

WORDS OF ASPIRATION FROM M.L.A RICK WILSON



“Don’t listen to the ‘dream busters’, if you got a dream just go for it. Don’t let them stop you. If you’ve done everything you need too, just keep moving forward.”

“Don’t forget to stick with your culture, culture is beautiful.” says M.L.A Rick Wilson.

The N.E.S.T Entrepreneur students had the opportunity to hear from local politician Rick Wilson on the challenges and goals achieved when pursuing a new business opportunities. Mr. Wilson explains how strong relationships provide access to essential resources like funding, mentorship, and business opportunities. Entrepreneurs who build and maintain connections with investors, suppliers, and customers often find it easier to access capital, enter new markets, and source valuable partnerships. He emphasizes how the relationships and connections in entrepreneurship are vital for accessing resources, gaining knowledge, building trust, fostering innovation, and ensuring long-term success. Entrepreneurs who prioritize and nurture their networks often find themselves better equipped to handle the challenges of starting and growing a business.



ERMINESKIN FOODBANK HAMPER DRAW

In the month of July, the Ermineskin Food Bank did a surprise draw entering all Ermineskin households for a helper hamper filled with household goods or an air purifier for their home. 18 lucky households were chosen. Congratulations to all the winners:

Collin Smallboy, David Headman, Priscilla Roan, Joyce Larocque, Eric Smallboy, Melvin Littlechild, Marcella Morin, Loralyn Cutarm, Muskwa Littlechild, Bernadette Wildcat, Stephen Wildcat, Amy Wildcat Annette Lee, Andrea Ermineskin, Marvin Littlechild, Bright Star Woman, Lonnie Oldpan, and Rose Makinaw!

Photo’s & article provided by: DeAnne Lightning.



Elder Patricia Littlechild



Elder Rose Makinaw

CREE CORNER

Raspberries- Ayoskanak

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Blueberries- Îyînmina

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TYPES OF BERRIES

Saskatoons- Misâskwatômina

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Strawberries- Otehimina

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PEEK AT THE WEEK



MONDAY
AUG 26

KKI SUMMER
PROGRAM @ KKI
BUILDING, 10AM-4PM

TUESDAY
AUG 27

KKI SUMMER
PROGRAM @ KKI
BUILDING, 10AM-4PM

Elders Talent Show @
Elders Bldg. 10am-3pm

WEDNESDAY
AUG 28

KKI SUMMER
PROGRAM @ KKI
BUILDING, 10AM-4PM

Elders Birthday
Celebrations, 10am-3pm

Arts & Crafts Club @
JIM RS, 5PM-7PM

THURSDAY
AUG 29

Elders BINGO @ ECN
Elders Bldg., 10am-4pm
Rec Game Night 5pm-7pm
@ Jim RS Bldg.

MESC BACK-TO-SCHOOL
CELEBRATION & BBQ @
KISIPATINAHK SCHOOL, 11AM-2PM

FRIDAY
AUG 30

Maskwacis Library
Beginner Beading
Class @ HBMC, 5pm-
7:30pm

SATURDAY
AUG 31

LOUIS BULL LABOUR
DAY CLASSIC @ LB
OUTDOOR RODEO
ARENA 

E.C.N STAFF GOLF RESULTS & SPONSORS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!

Bakers Funeral Home, Vision Masters, Wetaskiwin Boston Pizza, Mickeys Flowers, Bumper to Bumper, Montgomery Glen Golf Course, Burger Baron, Brentridge Ford, Busy Bee, Wetaskiwin Canadian Tire, Discount Pawn, Ermineskin Industrial Relations, Home Building Centre, Ralcomm, Loons Golf Course, Lucky Dollar, Wetaskiwin Smitty's, Samson Chinese, Stitch'n Magician, Source for Sports, Super Sucks Pawn, Wetaskiwin SportChek, Shanti Wellness, N.G.C.I, and E.C.N Personnel Department.

WINNERS

1st Place Team: (Under 12) Jamison Laroque, Zach Ermineskin, Brian Buffalo Lisa Littlechild

2nd Place Team: (Under 10) Jon Rattlesnake, Peter Wolfe, Jade Roasting

3rd Place Team: (Under 10) Ellis Rattlesnake, Shilo Giroux, Peyton Headman, Simone Wildcat

4th Place Team: (Under 8) Mark Yellowbird, Alison Littlechild, Sheldon Smallboy, Richard Coyote

1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



4th Place









A.I.G HIGHLIGHTS



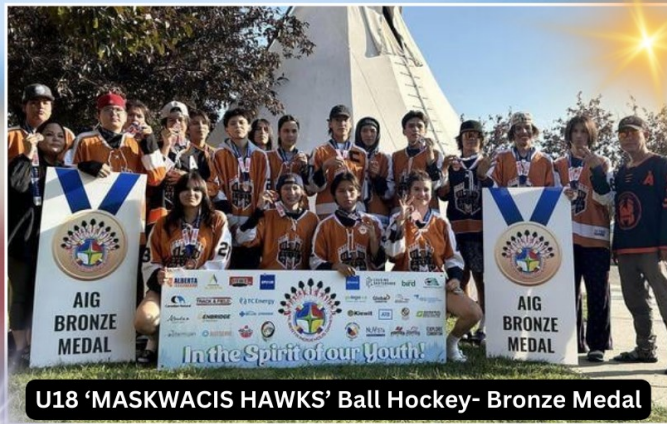
U13 'FIRST NATIONS' SOCCER- Silver Medal



U13 'CHICKS WITH STICKS' Basketball- Silver Medal



U17 'BEAR HILLS' Basketball- Silver Medal



U18 'MASKWACIS HAWKS' Ball Hockey- Bronze Medal



U13 'BEAR HILLS' Lacrosse- Silver Medal



U17 NIPISIIKOPAHK COYOTES Volleyball- Silver Medal



U15 'BEAR HILLS' Basketball- Silver Medal



U21 'BEAR HILLS' Basketball- Silver Medal

DISCLAIMER: PLEASE NOTE THAT WE PUT IN OUR BEST EFFORTS TO INCLUDE AS MANY E.C.N YOUTH WHO COMPETED IN A.I.G. 2024, IF WE MISSED ANYONE, IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION

BACK TO SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

As the new school year approaches, it's essential to ensure that our students are well-prepared with the upcoming 2024-25 curriculum. As the new school year approaches, we as parents play a crucial role in ensuring a smooth transition for our children. Here are some essential steps and items to help prepare effectively:

Establish a Routine:

- **Sleep Schedule:** Gradually adjust your child's bedtime and wake-up time a few weeks before school starts to help them get back into a routine.
- **Morning Routine:** Plan and practice a morning routine that includes time for breakfast, dressing, and preparing for the day to ensure a stress-free start.

Transportation Arrangements:

- **Bus Schedules:** Confirm bus routes and pick-up/drop-off times if your child takes the bus. Ensure your child knows the schedule and location of the bus stop.
- **Carpooling:** If carpooling, finalize arrangements with other parents and establish a schedule that works for everyone.

Organize School Supplies:

- **Inventory Check:** Before buying new supplies, take stock of what you already have from the previous year. This can save time and money.
- **Shopping Lists:** Many schools provide specific supply lists. Use these as a guide to purchase necessary items like notebooks, pens, backpacks, and more.

Health and Safety Preparations:

- **Immunizations and Check-Ups:** Schedule any necessary medical, dental, or vision check-ups. Ensure your child's immunizations are up-to-date as required by the school.
- **Emergency Contacts:** Update the school with any changes to emergency contacts or medical information.
- **Health Supplies:** Prepare a small health kit with items like hand sanitizer, tissues, and any necessary medications your child may need during the day.

Important to Know!

Students who will be attending any of the Ten Schools that are under M.E.S.C. do not need to purchase school supplies, as they are provided to each

students, as well as breakfast, lunch and snacks. For Ermineskin students who are attending school **OFF-RESERVE**, please reach out to Ermineskin Education Trust Fund to inquire about what funding is available for school supplies. Maskwacis students who reside on Ermineskin Cree Nation, Samson Cree Nation, Montana First Nation, Louis Bull Tribe or Pigeon Lake and attend schools in Wolf Creek Public Schools, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools or Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools will qualify for school supply funds. A cheque will be issued to the Parent/Legal Guardian in the amount of \$130 per student for the 2024-2025 school year.

MESC is now accepting School Supply applications. Applications should be submitted by Monday, August 26, 2024. Please visit <https://www.maskwacised.ca/b/finance/school-supplies> for more information and a list of required documents.

Contact Resources

E.E.T.F Contact Number: 780-585-2135
coordinator@eetfund.com

M.E.S.C MAIN OFFICE Contact Number: 780-585-3333
info@maskwacised.ca

M.E.S.C Transportation Contact Number: 780-585-0803

A student who resides in any of the Four Nations and attends school off reserve in either Wolf Creek Public Schools, St. Augustine School, Falun, Pigeon Lake Regional, Lakedell or Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools will be provided transportation by Prairie Bus Lines. Parents/Guardians must register with MESC Transportation and their information will be forwarded to Prairie Bus Lines. Please call Cindy Nicotine at **780-585-3333** for assistance.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ermineskin Cree Nation

WE ARE HIRING!

August 19th

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ✔ Manager with the Ermineskin Technical Services department
CLOSING: September 4, 2024
- ✔ Driver/Field Worker with the Ermineskin Elders Center department
CLOSING: September 4, 2024
- ✔ Manager with the Ermineskin Neyaskweyahk Employment Program (NEP) Department
CLOSING: September 4, 2024

APPLY NOW

Please submit applications, resume and criminal record check to:

faith@ermineskin.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council
POSITION: Project Assistant

Position Summary:

The Program Assistant will be under the supervision of the Program Coordinator. The Program Assistant will multitask and assist with several aspects of program planning and program execution. The Program Assistant will provide administrative duties to support their team in completing projects efficiently and within budget. Answering phone calls and replying to telephone messages, emails, and inquiries in a timely manner. Maintain office calendars and assist with setting up meetings and agendas. Process payments for vendors and suppliers. Assist the Program Coordinator with purchasing supplies and other items as required for programs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with the planning and implementation of program.
- Assist with managing administrative tasks for the program.
- Assist with schedules, agendas, itineraries, and time management of the program's activities.
- Assist with communications with all relevant external stakeholders.
- Other duties as required and assigned.

Qualifications:

- Diploma/ bachelor's degree in administration, Office Management, Communication, or a relevant field

Experience:

- One (1) year experience in the administrative field

Skills:

- Good verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Excellent organizational, analytical and time management capabilities for planning and meeting project timelines to completion

Knowledge:

- Knowledge of project planning and implementation.
- Knowledge of Outlook Suite, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Office, and Google Suite applications.
- Knowledge of programs and services offered from the Maskwacis Cree Nations and surrounding areas.

Working Conditions:

Must have own (reliable) transportation, vehicle insurance and hold a valid Alberta (class 5) driver's license.

SALARY: \$55,000, 2-year contract

OPENING DATE: August 19th, 2024

CLOSING DATE: August 30th, 2024

Email applications to info@mctc.ca: Resume, 3 reference letters, criminal record check & child intervention check.

*Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF HEALING WITH HORSES



Open to Ermineskin Members and Residents

We invite children and youth of all ages and skill levels to connect and learn the healing effects of horses.

(*must be accompanied by an adult)

Date(s): September 14th, 21st and 28th

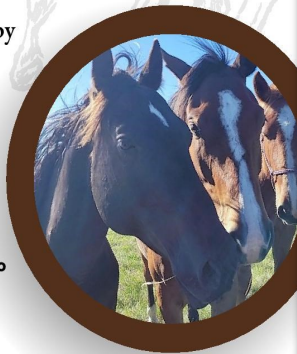
Time: 9 am to 4pm

Limited space: 10 participants for each session (3 sessions)

Common Goals for Horse Therapy

- ✔ Find relief from stress
- ✔ Manage symptoms of PTSD, anxiety and trauma
- ✔ Improve communication skills
- ✔ Build trust / secure wellness

Lunch will be provided!



Register QR Code



Facilitated by Patrick Buffalo



For More info or to Register: Phone (780) 585-3721 ask for Andrea or email andrea.m@kkamik.com

UPDATED

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

The EETF Awards Event



There will be face painting, balloon twisting for the children, a photobooth and live music from Sara Lee and The Bearhead Sisters.

DATE: AUGUST 24TH, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 1PM

★ LOCATION: ★

ERMINESKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM



YOUNG SPIRIT WINDS
Youth Treatment Program



OHPIKIWIN
"Growth"

SEPTEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 29, 2024

FEMALE YOUTH
AGES 12 - 17

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION
& MEALS PROVIDED

INCENTIVE &
CERTIFICATE

The Youth Day Treatment Program helps with the following;

- Addictions
- Anger Management
- Relapse Prevention
- Grief & Loss
- Cultural Awareness
- Mental health Awareness
- Low Self-esteem

FOR INFORMATION/INTAKE CONTACT

MYSWS: 780-585-2219

- Karen Longmuir, Program Supervisor Email: klongmuir@youngspiritwinds.com
- Susan Lenzin, Outreach Worker Email: slezin@youngspiritwinds.com
- Nikkita Northwest, Aftercare Worker Email: nnorthwest@youngspiritwinds.com

Attention all
Maskwacis parents!

GET THE KIDS READY
FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL!

The mobile clinic will be visiting each nation immunizing children ages 4-5, but all ages welcome! Snacks, prizes, draws and fun!

- Ermineskin - September 3rd**
- Louis Bull - September 4th**
- Pigeon Lake - September 5th**
- Samson - September 6th**

No appointment necessary.

First come, first served.



Questions? Call 780-585-2266



NEYASKWEYAHK
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WITH EGD LEVEL 1

- Math & English Refresher
- Cree Cultural Teachings
- Empowering Life Skills
- Early Childhood Development
- Level 1 Certificate

DETAILS

- 13 Week Program
- September 23 Start Date
- Transportation Available
- Ermineskin Mall Location

ELIGIBILITY

- 18 years and older
- Ermineskin Band Member
- Seeking Employment
- Apply before **September 6**

Limited Spots

APPLY TODAY

780.585.0191

Pick up application at NEST bldg



Apply Today

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Off reserve students can apply for school supplies, school fees, bus fees, bus pass fees, field trips and more with EETF

Contact the Office Manager for more information

coordinator@eetfund.com

780-585-2135



Ermineskin Elders Presents



CULTURAL CAMP

SEPT 10-12
2024

- Pipe Ceremony
- Ceremonies
- Creation Stories
- Dry Meat and Bannock Making
- Moose Calling Contest
- Beadwork
- Powwow Origin Stories
- Traditional Teachings: Parenting, Medicine, Mossbag, Oskapewowin

9AM-4PM DAILY

Located at the ECN
ELDERS CENTRE



ALL AGES
WELCOME!

CAMPING
AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO: (780) 585-3435



MASKWACIS EMPLOYMENT
CENTER

**ERMINESKIN INCOME SUPPORT CLIENTS &
SAMSON WORK FORCE TRAINING
DEVELOPMENT CLIENTS**

**CLASS 7 DRIVING TO
SUCCESS**

+18 Years of Age

Location: MEC
Start date: August
26-30, 2024
Time: 10am to 4 pm

REQUIRMENTS:

- MUST HAVE VALID IDENTIFICATION (BIRTH CERTIFICATE, INDIAN STATUS CARD
- MUST ATTEND DAILY CLASSES IN-PERSON
 - MUST NOT HAVE ANY FINES
 - MUST HAVE A GMAIL ACCOUNT

[Register Now](#)

Contact: Jaylene Janvier
780-585-4450

jaylenejanvier@gmail.com

NEYASKWEYAHK

ART & CRAFT CLUB



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAYS, 5PM-7PM

✓ Painting

✓ Crafting

✓ Drawing

Ages

6-13

REGISTER NOW

(780) 585-3088
river@ermineskin.ca



UPDATED

GAME Night



THURSDAYS

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY
(STARTING JULY 18, 2024)

@ Jim RS Bldg.
5:00pm - 9:00pm

The Game
Night is Back!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS &
FAMILY TO JOIN THE FUN!

FREE ENTRY

FOR MORE INFORMATION
(780) 585-3088

We want to hear from you.

We are asking for your participation in the 2024 Ermineskin Cree Nation Census. To plan for the next 7 Generations, it matters what we do today.



INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

Scan QR Code or follow link below to fill out the 2024 Census online!



www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMP6WX5

Important Notice:

Ermineskin Tribal Support Support Services

THE TRIBAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM WILL NOT BE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2024.

What this means:

Support Services will no be assisting members this month, as ECN Citizens have received SPECIAL PAY, and also FAMILY ALLOWANCE during this month of AUGUST 2024. Operations will resume on September 1st, 2024.

Apologies for the inconvenience, we appreciate your continued cooperation, and thank you for your understanding.

