



Ermineskin Newsletter October 7th, 2021

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Chief Ermineskin speaks On Truth and Reconciliation week

On September 30th Chief Randy Ermineskin published a short video of him speaking on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation week “Good afternoon everybody I’m Chief Randy Ermineskin from Ermineskin Cree nation upon which sits this monument in respect to our residential School survivors, Canada is now acknowledging that there is a history that must be shared, and in doing so they are considering this week as Truth and Reconciliation week. As First Nations people we invite everyone to take time to learn about our past and acknowledge and pay tribute to those who attended these schools including myself.”

He went on to open an invitation to anyone willing to participate in the Orange Shirt Day and explained it’s origins. “The Orange Shirt movement was began by Phyllis Webstack who attended the Mission Residential School in British Columbia. She was so proud to wear her new orange shirt to school only to have it taken away from her. Her story is one that tells the world that every child matters.”

He then goes on to say “In our Cree traditions in Maskwacis our pedagogy of love is: kindness, honesty, sharing, and strength. We encourage people to understand that indigenous peoples are still living through intergenerational trauma caused by the IRS, and that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission estimated

that the odds of a student dying over the course of a residential school program was 1 in 25 while the odds of a Canadian soldier dying in World War 2 was one in twenty six. There are still traumatic stories that are yet to be uncovered of how the missing and murdered indigenous children of the IRS were discarded.



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WITH ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

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- Ermineskin Cree Nation
- Ermineskin News for Pigeon Lake Members
- Ermineskin Cree Nation Communications
- Ermineskin Youth News/Info
- Ermineskin Elders Information Group
- Ermineskin Volunteer Opportunities

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Eliminating the AITE card



Alberta

Sisters in Spirit Day Made Official Through Declaration

Minister of Indigenous Relations Rick Wilson issued the following statement on Sisters in Spirit Day:

“I am proud to declare Oct. 4, 2021, Sisters in Spirit Day in Alberta. On this day, we offer our deepest respect to the many Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQA+ people in Canada who are missing or have been murdered.

“It is also a time to honour their families and loved ones, and to support them in speaking out about this violence.

“Your resilience, dedication and commitment to your loved ones is evident throughout Alberta, and the government grieves with you. We have heard your calls for action and we are working to address this heartbreaking situation.

“This is why we established Alberta’s Joint Working Group on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, which includes Indigenous community members with front-line experience and government members of the legislative assembly. -Rick Wilson

“Our dedication to the safety of Indigenous women and girls continues through a five-year agreement with the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women and through the work of Alberta’s Human Trafficking Task Force.

“I thank the tireless organizers of Sisters in Spirit events across Alberta, who dedicate their time to keeping missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQA+ people top of mind. You inspire us to continue this important work.

“I urge all Albertans to take a moment today to reflect, take part safely in a local or virtual event and join us as we work toward a province where Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQA+ people are valued, respected and safe to lead lives filled with hope and opportunity.”





DECLARATION

WHEREAS the resilience of Indigenous women and girls and the dedication of the families, survivors and communities of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls is evident throughout Alberta;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of Sisters in Spirit Day is to honour all Indigenous women and girls who have been murdered or have gone missing across Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Alberta created the Alberta Joint Working Group on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls to help respond to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice in its final report;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Alberta proudly contributed to, and will continue to respond to, the national action plan on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, which puts forward active solutions to help resolve this tragedy;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous women and girls in Alberta show determination, strength and courage in their ongoing efforts to advance the safety and security of their communities;

AND WHEREAS every year, vigils are held on October 4th to remember the victims, embrace their families and loved ones, and to reflect on the effects of violence against women and girls;

AND WHEREAS all Indigenous women and girls in Alberta deserve to live free from violence and discrimination, and know they are valued, treasured and honoured;

THEREFORE I, RICK WILSON, MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS, DO HEREBY DECLARE OCTOBER 4, 2021 AS 'SISTERS IN SPIRIT DAY' IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.


 The Hon Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations

Walk in Honor Of Sisters in Spirit Day

To honor, Sisters in Spirit Day we walked four hours from Wetaskiwin to Maskwacis.” Chevi Rabbit spoke on The Walk to honor sisters in spirit day that she had organized

“I’m proud of the Maskwacis leaders that walked with us Ermineskin Chief Randy Ermineskin, M. Josh Littlechild, Ryan Pun Lightning, former MLA for Wetaskwin-Maskwacis Bruce Hinkley and many more.”

“It was great to see support from Samson Cree Nation Councillor Holly Johnson-Rattlesnake”

“Thank you to Maskwacis's first female police chief for taking the time to walk with us! A new face that is committed to truth and reconciliation.

It was so great to see the RCMP walk the entire length in full uniform and boots His feet must be sooooo sore. Bravo for taking the time to walk 4



-Chevi Rabbit

-Katherine Swampy

hours for our community. “

Pretty amazing day to walk and raise awareness of missing and murdered women, girls, and two spirits.

Hate to Hope once again partnered with the city of Wetaskiwin and Wetaskiwin District Heritage Museum Centre & Star Store.

This is the second year I co-organized the walk. We are hoping to make it an annual pilgrimage.



-Bruce Hinkley(left) Joshua Littlechild (middle) and Chief Randy Ermineskin (right)

Shout Out to our Ermineskin Youth

Congratulations to the outstanding Ermineskin Athletes who were recently selected to be a part of the Camrose Vikings AA team!

From Left to right we have James Wolfe, Kye Minde, and Lazerin Ward all from Ermineskin



A Special Thank you to Orange Shirt Day Participants

We would like to thank the many people who participated in Orange Shirt Day. The turnout was incredible and really goes to show that now more than ever the atrocities committed against Indigenous youth as recently as 1996 are getting closer and closer to the attention and public recognition they deserve. To anyone experiencing any trauma related either their or someone else's experienc-



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EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Orange Shirt Day
September 30





Contact
780-312-3145




Need to Quarantine?

Ermineskin Cree Nation does not assist with Hotel accommodations for those positive covid cases that are required to quarantine.

If you tested Positive for Covid 19 you can request to stay in a Maskwacis quarantine trailer. Pending availability.

QUARANTINE FOOD HAMPERS




780-335-6048 **780-335-0652**

780-335-0653 

WE ARE ASKING FOR 24 TO 48 HOURS FOR HAMPER DELIVERY

Call OR TEXT Daily 12 noon- 7 pm



COVID-19 INFORMATION

Information is taken from MHS stats, Facebook Page and Ermineskin EOC.

<p>DATE: AS OF OCTOBER 6TH, 2021</p>	<p>77 TOTAL ACTIVE CASES IN ERMINESKIN</p>	<p>748 TOTAL RECOVERED CASES IN ERMINESKIN</p>
<p>2 HOSPITALIZED</p>	<p>828 TOTAL CASES IN ERMINESKIN</p>	<p>3 DEATHS</p>



EVERY TUESDAY IN OCTOBER

N.O.K. Bldg.




WALK IN AVAILABLE

COVID-19 VACCINE


10 AM - 3 PM
Moderna Vaccine
For ages 18 yrs +

DID YOU KNOW?

IF YOU ARE DOUBLE VACCINATED YOU CAN STILL CONTRACT CORONAVIRUS



"When you receive both COVID-19 immunizations your chances of severe symptoms, hospitalization and/or death are 95% LESS than those with only 1 vaccine or no vaccine."



all immunizations are not 100% effective just like the influenza, whooping cough & chicken pox



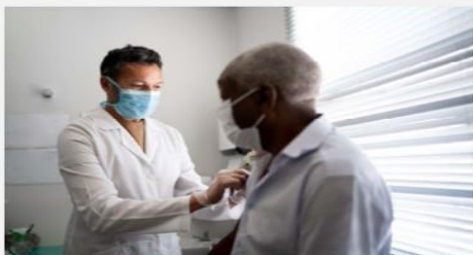
JOB & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



MASKWACIS COVID VACCINE CLINICS: 3RD DOSE ELIGIBILITY

Seniors:

- All first nations 65+ now qualify for third dose of COVID Vaccine
- **Must be at least Six months from Second dose.**



Source: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid19-vaccine.aspx>

Eligible immunocompromising conditions:

- recipients of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy
- moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency (for example, DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Stage 3 or advanced HIV infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- immunosuppressive therapies (for example, anti-B cell therapies, high-dose systemic corticosteroids, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, or tumor-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors and other biologic agents)
- transplant recipients, including solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- chronic kidney disease receiving regular dialysis
- receiving active cancer treatment (chemotherapy, immunotherapy or targeted therapies), excluding those receiving only hormonal therapy, radiation therapy or surgery
- taking certain medications for autoimmune diseases including rituximab, ocrelizumab and ofatumumab
- **Must be 8 weeks after second dose**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: SEPTEMBER 28TH

Apply At ECN Personnel Dpt.
780-585-3741

Position	Closing Date	Required Documents
Equipment Maintenance with the Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation department	October 6, 2021	Application/Resume, updated criminal record check, Vulnerable Sector Check and copies of Certificates
Arena, Parks and Recreation Manager with the Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation department	October 6, 2021	Application/Resume, updated criminal record check, Vulnerable Sector Check and copies of Certificates
Arena Operator Supervisor with the Ermineskin Arena, Parks and Recreation department	October 6, 2021	Application/Resume, updated criminal record check, Vulnerable Sector Check and copies of Certificates
Food Bank Assistant with the Ermineskin Food Bank department	October 6, 2021	Application/Resume, updated criminal record check, Vulnerable Sector Check and copies of Certificates
Newsletter Editor with the I.T. and Communications department	Extended	Application/Resume, updated Criminal Record Check and a Written Article
Temporary Cook with the Daycare department	Oct. 12th, 2021	Application/Resume, Updated Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Check.
Receptionist with the Ermineskin Finance department	October 14, 2021	Application/Resume, copies of Certificates and updated Criminal Record Check
Administrative Assistant with the External Affairs Department	October 14, 2021	Application/Resume and updated Criminal Record Check
Chartered Accountant with the Finance Department	Until Suitable Candidate Found	Application/Resume and Updated Criminal Record Check



NOW HIRING

CALL OUT FOR EXTRA SECURITY

Requirements:

- Resume with current phone number
- Criminal Record Check
- Drivers Licence or no driver's licence.
- Security experience would be preferred.

Contact either
Preston Wildcat
or Karoyle Weinhandl
Email resume to
karoyle@ermineskin.ca
Drop off resume
at Ermineskin
security office

Upcoming Events/Classifieds

KANAWEMAHWASOWIN KAMIK
PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

A Safe & Spooktacular KKI drive-thru event

OCTOBER 28, 2021
@ MASKWACIS BEAR PARK
6:00PM-8:30PM



COSTUME CATEGORIES

PRIZES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) MOST SPOOKIEST
- 2) BEST HOMEMADE/CREATIVE
- 3) BEST IMPERSONATION/IMPOSTURE
- 4) BEST COMEDIC
- 5) BEST GROUP
- 6) BEST PRINCESS
- 7) BEST COUPLE

*fireworks
*food/hot
*chocolate
*candy bags
available

FAMILY VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 27 2021

10:00-4:00

OCTOBER 28 2021

10:00-4:00

Location ~

**Ermineskin Brighter
Futures office**

Please contact Ermineskin Brighter Futures at
1-780-585-2000 OR
FUTURESBRIGHTE@YAHOO.COM TO REGISTER

Ermineskin Community Wellness
& Samson YSD Present

2021 HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU EVENT

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST HAUNTED
VEHICLE AND BEST COSTUMES

CANDY
BAGS



HOT
DOGS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2021
ERMINESKIN ARENA PARKING LOT
6:00PM - 8:00PM



Youth Holistic Wellness

PRESENTED BY ERMINESKIN BRIGHTER FUTURES

2 sessions weekly
every Tuesday and Thursday

For ages 13+

Starts October 19th and 21st, 2021

Located: Brighter Futures classroom

To register: Please contact Marina
@ 780-585-2000



WALK-IN CLINICS BY APPOINTMENT ON OCTOBER 13 & 20TH



ERMINESKIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Call: 780-585-3741

Tues - Thurs
10 am - 4 pm

Please be advised that the Ermineskin Membership Department has been at a standstill on issuing Indian Status cards since the Covid-19 outbreaks in 2020, this has caused our office to be closed to the public until further notice and depending on AHS lifting restrictions/bans. However, we will be doing walk-in clinics by appointment on October 13 & 20th. More dates to TBA.

Appointments will need proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test within 72hrs of appointment.

Also, keep in mind that when booking your appointment, you will still need to meet the Indigenous Service Canada I.D requirements for the Indian Status cards and prices are still in effect as well.

Upcoming Events/Classifieds

COPING SKILLS



Virtual sessions hosted on zoom

October 18 2021 2:00~3:00
 October 25 2021 2:00~3:00
 HOSTED BY ERMINESKIN
 BRIGHTER FUTURES

PLEASE EMAIL FUTURESBRIGHTER@YAHOO.COM
 OR CALL 1-780-585-2000 TO REGISTER

Youth Categories

4-6 7-9 10-12
 16-18 13-15

Prizes Awarded



Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Ham, & Pie

Adult Categories

19-24 25-35 36-45
 46-49 50-59 60+

Ermîneskîn Community Wellness & Samson SYD

2021 Turkey Trot

5km Run & 2km Walk Sunday, October 10, 2021
 10am - 1pm
 Maskwacis Bear Park

Event subject to change based on COVID Restrictions

Covid-19 Precautions
 Masks, Hand Sanitizing & Social Distancing Mandatory at this event. Please stay home if you are experiencing symptoms.

Registration
 Only 30 Participants Per Category. Please Register with your nation representatives.

Contact Information
 Ermîneskîn Community Wellness (780)585-3741
 Samson Youth & Sport Develop. (780)585-3012



ECN Virtual Youth Mentored Program

2021-2022

INAC Youth Mentored work placement program goal is to support activities and training that will assist youth in acquiring the essential skills that will help them gain employment, function well in the workplace, and learn about job and career options.

Applications available online, P&R Building or Personnel Department

Who Can Apply

- Must Be an Ermîneskîn Band Member
- Must be Between the Ages of 15-30
- Must be Youth who are not in school, Underemployed, Or either unemployed

Start Date: October 26, 2021

11 weeks online training until January

Physical work placement: will begin January - March 30th 2022

*All Covid-19 guidelines & procedures will be in place

Application Requirements:

- Must have a SIN number
- Youth Cannot be a previous participant under this program
- Willing to learn and take direction
- Interested in gaining skills to aide in future employability
- Updated Criminal Record Check
- Unemployed/Underemployed
- Must have a reliable transportation
- Completed application

We encourage all youth to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Online Program Requirements:

Must have your own internet access & device such as laptop or tablet to participate

Work days required: Monday - Thursday's

9am to 3:30pm

Until Further Notice!

Contact: Coordinator Jaylene Janvier at jaylene@ermîneskîn.ca or Assistant Millie Mackinaw at millie@ermîneskîn.ca
 Tel: P&R Building 780-585-4006

Application Deadline:

October 22nd, 2021

Created by: Millie Mackinaw

SUCCESS, VIRTUAL CLASS 7 TRAINING

October 18th-22nd, 2021

REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET AND ZOOM
- MUST ATTEND ONLINE CLASSES EVERYDAY
- MUST HAVE VALID IDENTIFICATION (BIRTH CERTIFICATE, INDIAN STATUS, PROOF OF RESIDENCY)
- MUST NOT HAVE ANY FINES
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 8th, 2021



To register contact:
 faith@maskwacisemployment.ca
 780-585-4450/780-360-4423 (Text)

HOSTED BY MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT CENTER