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Tk'emlúps te Secwépeḿc Education Department

Newsletter



Weytkp Tkemlúpsemc,

Happy spring and we're hoping everyone has been staying healthy and safe.

It's been a whirlwind of the year with COVID and we had to get creative with the services we could offer for our people.

We're looking forward to coming together and celebrating the many achievements and successes of our people in regards to education.

We wanted to reach out to you all and give you an update on what we've been up to the last year.

We've implemented many different programs and services and we're hoping to have helped our families and children get through this difficult time.

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."
- Tseltsílle 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 beyond boundaries."
- Xwtsílcmentem k sptínesem - 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

The following pages are some information from education department team members.

They are doing amazing things for our people and in our community.

I hope you enjoy reading about their 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@kib.ca

As per a recent announcement made by Dr. Bonnie Henry on March 8, 2021, Post-Secondary Institutions are preparing to resume on-campus education beginning this September. The Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc continues to actively monitor the Covid-19 pandemic and will continue to provide updates to the TteS Community as new Covid-19 advisories are issued.

A reminder of the upcoming deadline to apply for Post-Secondary Funding. Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 30th at 4:00 pm. The application is available on the TteS website: <https://tkemlups.ca/files/2019/05/Post-Secondary-Application.pdf> or please email Larissa Blank: larissa.blank@kib.ca to send via email or Canada Post. Students must submit a fully completed application package which consists of the application, a 500 word essay which outlines the reasons why they chose their program of study and their educational goals, a copy of their status card, previous transcripts and a letter of acceptance from their post-secondary institution.

Scholarships/Bursaries:

TteS Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships/bursaries to help offset the costs of post-secondary education. If you require a letter of support, please reach out to Larissa Blank. Throughout the year, students will receive reminders and links to upcoming scholarship/bursary deadlines.

An updated and revised Post-Secondary Policy and Procedures Manual has been recently approved by Chief and Council and has been posted on the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc Website: <https://tkemlups.ca/wp-content/uploads/TteS-Post-Secondary-Policy-Procedures-Manual-2021-Esignatures.pdf>



Post-Secondary Funding Deadline

April 30th 2021



To access Post-Secondary forms and applications, please visit:

[Education - Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc \(tkemlups.ca\)](https://tkemlups.ca)

Contact: Larissa Blank, Post-Secondary Coordinator

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K-12 Coordinator | Jade Seymour

Weytk-kp,

Spring is here, I hope you and your families are keeping well and enjoying the outdoors. It been a difficult year for everyone, but I'd like to recognize our K-12 students for their bravery and commitment in keeping themselves and their family safe. You are all amazing!

Throughout this school year the Education Department applied for grants to support the current circumstances we are living in such as:

- Chrome Books for all TteS members enrolled in grades K5 to grade 12 for the school year of 2020-2021.
- ISC funding supporting access to internet and tutoring for nominal roll TteS students enrolled in K5 to grade 12 for the school year of 2020-2021.
- Telus Communications donated 120 backpacks filled with school supplies which were handed out to the first 120 students that picked up their Chrome Books.
- Gift Cards are available for TteS off reserve K5 – 12 students enrolled in school for the 2020-2021 school year please contact the Education Department to provide mailing and contact information.
- Student support funds are available to TteS off reserve members enrolled in K5-12 please contact the Education Department if you have not received funding this school year.

I wish you all well and encourage you to share your successes with the Education Department therefore we can highlight student achievement.

Stay well, stay safe and keep connected.

Jade Seymour, K-12 Coordinator

Phone: [250-314-1578](tel:250-314-1578)

Email: jade.seymour@kib.ca

Is your K-12 TteS Student in need of
Tutoring?

Tk'emlups Education Department has funding available for Tk'emlups Bandmember K-12 Students in need of Tutoring.



For more info contact Jade Seymour, K-12 Coordinator

Ph: [250-819-3414](tel:250-819-3414)

E: jade.seymour@kib.ca



Computer Training for Elders Coming mid May Space for 8 elders

Learn basic computer skills and how to use online platforms such as zoom and skype to visit family and friends.

Transportation and refreshments will be provided. Call to book your seat!!



9 Week Camp Cooking Program starting this Summer

- **Will be directly connected to employment working in a camp**
- **Credited program that will transfer into the Level 1 Cook Training Program**

**Contact Terri Mindel to register for Trades & Training Programs.
250-819-0428 or terri.mindel@kib.ca**

Lacey Gottfriedson | Youth Coordinator



The Education team would like to welcome Lacey Gottfriedson as a permanent team member as she steps into her role as our new Youth Coordinator, lets hear what Lacey has to say:

I am happy and excited to come into the role as the Youth Coordinator. Some of my role will be to implement trades, training and employment readiness programs for youth to further develop their employability, support youth in obtaining employment in their areas of interest as well as assist youth with exploring different industries to identify areas of interest and potential career paths, manage youth training, work practicum and mentorship placements and workplace readiness supports, foster youths self-confidence and skills needed to succeed in the training/program and find employment, coordinate third party and short-term training for youth as needed. I am looking forward to working with my community and our youth and assisting them with their next steps.

Wrapping up The Youth Skills Program

The youth skills program finished on March 12, 2021. We had 3 youth in completion of the 6 month program where TteS youth learned to strengthen their tools in training and community projects.

The Education Department would like to congratulate the following students:

Rylan McCaleb | Ethan Bottle | Mya Wells



The youth built two planter boxes with a TteS band member and red seal carpenter, Charles Dumont, mentoring them and teaching them the basic carpentry to be able to build and use tools.



Rylan working on beautifying the Community Garden



Mya working on beautifying the Community Garden

Food Sovereignty

Within our community



"The teachers and students have been enjoying the gardens at Sk'elep and are enjoying having fresh lettuce in their sandwiches. One class went out and picked and made their own salad to have with their lunch and were thrilled to create their own salad dressing as well. We are so appreciative of the work that went into our garden!! We Love it!" - Arlene (lead teacher about the garden)

Gardening & Berry Walk

There have been planter boxes built at Sk'elep school to teach how to plant, tend to, and harvest food that the students get to enjoy.

Video Series—The schools and Indigenous Food Sovereignty projects have come together with elders and community members to produce a 5 part video series that are accessible for use by teachers, students and the community. The series will walk through step by step how to produce your own food right from seeds.

Berry Walk—All along the walkway from Sk'elep school to the Arbor there will be traditional berries planted.

What is Food Sovereignty?

Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems. It puts those who produce, distribute and consume food at the heart of food systems and policies rather than the demands of markets and corporations.

Applied Sustainable Ranching program

Surrounded by beautiful landscape, learn about regenerative agriculture and land management practices with a focus on innovation, as well as financial and environmental sustainability.

Fully funded schooling starting on May 3, 2021; increasing skills for growing, gathering and preserving nutrient-rich foods, thereby improving food security and keeping money working within our communities.

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Terri Mindel: terri.mindel@kib.ca



Food Sovereignty Within our community

TteS Food Sovereignty Advisory Committee

Mission and Vision— TteS Food Sovereignty Advisory Committee strives towards fostering a regenerative and sovereign food system by working in partnership with TteS community members, Q'wemtsin Health Society and TteS staff. Our efforts will also be guided by the QHS Food Sovereignty Plan which was developed in consultation with various stakeholders.

Our mission as a committee it to come together and advance these types of projects. We will work closely with TteS Chief and Council throughout to ensure they are aware of the effort being made and that our work is in line with the overall goals of the community. Other partners include Secwépemc Health Caucus, Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations, First Nations Health Authority, Kamloops Food Policy, Interior Health, City of Kamloops, and Thompson Rivers University.

Our vision is a movement for food sovereignty though land-based learning, mentorship, access to traditional foods, gardening practices and developing a local food economy.



Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) of Central Interior First Nations (CIFN)

The Kweseltken and Artisan Market started in 2020 which is specifically designed to support local farms and gardens as well as local artisans to showcase their work. This year it is going to start up on June 27th and run for 17 weeks located at the TteS Pow Wow Arbour.

They recently got a mobile food processing trailer that is getting retro fitted and new logos put on it.

An agri-tourism training certificate through UVIC is in the works, advertising to sign up will start by next month.

It is going to be a very exciting year for indigenous food security and agriculture, George Casimir (CFDC of CIFN General Manager) also started a new loan program called Cultural Livelihood which will support indigenous artisans and agriculture small business.

Food Sovereignty Within our community

Greenhouses

There is a current greenhouse situated beside Little Fawn Nursery that has undergone some upgrades; which have brought it up to being fully functional for community use. Since January the greenhouse has been completely cleaned out, received electrical upgrades and most recently solar power has been installed. As of now, the greenhouse is ready to be used for the community.

There has been approval for a second community greenhouse to be built at Spiyullucw Ranch. This is estimated to tentatively be built this year, potentially by this fall.



Shed that will house the new solar power unit for the Greenhouse built by the Level 2 Carpentry students.

Contact Terri Mindel for any further info

250-819-0428 or terri.mindel@kib.ca

Important Notice:

We would like to remind families of the importance in keeping your addresses and contact information up to date. This year we were able to offer families extra supports through COVID funding. We had some trouble getting supports to our off Reserve students without having their current contact information.

Please contact Shawna Seymour to update your current addresses if any changes, please see contact below.

Call for art and stories:

The Education Department would like to showcase the arts of our students to share success stories. We would love to share what our students are up to. If you have an artist in your family or want to share a story about making the team or making the honour roll, etc..

Please reach out to the contact info provided below, we'd love to highlight the talents of our learners.

Shawna Seymour, Education Executive Assistant

Email: Shawna.seymour@kib.ca | Phone: [250-828-9721](tel:250-828-9721)

Important Deadlines:

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**Stk'emlupsemc te
Secwepemc Nation (SSN)
Trades Bursary**

newgoldTM New Afton Mine

**Stk'emlupsemc te
Secwepemc Nation (SSN)
Scholarship Application**

Newgold Deadline: Tuesday August 3rd 2021 4PM

**Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt
Secwépemc Language Proficiency Certificate
Western Dialect Communities
2021-22**



SFU Deadline: Friday April 30th 2021

Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt Secwépemc Language Proficiency Certificate Western Dialect Communities 2021-22



Like other Indigenous languages in BC, the western dialect of the Secwépemc language is critically endangered, with fewer than 50 fluent first language speakers still among us, all of them elderly. The western dialect Secwépemc communities invite new learners to an adult immersion program called **Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt** (we will learn to speak straight/accurately). It is offered through a partnership with Simon Fraser University and funding through the First Nations Education Steering Committee.

The Tkemlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) will host **Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt** at the Language & Culture Department classroom in Kamloops, BC. This program is a 1,000 hour immersion program for adult second language learners of the Secwépemc Language. The long-term objective is to create fluent speakers willing to teach and with the ability to pass the language on to future generations. In addition, this program is structured as a cohort program with two university courses in the summer term, four in the fall term, and four in the winter term. Students are expected to attend the Fall and Winter Terms full-time - Monday to Friday, 9:00 - 3:00.

Program Objectives:

- increase proficiency and fluency in the Secwépemc Language among participants, from complete beginner to mid-intermediate level
- strengthen intergenerational use of language, from home to community and work place
- prepare for career in language and culture revitalization
- support the reclamation of Secwépemc identity
- guide, provide and protect the Secwépemc cultural identity
- build relationships with language mentors and elders
- provide participants with an opportunity to begin or continue post-secondary education and receive a certificate

Language Goals:

- converse with fluent speakers on several subjects, common situations and events (for example: describing family and friends, locations, weather, actions, mental state, personal possessions)
- describe people and objects, where and how they are located, colour and number
- talk about situations in past, present and future tense
- explain and describe Secwépemc culture and protocols
- gain fluency to teach other beginner learners within community language programs
- reach an intermediate-low to intermediate-high level on the ACTFL proficiency scale

Curriculum (what to expect):

Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt is accredited through the Indigenous Language Proficiency Certificate Program at SFU with a focus on the western dialect. All courses are transferrable to an undergraduate degree.

Summer Term (May to July 2021):

- INDG 332 Ethnobotany of BC First Nation (taught 50% in Secwepemctsin)
- remote (online) instruction with small groups of field excursions
- INLG 158 Secwepemctsin Immersion I
- remote (online) instruction with small groups of field excursions

Fall Term (Sept. to Dec. 2021):

- INLG 130 Practical Phonetics and Orthography of Secwepemctsin
- INLG 133 Beginner Secwepemctsin I
- INLG 134 Beginner Secwepemctsin II
- INLG 258 Secwepemctsin Immersion II

Winter Term (Jan. to Apr. 2022):

- INLG 200 Introduction to Grammar of Secwepemctsin
- INLG 233 Beginner Secwepemctsin III
- INLG 234 Beginner Secwepemctsin IV
- INLG 335 Special Topics: Secwépemc stories

Each course is approximately 80 hours of in-class time. Some courses will contain assignments, including final projects. Each term includes a final oral exam. All courses are taught only in the Secwépemc Language with zero English.

What You Will Learn:

- How to give instructions
- How to explain the rules of a game
- How to talk about what you learned, what you like to do, and where you've been
- How to greet others
- How to tell time, dates, weather, and have conversations about them
- How to talk about historical events
- How to ask questions and for help
- How to ask for directions, order off a menu, talk about your weekend
- How to narrate and explain about a cultural event
- And much more!

COVID Notice: *If BC policies, SFU and participating First Nations policies allow, field excursion will be offered live. Program requirement: students must have access to a device and internet.*

How To Apply:

Contact your local language coordinator or language department:	
Jessica Arnouse, Language Coordinator T̓kemplúps te Secwépemc Phone: 778.362.1481 Email: jessica.arnouse@kib.ca	Louella Jules, Language Coordinator Skeetchestn Indian Band Phone: 250-373-2493 ext: 218 Email: language@skeetchestn.ca
Charli Fortier, Language Manager Simpew First Nation Phone: 250.672.9995 ext. 256 Email: Language.Manager@simpew.com	Cody Williams, Language Coordinator Spi7úy Squqlút.s Language & Culture Society Phone: 250.267.9925 Email: language@nothernshuswaplanguage.com

Application Deadline: Friday, April 30, 2021

You will receive an interim acceptance letter within 7 days, if approved. The official SFU letter could take 4-8 weeks.

Program Begins: Monday, May 10, 2021

See INDG 332 Ethnobotany of BC First Nation Course Outline

Cost: Tuition is free for Secwépemc Nation Members, with priority to those training to become Secwépemc Language Teachers.

We strongly encourage participants to apply for funding through their Secwépemc community, as well as other scholarships and bursaries, to help cover living and accommodation costs.

Due to limited resources for staffing and classroom space, a maximum of 15 applicants may be chosen for the program.



Post-Secondary Funding Deadline

April 30th 2021



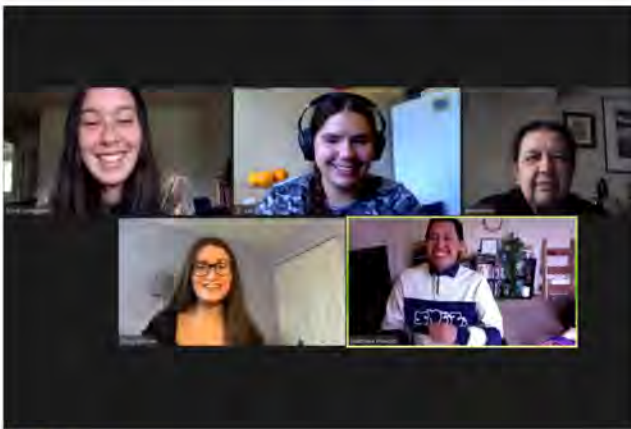
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COMPUTER TRAINING FOR ELDERS



WHEN:
Starting Mid May 2021

WHERE:
TteS Language & Culture Classroom & On line virtual classes

**CONTACT: TERRI MINDEL AT
250-819-0428 OR
TERRI.MINDEL@KIB.CA**



**SPACE FOR ONLY
8 ELDERS SO
REGISTER ASAP**

SESSIONS
6 computer sessions - 2
hours in length

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Learn basic computer skills and how to use online platforms such as zoom and skype to visit family and friends



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Kukwstsétsemc for keeping up to date with our team!

Take care,

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