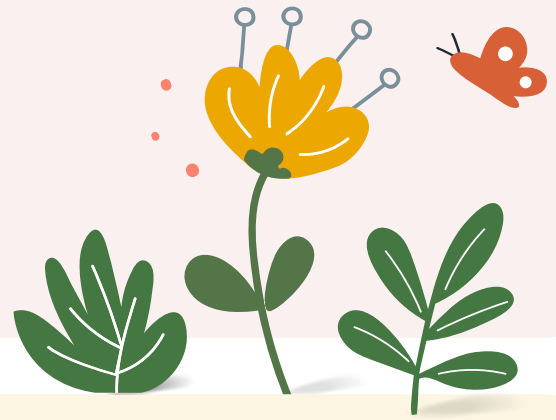


**TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024**



Weyt-kp TteS Membership, in this Spring Edition we will update you with our exciting opportunities and events!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 11 TteS Education Awards Ceremony

## **HOLIDAYS**

Mother's Day- May 12  
Victoria Day- May 20  
Le Estcwicwéy Day of Reflection- May 23  
Father's Day- June 16  
First Day of Summer- June 20  
National Indigenous Peoples Day- June 21  
Last day of school- June 27



## **POST SECONDARY DEADLINES**

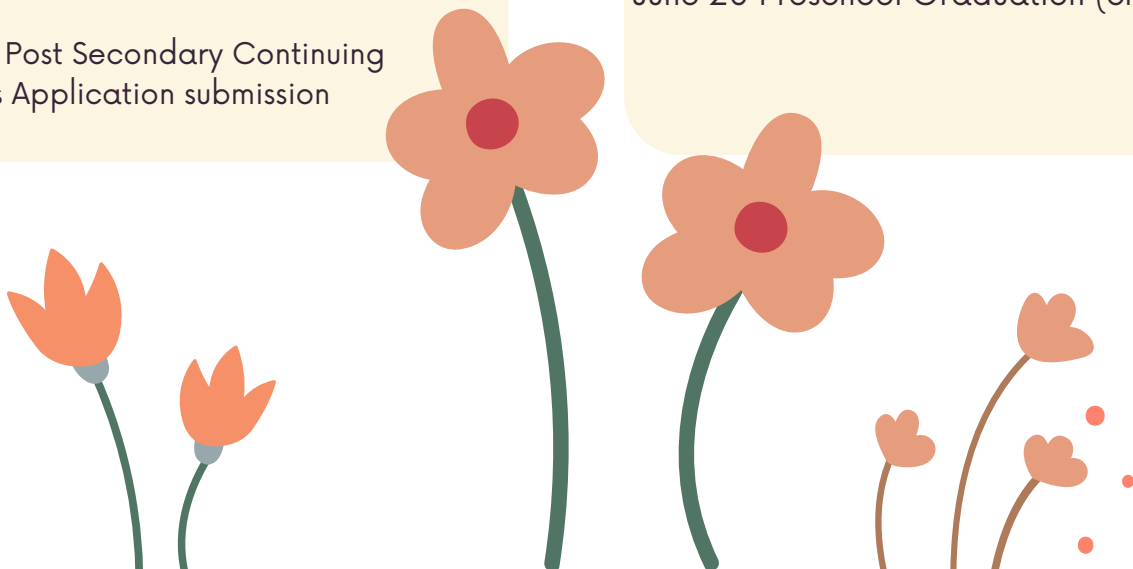
April 30 Post Secondary Funding Application Submission

April 30 Post Secondary Continuing Students Application submission



## **LITTLE FAWN NURSERY**

May 1 Preschool nominal role registration  
May 10 Mother's Day Tea  
June 11 Father's Day Breakfast  
June 20 Preschool Graduation (classroom)



# TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MANAGER UPDATE



Weytkp Tkemlúpsenc,

Happy spring and we're hoping everyone has been staying healthy and safe. We wanted to reach out to you all and give you an update on what we've been up to over the school year. We offer many different programs and services, and you will see some of these in the following pages.

\* In our department, humility guides our values and is the foundation of decisions that team members make in our workday. Our values are the principles and standards that form our workplace conduct, drive the actions that we take and measure our successes. We value:

- Tcyúsens re qelmúcw - Integrity: "Consistently open, honest, ethical and genuine."
- Tselltsílle swetés re qelmúcw - Humility: "We are not so good to leave anyone behind."
- Sucwentwécw: "Together we make each other stronger."
- T7ekstém we7 stémes tek s7elkst - Innovation: "Lead with creativity, take risks, reach be-yond boundaries."
- Xwtsílcmentem k sp7ínesem - Passion: "Commitment in heart and mind."
- Stsgwey - Sense of humor: "We will not take ourselves too serious and take the time to find humor in things."

The Education Department's goals and objectives are founded in the development, facilitation, and support of high quality, culturally respectful, spiritually enriching, community educational services that are based on our Secwépemc culture, language and heritage.

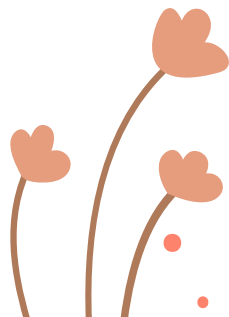
The Education Department is pleased to offer the following educational services:

- Early Childhood Education (via the Little Fawn Nursery)
- K-12 Education
- Post-Secondary Education
- Trades, Training and Employment Readiness (including Youth programming)
- Special Projects

For more details, our education department team members have shared some of the amazing things we are doing with and for our people and in our community. I hope you enjoy reading about our team's projects and feel free to reach out to us if you'd like to register for any upcoming programs, get more information or even request certain programming be offered. We would love to hear from you.

Cw7it te Kukwstsétselp (many thanks),

Dessa Gottfriedson, Education Manager | Ph: 250-314-1505 | E: [dessa.gottfriedson@ttes.ca](mailto:dessa.gottfriedson@ttes.ca)





TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
LITTLE FAWN NURSERY SUPERVISOR UPDATE

- Little Fawn Nursey Preschool nominal roll registration starts May 1st 2024, for September enrollment. \*
- In January, Ed Jensen kindly hosted a rattle making session for LFN families, children and staff. It was an honor to have him host and share some of his cultural and traditional knowledge with the group. We had a nice turn out.
- Most of the children loved taking their picture in the heart frame for Valentines Day.
- LFN children had a great time hunting for Easter eggs after the Easter bunny left a trail for the children to follow. They had a great time.
- Upcoming events:
  - Mother's Day tea May 10th
  - Father's Day breakfast June 14th
  - Preschool Graduation (classroom) June 20th

\* Debra McNeil, Little fawn Nursery Supervisor | Ph: 250-828-9734 | E: [debra.mcneil@ttes.ca](mailto:debra.mcneil@ttes.ca)





## TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TRADES + TRAINING SUPERVISOR

The Mechanical Trades Sampler Program is now complete and had all students graduating. Special congratulations to Isaac Baptiste, Ryder Dumont, Preston Mathews and Kiera Lampreau. Three band members are moving forward into the Foundations Trades Programs to become red seal certified as an Electrician, Automotive and Heavy Duty Mechanic. One student has decided to go to work with one of our industry partners. We hope to run this program again in the next year as it was so successful. Special thanks to Jordann Hazelwood and Alyssa Piva at SSN for the work readiness supports and to Thompson Rivers University Trades Training team for supporting our students and providing such amazing training.

Keep an eye out for beautiful steel benches in community that were built during the welding portion of the training. Thank you to Language and Culture – Laura Saul for helping with the Indigenous design.



Terri Mindel, Trades & Training | Ph: 250-314-1560 | E: [terri.mindel@ttes.ca](mailto:terri.mindel@ttes.ca)





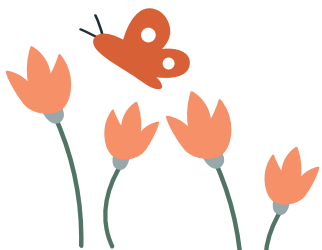
TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYMENT + TRAINING COMMUNITY SURVEY  
UPDATE



The Education Department has completed the Employment and Training Community Survey. Thank you to everyone who participated, 300 surveys were completed and will now help provide direction on future trades and training programs offered at TteS for the next five years. The results of the survey will be available to community and copies provided at the next band meeting.

Winners of the draw were:

Lana Nicole Thomas Johnny who won the electric bike, Kora Gagnon winner of the Yeti package and Lyle Juarez who took home the \$500 gift certificate.



**TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC**  
**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**POST SECONDARY COORDINATOR**



Reminder of deadlines for post-secondary funding April 30, 2024. Application forms can be found on the TteS website, on the Education page. You can also email me at [Jonathan.michel@ttes.ca](mailto:Jonathan.michel@ttes.ca) for a pdf copy or stop by my office I am in Room 205 of the administration building, and I have printed copies available.

New Students: Please submit applications by email, mail, or in person. Please note along with the completed application form, I require a 500-word essay noted on the front page of the application package, and all documents listed on page 4 of the application package.

If mailing in your application, the address is below, and please send it as soon as possible, as it will need to arrive before April 30, 2024.

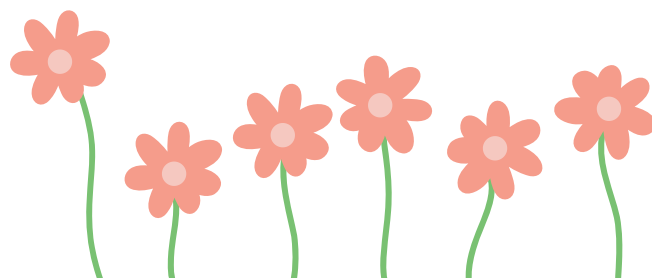
Mailing address.

Attn: Jonathan Michel  
360 Chief Alex Thomas Way  
Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1

Current Students: If your studies are continuing into Fall 2024, please submit a continuing education application by April 30, 2024. Also a reminder to submit Winter (Jan-Apr) grades when they become available.

Graduating post-secondary students: please email me to confirm you are graduating within the next few months if you have not already done so.

Jonathan Michel, Post Secondary Coordinator | Ph: 250-828-9726 | E: [jonathan.michel@ttes.ca](mailto:jonathan.michel@ttes.ca)



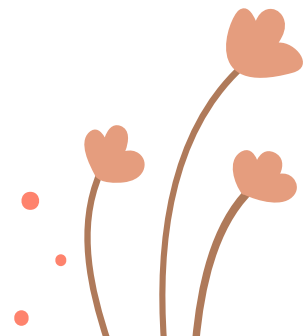


**TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
YOUTH COORDINATOR**

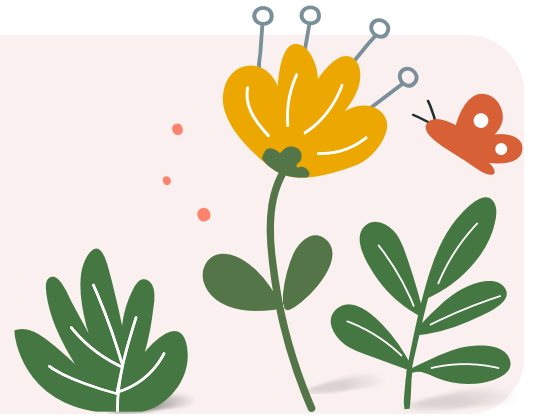
Throughout February and March, the youth program has assisted with beautification projects in collaboration with Little Fawn Nursery. There has been work done with privacy slats added to their fencing for additional privacy and safety. We've added wood chips in their playground for added safety for the little ones playing. Youth have participated in the Pathways to Driving program and one has passed his learner's exam! Congratulations Royce!

Cedar mulch has been bagged up and put out for the community to help themselves for their gardens. March 18-21st we had a training week to go over learning about financial basics, budgeting, life skills and personality colors in the workplace. A ribbon skirt/shirt workshop was put on March 28th, and we will be having part 2 for those participants to be able to finish up their projects.

Lacey Gottfriedson, Youth Coordinator | Ph: 250-828-9738 | E: lacey.gottfriedson@ttes.ca



**TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
K-12 COORDINATOR**



Weytkp,

I hope everyone is keeping well and are enjoying the warmer weather.

K-12 education services for on and off reserve registered TteS students has increased significantly, and I encourage families to connect with the Education Department.

We've purchased new basketball hoops and lacrosse rebound boards for TteS membership to use at MSG.

On June 11th we'll be celebrating TteS Grads at our annual grad and awards event. If you're scheduled to graduate grade 12 in June of 2024, I encourage you to connect with the Education Department. Kindergarten registration for 2025 is now open be sure to register within Scholl District 73, Sk'elep School and Private schools. Ensure you get a head start if there's a school you wish your child to attend outside their catchment area.

We support and encourage relationships with student, parent, school, and community.

Please reach out if you have any questions related to K-12 education.

All the best.

Jade Seymour, K-12 Coordinator | Ph: 250-314-1578 | E: [jade.seymour@ttes.ca](mailto:jade.seymour@ttes.ca)

