

TteS

Education Newsletter



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Dessa Gottfriedson | Education Manager

Weytkp Tkemlúpsemc,

Summer is here and school is out of session for the season. We're very excited to honour and celebrate our grade 12 graduates. To our graduates, we'd like to say that obtaining your grade 12 diploma is a huge milestone and it's our hope that it's the first of many academic achievements. We would also like to acknowledge the support from families and friends who have put in the hours to ensure our young men and women walked across the stage to obtain their diplomas.

Our team would also like to acknowledge our post secondary and trades graduates. Your hard work and commitment to your education has now paid off. We hope to see you coming back to our community and working in the areas of your specialty.

Now that school is out, our team is busy planning for summer activities. Please take a few moments to read the next pages and see the many programs we plan on implementing over the summer and into the fall.

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. food sovereignty, S100 course)

Some important information for your consideration:

- If your child is living on reserve, is registered with a band and is turning 4 this year (prior to Dec. 31st), please complete a Nominal Roll form and register your child at Little Fawn Nursery. Your child won't have to pay child care fees, as they will be fully funded by ISC if they meet that criteria. It's our hope to have as many children registered as possible.
- If you have a child in grades K-7, please keep an eye out for information from Jade Seymour, our K-12 Education Coordinator. We will be reaching out to our TteS families with important updates to possible changes in our school district catchment area.

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.

Stay safe over the summer and we wish you health and wellness.

Cw7it te Kukwstsétselp (many thanks),

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Debra McNeil | Little Fawn Nursery Administrator

Little Fawn Nursery Updates

Due to the Covid Pandemic, phase 3 (the last phase) has been delayed. We have been anxiously waiting for the logs to arrive so that the construction of our Winter Home can begin.

Little Fawn Nursery would like to thank Clinton Gray for taking the time to film the children singing the Welcome Song for Indigenous Day. We greatly appreciate it. All the children wore regalia.

Preschool is now closed for the summer, and we are taking registrations for September.

Due to Covid, LFN was not able to host a grad ceremony this year, but all the grads received a package and a framed picture of themselves in their cap and gown. They looked stunning. Way to go!



The indigenous day Regalia photos are of: Nico, Tema, Yovanni, and Kaia



Preschool Graduates: Taisha, Skyelah, Braydon, Alia

Jade Seymour | K-12 Coordinator

Weyt-kp,

I'd like to acknowledge the missing 215+ children within Canada that have been found on the grounds of existing/ previous residential schools. May our communities heal from these tragedies and the lost be remembered and honoured.

I want to wish our students a wonderful and safe summer. You made it through a full school year of given the circumstances put in front of you, I acknowledge your strength and dedication to your education.

I would also like to acknowledge the following grade 12 Tk'emlups te Secwepemc grads. I put my hands up to each of you and look forward to cheering you on in your future endeavors.



TteS Grade 12 Graduates: Madison George-Jules, Talon Manuel, Brian Mullens, Aliza & Kionna Wells, Ethan Bottle & Delwyn Neveu



TteS Grade 12 Graduates: Apache Casimir, Kiara Lampreau, Nolan Virgo, Oscar Bennett & Skylah George

We would like to Congratulate **Savannah Jules**, also a TteS Graduate of Class of 2021!

Enjoy your well deserved summer break, stay connected, stay safe and have fun making memories with your family and friends!

Jade Seymour



Larissa Blank | Post Secondary Coordinator

Weyt-kp xwexweytep,

I hope students are feeling excited to be returning to campus. It's important for students to know that all BC public universities and colleges are preparing for your safe return to on-campus education in September. Please refer to your post-secondary institutions website to learn more about how they are preparing for your return to ensure your continued health and well-being.

I also want to acknowledge the success of our students as they transitioned from classroom-based learning to a virtual learning environment. The past year has been challenging in many ways, and as a department, we continuously sought ways to support our students to ensure continued success. Congratulations on all your hard work, and I'm wishing you the best in the upcoming year.

The Post-Secondary Review Committee met in early May, whereas we were able to approve funding for a total of 54 students.

Application Deadlines: April 30th and November 1st of each year

When applying for post-secondary education funding, please ensure your application is complete and includes the following documents:

- Letter of acceptance from the Post-Secondary Institution you plan to attend
- Essay introducing yourself and outlining your educational goals (500 words)
- Official Transcripts
- Direct Deposit Banking Information
- Copy of Status Card

While the majority of post-secondary funding is allocated in May of each year, waitlisted students, or those students who submitted an application past the deadline may be approved to begin attending their program if additional funding becomes available. Prior to applying, students are encouraged to read the TteS Post-Secondary Policy and Procedures Manual. Waitlisted/late applicant students will be notified as soon as possible if they have been approved to receive post-secondary funding. Please visit: <https://tkemlups.ca/departments/education/> for the post-secondary application form, the TteS Post-Secondary Policy and Procedures Manual and other documents.



Larissa Blank | Post-Secondary Coordinator

Graduated Students:

Congratulations to all our recent graduated students! As a department, it's been difficult to not be able to celebrate with our students as we have in the past. However, your hard work and perseverance have not gone unnoticed. In June we recognized a total of 10 Post-Secondary students. Approximately 14 more students are on track to graduate by the end of April 2022! The very best part of my job is witnessing the success of our members. Our recent Grads include:

- Cody Bennett, Resort & Hotel Management Diploma and Events & Conventions Management Diploma
- Brett Campbell, Bachelor of Natural Resource Science
- Essa Casimir, Visual Arts Diploma
- Evan Casimir, Bachelor of Arts
- Karly Gottfriedson, Environmental Resources Technician Diploma
- Karisa Hall, Health Care Assistant Certificate
- Joey Kennedy, Computer Information Technician Diploma
- Janet Tronson, Associate of Science Degree
- Chance Manuel-South, University Certificate in Marketing, Athabasca University
- Yvonne Fortier, Foundations in Innovation and Technology

Student Highlight: Submitted by Yvonne Fortier

My name is Yvonne Fortier, and I am a member of Tk'emlups te Secwepemc. My mother was the late Caroline Fortier (nee LaRue; mother Frances Casimir nee LaRue nee Flaradeau; father Hubert LaRue) and my late father was Clarence Fortier (mother Mathilda Sisiouloux aka Louis; father Edgar Fortier), WWII Veteran from Simpcw First Nation.



I completed the Foundations in Innovation and Technology Certificate Program accredited by Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) and was honoured to be placed on the Dean's List for my high achievements in all courses taken. The First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) sponsored me for the Program, as well as my cohorts, and ensured all students had access to any support required to complete the program. Thank you to Tk'emlups te Secwepemc for the graduation incentive which I used to purchase updated computer equipment.

Throughout the upcoming year I will be sharing as many resources as possible with students. Please reach out to me at anytime via phone or email if you require additional supports or to discuss any concerns you may have.

Wishing you continued health and safety in the upcoming year!

Kukwstsétselp,
Larissa Blank, Post-Secondary Education Coordinator



Terri Mindel | Trades & Training Coordinator

TIME TO COMPLETE/UPGRADE YOUR GRADE 12

FREE STSS 0600 Essential Skills for Online Learning will start July 7th until August 20th -
Prerequisite for upgrading or prepare for University

Obtain your BC Adult Graduate Diploma (Upgrading) starting September 13th

Duration: 6.5 wks for Essential Skills and 10 wks for upgrading

Location: Online (Tk'emlups to Secwepemc)

Tuition/Textbooks: \$300 for upgrading and can apply for a TRU upgrading grant

Schedule: Online classes 4 days a week (3 hours a day)
Open to all Indigenous students

TOPICS INCLUDED IN THE STSS 0600 COURSE:

- Time Management
- Balancing life & personal commitments
- Financial/money-management
- Reading strategies/vocabulary development
- Note-taking/memory techniques
- Test taking strategies/study skills
- Critical thinking/problem-solving skills
- Communication/listening skills/group dynamics
- Oral presentations
- Transition support to post secondary learning

To register and for more information please contact

Trades & Training Coordinator - Terri Mindel at
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Hosted by Thompson Rivers University UPREP &
The Office of Indigenous Education and
Tk'emlups to Secwepemc

<https://www.tru.ca/programs/abel/learn-skills-for-online-learning.html>



New Introduction to Pipe Trades



Tk'emlups to Secwepemc Build Your Career in the Construction Trades

Starting: October 25 to December 3: One week of math upgrading, one week of tickets First Aid, CSTS, PCST, and Fall Arrest, four weeks of piping trades introduction. This will prepare the students to apply for the TRU Foundation program in plumbing or pipefitting

Huge Skill Shortage opportunity... to start your own business

Includes Upgrading &
FREE TUITION

Contact Terri at 250-819-0428

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In partnership with Thompson Rivers University

Community Futures Development Corporation
of Central Interior First Nations
INVITES YOU!

Kweseltken FARMER'S & ARTISAN MARKET

OPEN to ALL Indigenous and Non-Indigenous vendors!
Priority will be given on a first come first served basis as space is limited!!

LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

CFDC of CIFN's mission is to provide a SAFE outlet to support local Indigenous grown, raised and crafted goods!
We are excited to introduce the KWESELTKEN KITCHEN a mobile food processing trailer for agritourism training and food demonstrations.
The Kweseltken Kitchen will be available for use by community members and Indigenous entrepreneurs.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE



CFDC of CIFN

Sundays

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 27 to September 26

Kamloops Powwow Arbour
345 Powwow Trail, Kamloops, BC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

kweseltken@cfdcfcifn.com

Please pay attention to
our Facebook page
where we post information for all current
and upcoming Trades &
Training opportunities

"Tk'emlups Carpenter"

Food Sovereignty



Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator

NIKKI FRASER

Weytkp xwexwéytep, Nikki Fraser ren skwekwst. te Tk'émłúps te Secwepemc ren.

These last couple months I've been working with Dezmond and Terri on getting this important initiative, Elkstwewc ne tmicw-Working Together on the Land, up and going. I'm excited to start working with Tk'émłúps te Secwépemc (TteS) membership & Community on Food Sovereignty teachings, practices and traditions.



update & what's coming

Greenhouse planting

Workshop planning

Farmers Market Booth

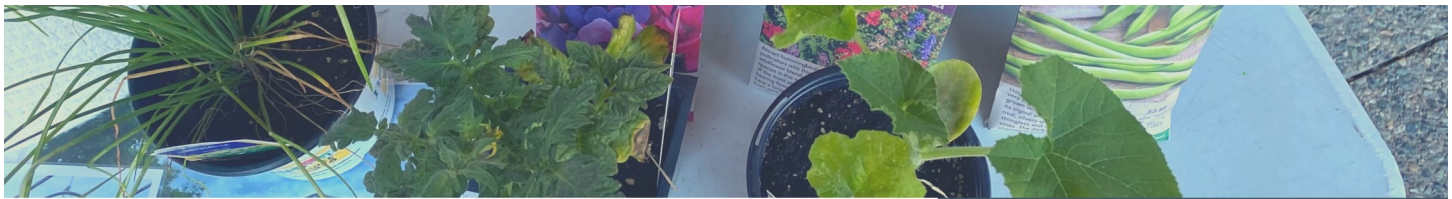
Upcoming Projects

Good Food Box Pilot Project

Building a new Greenhouse

Workshops

CANNING & HUNTING



Kweseltken Farmers Market

NIKKI FRASER

This July 2021 CFDC of CIFN had a grand opening of their annual Kweseltken Farmers Market at the Kamloopa Arbour. I was happy to have a booth set up with information in regards to future workshops, initiatives and programs on Food Sovereignty. My table at the farmer market is a information booth to inform TteS membership and community on the Elkstewewc ne tmicw- Working Together on the Land project. I was able to engage with TteS Band members community members at this farmers market on what kind of programs, workshops, and projects they would like to see when it comes to Food Sovereignty, with this input we are planning to host the below events so stay tuned.



UPCOMING PROJECTS, WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Gardening

- Greenhouse
- planting/harvesting
- composting

Food Preservation

- canning workshops (peaches, tomatoes)
- dehydration

Hunting

- CORE & PAL Training & Exams
- Hunting camps/programs
- meat packaging

Training/Education

- Agricultural
- Sustainable Ranching

"It's important that food sovereignty initiatives be community-led. That involves controlling and managing all the factors that contribute to a sustainable food system: environmental assets, economic assets, cultural assets and more."



FOOD SOVEREIGNTY



Harvesting, Preparing, & Preserving

CANNING SXÚSEM (SOAPBERRIES)

during the end of the month of June and beginning of July my aunties went to harvest Sxúsem (soapberries). This is a practice my Great Aunty Dianne Morgan (nee Fraser) has been taught when she was young, she has taught my aunties and mom,. Now my mom, Joyce Fraser, is teaching my children and I.

I've learned really quick that harvesting, preparing and cleaning these red berries is a lot of hard work, and i have a new found appreciation and respect for those that share and give sxúsem as gifts, it is a jar of love and medicine.

If your family is practicing food sovereignty please email the Food Sovereignty team at TteS, to be highlighted in our next newsletter



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DEZMOND ALLEN

Youth Worker - Food Sovereignty

Cleaning Sxúsem with my great aunty/grandma Dianne

JULY 2021



Lacey Gottfriedson | Youth Coordinator

We have a summer youth employment program starting within the week, we are just hoping for two or three more applications. In the summer employment program youth aged 15-30 will receive paid work experience, paid certifications as well as paid hours to participate in training, take part in resume building and career exploration/readiness workshops, take a tour at TRU and receive academic advising and participate in community beautification projects. The goal is to help youth figure out what they'd like to do after high school and find their path to not only have an idea of what schooling to take if they wanted to do schooling but also build up their resumes to become more employable for success.

We have a Babysitting course starting on Saturday July 10th and 9/10 spots have been filled; we also have a Home Alone safety course on July 17th and that course is full with a waiting list.

We have been approved for another youth employment program to start towards the end of summer.



Please pay attention to our Education Department Facebook page for upcoming K-12, Post-Secondary, Trades & Training and Youth opportunities:

Tk'emlups Education Department





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For keeping up to date with our Departments current programs and services