs Include:

- **12 week program—max 10 students**
- **Accredited TradesBC Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery training**
- **Gain experience constructing community project**
- **Will include a 1-2 week work practicum**

Must have
Some
Carpentry
Experience

Build Your Career in the Construction Trades

To register or inquire, please contact:

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In Partnership with Thompson Rivers University

SAVE THE DATE

EXPLORE A HAUNTINGLY EXCITING CAREER IN HEALTH CARE



Date: October 30, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn

675 Tranquille Rd., Kamloops, BC

Time: 11:00 - 6:00

COSTUMES WELCOME!

Join our Health Careers Fair to meet employers, learn about training programs, and find your future path.

Certified Dental Assistants, Dental Hygienists, Dietary Aid, Health Administration, Health Care Aide, Hearing Instrument Practitioners, Holistic Nutrition, Lab Technician, Massage Therapist, Medical Device Processing, Midwives/ Doula's, Naturopathic Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Opticians, Pharmacy Technicians, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nurses, Relational Security Officer, Speech-Language Pathologists, Traditional Medicine, X-Ray Technician

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