# Ermineskin Newsletter July 15, 2021

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## Every Child Matters Memorial Walk

*July 14, 2021*

*Bottom photo/Article by Sara Lee, top photo from Anna Roan*

A youth organized walk for Every Child Matters took place in Ermineskin. Dozens of supporters came to join the walk wearing orange and carrying signs.

Anna Roan coordinated the event, and spoke about her inspiration to organize the event: "We're doing this because of the amount of injustice in Canada... This is just a memorial walk and I want to keep doing more walks and protests... in big cities. Because, as much as we keep doing walks here and everything... Maybe we can get to the point where we want to be. Like: we get justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, we get more residential school sites searched.... Because the numbers only going up here. And more clean water for reserves because, I [some people] don't have enough money for clean water to go around, but we're human, too!"

Numerous vehicles honked in support as the group made their way up highway 2A on their way to Bear Park.

# Ermineskin Cree Nation Hosts Best-Looking Dog Contest

Tokah, a 5-year-old pug won the ECN Best-Looking Dog Contest. The online event had 120 entrants and won with 377 likes at 10PM on June 30th.

Proud owner Kendra Roan came to pick up her hamper at the ECN Administration office and spoke about her relationship with her pet: "I just think that people have to take care of their dogs like their family, because they are. They have a small life span and we're all they know... they're our protectors and they love us. That's all they want to do, is love us. Want us to love on them a lot. It's important for us to take care of our dogs."

The contest was an opportunity to show the loving relationship our Nation members have with their dogs. Kendra received a gift basket and some prize money.

## Ermineskin Community Wellness Hosts Youth Day Camps for Summer 2021

Ermineskin Community Wellness has Youth Day Camps running every week in July. Activities last week included Soccer and Lanyard Beading.

Other activities coming up in the Day Camp include Lacrosse, Crossfit, Jr. Golf, pottery painting, rock painting, and foil art.

Youth from age 7 and up can register with Ermineskin Community Wellness at 780-585-3741.

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*Retraction: In the July 2, 2021 edition Layne Fraynn, who Graduated from Amiskwacis Academy, was misnamed as Les Fraynn.*

# Chief Wilton Littlechild on Treaty Right to Health and COVID-19 Vaccinations

Maskwacis Health Services recorded Chief Wilton Littlechild making a statement about the Treaty right to health and COVID-19 Vaccinations.

"When our leaders decided to declare a state of emergency we relied on our Treaty 6 Right to Health, through the Medicine Chest Clause. The Treaty also states that at times of calamity, like an epidemic or a pandemic, our ancestors already insured the inclusion of the pestilence clause. This means provision of medicines in the time of need. Now is, and has been, the time to protect our self from the coronavirus. While some have taken vaccines, some have relied on traditional medicines, which is also an Indigenous health right. To those who haven't taken any medication at all; I would strongly urge you to reconsider your choice. It's not only to protect yourself, but to prevent the ongoing spread of the new variants and, importantly, to protect those closest to you and around you. Your family and friends. While the availability is still there, you have a chance to stop the spreading of the pandemic. Keep yourself, family, and friends healthy. So take advantage of a vaccination. There are currently available vaccines. Call on our health centre staff, make a booking, and stay health. Thank you very sincerely for your consideration on this matter. Ay hay."

You can view the video, which includes Cree and English versions of his statement on the "Maskwacis Health Services" channel on YouTube.

*~Sara Lee~*

# CREE CORNER

by Sara Lee

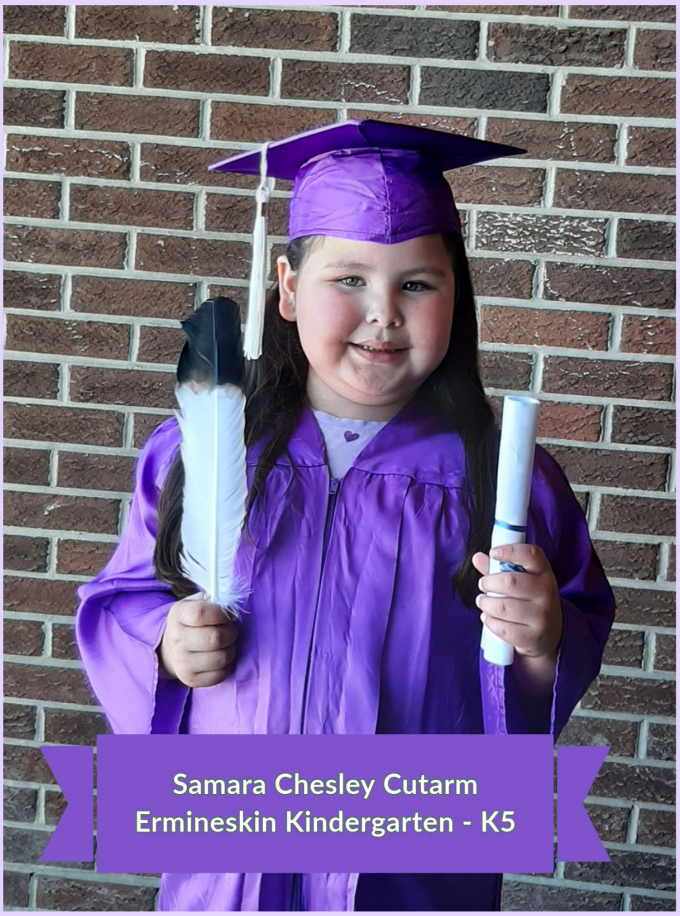
## Assembly of First Nations Election for National Chief

After 5 rounds of voting over 2 days, RoseAnne Archibald was voted in as the Assembly of First Nations National Chief. She is the first woman to hold the role.

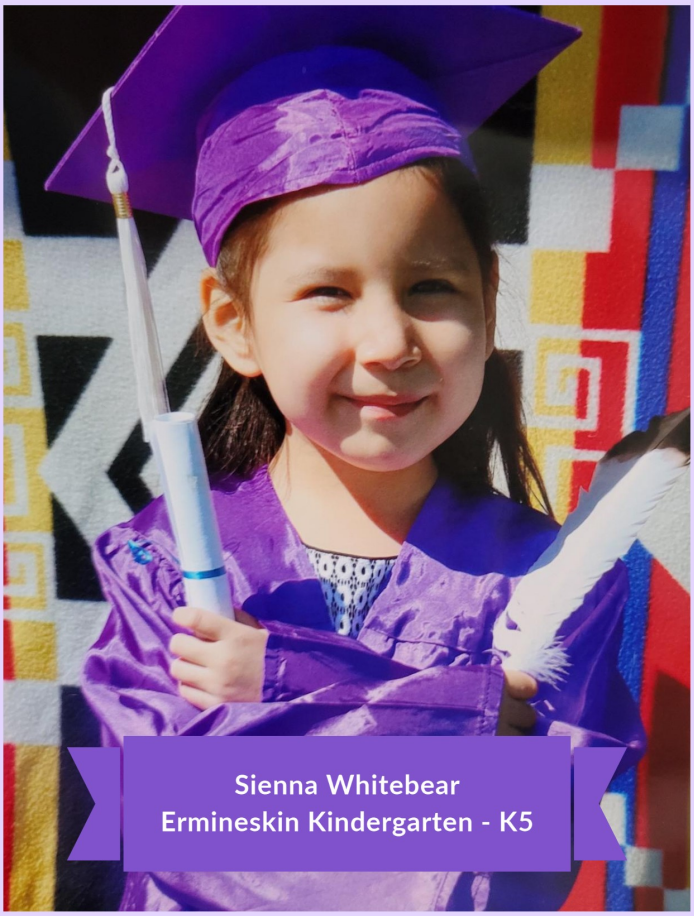
"First Nation leaders (Chiefs) from coast to coast to coast direct the work of AFN through resolutions passed at Chiefs Assemblies held at least twice a year. The AFN National Executive is made up of the National Chief, 10 Regional Chiefs and the chairs of the Elders, Women's and Youth councils. Regional Chiefs are elected every three years by Chiefs in their regions. Chiefs, who are elected by the citizens and members of their respective communities, elect the National Chief every three years.

"The role of the National Chief and the AFN is to advocate on behalf of First Nations as directed by Chiefs-in-Assembly. This includes facilitation and coordination of national and regional discussions and dialogue, advocacy efforts and campaigns, legal and policy analysis, communicating with governments, including facilitating relationship building between First Nations and the Crown as well as public and private sectors and general public." (www.afn.ca).

# Congratulations 2021 Graduates!



Samara Chesley Cutarm
Ermineskin Kindergarten - K5



Sienna Whitebear
Ermineskin Kindergarten - K5

## Emery Young
## Ponoka Secondary Campus

Emery Young, Son of Jeff Young and Ramona Cutarm-Young, graduated from Ponoka Secondary Campus. Emery attended Ponoka from grade 7-12 and in those 6 years he was an accomplished student and athlete. Emery was awarded 'Bronc of the Year' (athletics, grades, character, leadership) for grades 7, 8, and 9, and was awarded 'Athlete of the Year' for grades 10 & 11. He played Football and Basketball throughout those years and was the quarterback for the Jr Broncs, and eventually the Captain for the Senior Broncs Basketball team.

## Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

**Andrea S Dion**
**Red Deer College**
**Management Certificate**

**Maureen Ward-Caisse**
**Simon Fraser University Masters in Business Administration in Indigenous Business & Leadership**

## Summer Safety Tips

If you are planning to leave the house, consider the following tips for various summer hazards.

Wear loose fitting breathable clothing.

Wear a hat and stay in the shade.

If you will be moving around a lot, or will be out for some time, bring some water to keep yourself hydrated.

Never leave your pets or children in a car in the heat. A car can heat up very quickly.

Wear a high SPF sunscreen and reapply it every 2 hours, or every time you get out of water if you are swimming.

Avoid alcohol and coffee, as they are diuretic (cause increased urination) and will not hydrate you as well as other beverages.

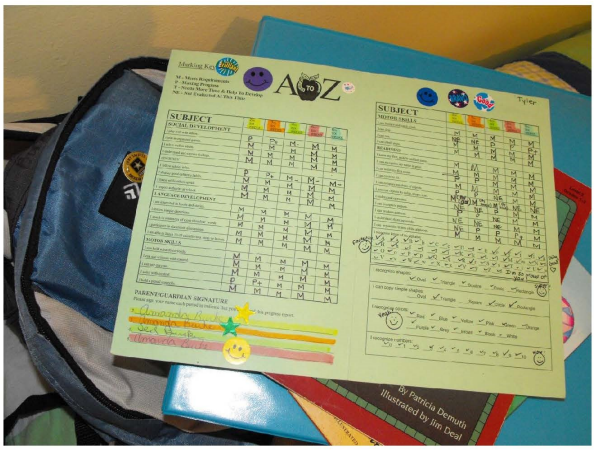
Consider buying an N95 or exercise mask if wildfire smoke is in the air to protect your lungs. Particulates in air can cause discomfort for people with lung problems, like allergies and asthma.

## Report Card Deadline

## AUGUST 2,2021

FOR MORE INFO CALL (780) 585-2135 OR

EMAIL: INSCHOOL@ERMINESKIN.CA



# Upcoming Events/Classifieds

**Thu. July 15, 2021**

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**Mon. July 19, 2021**

**Kanawehmawasawin Kamik, Inc. Virtual Job Fair information session.** Day 1 of 2. Cisco Webex Link: https://forms.gle/4PGXQFYH9QPY6MMX5. 10:00AM-3:00PM. Information: kmk.general@ermineskin.ca

**Tue. July 20, 2021**

**Kanawehmawasawin Kamik, Inc. Virtual Job Fair information session.** Day 2 of 2. Cisco Webex Link: https://forms.gle/4PGXQFYH9QPY6MMX5. 10:00AM-3:00PM. Information: kmk.general@ermineskin.ca

**Kanawemahwasowin Kamik, Inc. Pimatsiwin Series week 1.** July 20-22. Details on p. 8 poster.

**Wed. July 21, 2021**

**Ermineskin REA LTD. AGM.** 10:30AM-11:10AM. Via Zoom. Fortis Presentation. https://bit.ly/3jnLwKP

**Thu. July 29, 2021**

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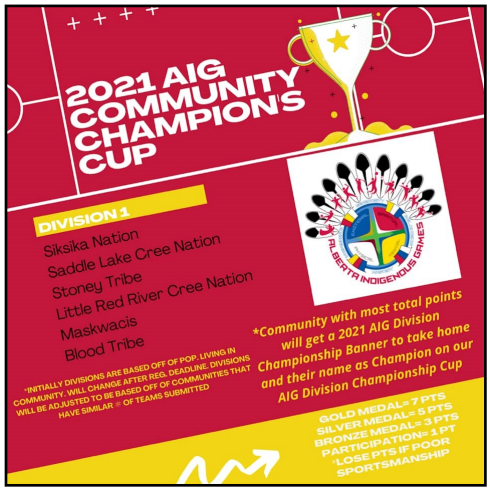
## Brighter Futures Sessions:



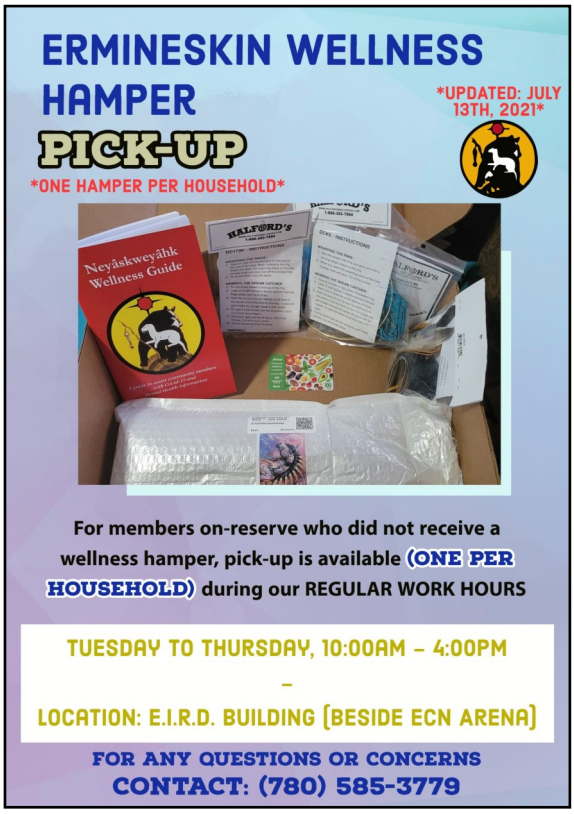

**Cree parenting Sessions:** July 19 5-6PM - Alcoholic Family. July 26 5-6PM - The Healing Process.

**Drug Awareness:** July 19, 2021 12:15PM-1:15PM - Treatment and Reducing Drug Use. July 23, 2021 10:00AM-11:00AM - Preventing and Managing Drug Use in communities.

**Cree Parenting Sessions:** July 19, 2021 11:00AM-12:00PM. Alcoholic Family. July 26, 2021 11:00AM-12:00PM - The Healing Process.

**Sharing Circle on Various Topics:** July 15, 2021 - 10:15-11:15. July 27, 2021 - 10:15-11:15. July 29, 2021 - 10:00AM-11:15PM.

**Contact: futuresbrighter@yahoo.com to register.**



# Upcoming Events/Classifieds

## ERMINESKIN FOOD BANK

The Ermineskin Food Bank is open for regular hamper pick-ups BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

780-585-2377

ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

FOOD BANK

## FIRE BAN

## IN EFFECT

In Ermineskin Cree Nation

**No Controlled Burns**
**No Open Fires**
**No Fireworks**

Small ENCLOSED campfires allowed

KANAWEMAHWASOWIN KAMIK: PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ERMINESKIN ELDERS CENTRE
PRESENTS THE

## PIMATISIWIN SERIES

*Living the Cree Way of Life*

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| July 20-22 | Pipe Ceremony/Pimatisiwin Series Opening |
| July 27-29 | Drum/Rattle Teaching & Activity |
| August 3-5 | Clans/Genealogy |
| August 10-12 | Regalia & Powwow Teachings |
| August 17-19 | Ceremonies/Prayers/Storytelling Teachings |
| August 24-26 | Rites of Passage: Birth to Coming of Age |
| August 31-September 2 | Berry Medicine/Picking, Bannock Making, Hunting & Gathering |

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

10:30 AM TO 12:00 PM (AGES 0-11)

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM (AGES 12-17)

"PLEASED BE ADVISED THAT CAREGIVERS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILD(REN)/YOUTH DURING THE PROGRAM"
LUNCH & SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Location: KKI lawn (NGCI Building)

*"Subject to change pending Covid-19 restrictions"*

For more information contact:
780-585-3721 or email kmk.general@ermineskin.ca
register via google form

KKI assumes no responsibility, liability for any damages, theft, injuries, etc.

KANAWEMAHWASOWIN

## KAMIK: PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

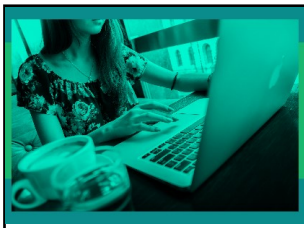
JULY 19 & 20, 2021
10AM-3PM

VIRTUAL JOB FAIR INFORMATION SESSION
HOSTED ON CISCO WEBEX
PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 16, 2021
INFO SESSION BROADCASTED
LIVE ON HAWK RADIO 93.5
AND KKI FACEBOOK
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ECN.KKI

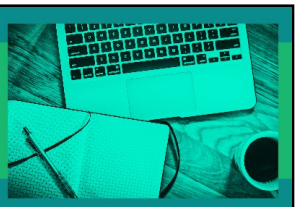
## REGISTRATION

LINK:HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/4PGXQFYH9QPY6MMX5

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
KMK.GENERAL@ERMINESKIN.CA



# JOB & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



## ECN Job Opportunities - Apply at Ermineskin Personnel dept. 780-585-3741.

Chartered Accountant with the Finance Department, Closing: when suitable candidate found. Please submit Application/Resume, copies of certificates and updated Criminal Record Check.

Receptionist with the Ermineskin Office Administration Department, Closing: July 22, 2021. Please submit application, resume, two (2) letters of reference and updated Criminal Record Check.

## NGCI Job Opportunities

Finance Data Clerk, Closing: July 23, 2021. Submit: Cover letter, resume, any certificates/Diplomas, Names & Numbers of 3 references, Criminal Record Check. Submit to Tricia Wildcat, tricia@ngcinc.ca

One (1) Ermineskin Cree Nation Board Member Position. Closing: July 30, 2021. Submit a letter of interest, current resume, and criminal record check to Maureen Ward-Caisse - maureen@ngcinc.ca

## Kasohkowew Child Wellness Society Employment Opportunity

Accounting Clerk. Submit Resume and Letter of Intent to hr@kcws.ca

MASKWACIS HEALTH SERVICES

## PRENATAL CLASS ONLINE

A device capable of downloading PowerPoint and Word Documents is required

ATCO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

## AWARDS PROGRAM

**$500**
Merit awards for students completing Grade 10-12 (including upgrading)

**$1,000**
Bursaries for students in diploma or certificate programs

**$1,500**
Scholarships for students in degree or graduate programs

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
**AUGUST 15, 2021**

### Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders

ATCO provides financial awards to Canadian First Nation, Inuit and Métis students who demonstrate leadership and commitment in their quest for higher education. ATCO is committed to supporting the development of Indigenous leaders in communities across Canada.

### Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous person
- Be enrolled in high school or accredited post-secondary institution or training program
- Preference will be given to students from Indigenous communities where ATCO has business interests

### How to Apply:

- Complete online application form: ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards
- Submit the required documentation:
  - One reference letter from a teacher, community leader or employer
  - Short essay [500-1,000 words] describing why you are a suitable candidate
  - Proof of enrollment for the upcoming school semester
  - Transcript from the most recent school attended

For more information: Visit your school or band office, ATCO.com/IndigenousAwards, or contact us at: 780 719 8106

ATCO

**WE ARE HIRING**
**A YOUTH WORKER**
WITH KANAWEMAHWASOWIN KAMIK INC.

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| **Job Opening:** | **July 2, 2021** | **Job Closing:** | **4:30pm July 16, 2021** |
| **Job Competition File Number:** | **YW072101** | **Job Status:** | **Casual** |

**About KKI**
Kanawemahwasowin Kamik Inc. (KKI) previously Ermineskin Children Services is an organization committed to improving the lives of children, youth and families in the community of Ermineskin and members residing on-and-off-reserve. KKI is **NOT** a Delegated First Nation Authority (DNFA) rather is currently exercising jurisdiction under The Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit & Metis Children, Youth and Families (formally Bill C-92) when it comes to a child/youth placement, Best Interest of the Indigenous child, prenatal and prevention.

**About the Role**
Currently undergoing a period of growth and transformation, Kanawemahwasowin Kamik Inc. is seeking a dedicated service provider who is interested in working directly with children and youth who receive intervention services from Alberta Children's Services. The Youth Worker will serve as a positive role model to provide mentorship, direct and brief supports while empowering our Ermineskin Cree Nation children and youth to advance in their social, educational and individual goals. As a Youth Worker you will have the opportunity to form supportive and long-lasting relationships with our children/youth that facilitate Cultural, Cree Language and Community connections that are lifelong. The Youth Worker will work closely and be supervised by the Ermineskin Cree Nation First Nation Designate.

**Who we are Looking for?**
We are seeking a true mentor for our Ermineskin children/youth clients residing on-and-off-reserve who will support connections to culture, Cree Language and the community of Ermineskin to create a sense of belonging and identity. An individual who has good listening, speaking and writing skills, who can clearly explain and answer questions the youth may have and link them to additional resources. Experience working with youth, documenting supervisions and pre-planning various activities is an asset.

**Credentials**
Post-secondary diploma or equivalent work experience and training in Child and Youth Care or another related field.

**Requirements**
A valid driver's license, possession of a personal vehicle is essential and a 6A Liability insurance coverage is required.
Criminal Record Check (including Vulnerable Sector Screening) and CYIM check must be provided.

**What we offer**
***Join a fun, friendly and supportive team of professionals*** – our team makes coming to work enjoyable and motivational.
***Professional development*** – we offer a supportive learning environment through continued training internally and enrollment in skill development training.
***Job flexibility*** – Evenings & weekends.

**How to apply**
•To apply, please submit a cover letter, and resume quoting the competition file number and title of position you wish to apply for to **kmk.general@ermineskin.ca** or if you require any further information, please contact the office at: 780-585-3721.
•Interested and qualified applicants are invited to apply in writing by July 16, 2021, addressing letters to KKI Manager, Tennille Makinaw Box 630 Maskwacis, AB. Please include the competition number and the title of the position in the subject line of the email and include cover letter and resume as one attachment in one email.
•Keep on hand an updated vulnerable security clearances and references in the event you are called for further assessment.

ERMINESKIN CREE NATION
EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY
N.O.K. BLDG.
WALK IN AVAILABLE
9:30 AM - 3 PM
COVID-19 VACCINE
Moderna Vaccine
For ages 18 yrs +

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE:
WATCH FOR WORKERS
Please be advised that in the upcoming weeks Public Works will have Clearing Crews in the community. Due to safety reasons, the crews will be cutting the brush throughout Ermineskin to increase visibility. Please watch for our workers and give them room.
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Adults 18+ Vaccine Clinic
Moderna & Pfizer
Monday 10:00-3:00
Louis Bull Recreation Centre
Please call 780-312-9903 to book appointments
Ermineskin NOK Centre
Walk-In's Only from 9:30 - 3:00
Tuesday 10:00-3:00
Wednesday 10:00-3:00
Samson HBMC
Please call 780-585-3797 ext. 286 to book appointments or register
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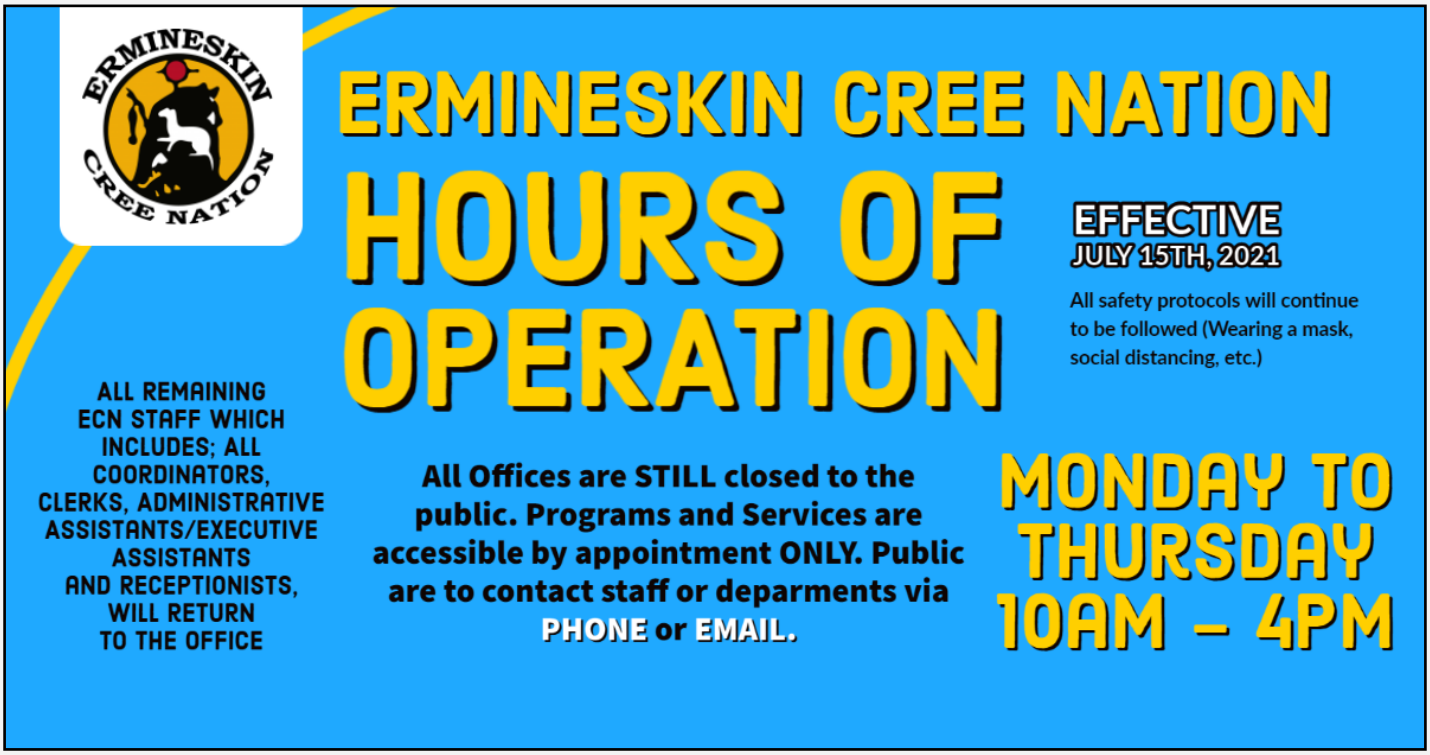
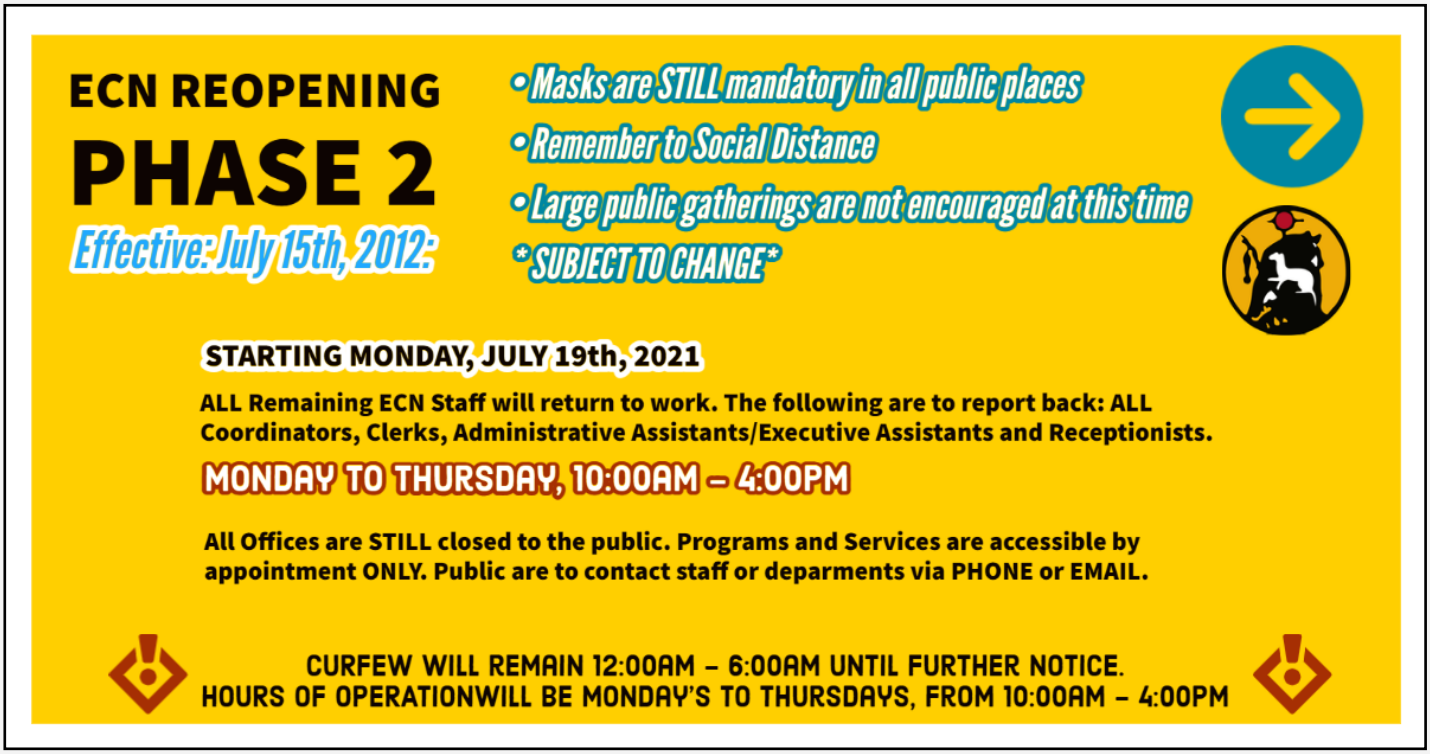
Thursday 10:00-3:00
Friday 10:00-3:00
Montana Band Office/ Gym
Please call Carly 403-913-5089 or Ingrid 780-364-0072
Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram @maskwacishealth

ERMINESKIN CREE NATION COVID-19 CONTACTS
FOOD HAMPERS FOR QUARANTINE RESIDENTS
780-335-6048
DAILY 9 AM - 6PM
QUARANTINE TRAILER REQUEST
780-312-3145

Ermineskin Tribal Services & Community Wellness Presents
Summer Youth Day Camps
Activities Subject to Change: Please Keep Updated on the ECN Community Wellness Facebook Page
Ages: 7-11, 12-14, 15+
Jim Rattlesnake Building & Ermineskin Arena
Requirements:
Must provide proof of COVID Vaccination or Recent Negative COVID Test Result
Week Schedule:
#1: July 6 - 8
#2: July 13 - 15
#3: July 20 - 22
#4: July 27 - 29
Time: 1PM - 4PM
Sports:
LACROSSE
CROSSFIT
SOCCER
JR. GOLF
Expressive Arts:
Pottery Painting
Lanyard Beading
Rock Painting
Foil Art
Registration:
Weekly Registration
Max 20 Participants
Registered Per Week
Contact:
ECN Community Wellness (780)585-3741
Tues - Thurs
10AM - 4PM

Ermineskin Community Wellness
Private Family Gym Bookings
One (1) Hour Session
Access to a personal trainer!
Gym Sanitized & Disinfected after each use
5:00PM - 8:30PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Jim Rattlesnake Building Gym
BOOK NOW!
Contact Simone at (780)585-3741
Tues - Thurs, 10AM - 3PM


ERMINESKIN CREE NATION
HOURS OF OPERATION
EFFECTIVE
JULY 15TH, 2021
All safety protocols will continue to be followed (Wearing a mask, social distancing, etc.)
ALL REMAINING ECN STAFF WHICH INCLUDES; ALL COORDINATORS, CLERKS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS AND RECEPTIONISTS, WILL RETURN TO THE OFFICE
All Offices are STILL closed to the public. Programs and Services are accessible by appointment ONLY. Public are to contact staff or deparments via PHONE or EMAIL.
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
10AM – 4PM


ECN REOPENING
PHASE 2
Effective: July 15th, 2012:
• Masks are STILL mandatory in all public places
• Remember to Social Distance
• Large public gatherings are not encouraged at this time
*SUBJECT TO CHANGE*
STARTING MONDAY, JULY 19th, 2021
ALL Remaining ECN Staff will return to work. The following are to report back: ALL Coordinators, Clerks, Administrative Assistants/Executive Assistants and Receptionists.
MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 10:00AM – 4:00PM
All Offices are STILL closed to the public. Programs and Services are accessible by appointment ONLY. Public are to contact staff or deparments via PHONE or EMAIL.
CURFEW WILL REMAIN 12:00AM – 6:00AM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
HOURS OF OPERATIONWILL BE MONDAY'S TO THURSDAYS, FROM 10:00AM – 4:00PM