



# The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

## APRIL 2021

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



### ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 3:45pm. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are closed to the public but still booking individual client appointments. Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment. **The office will be closed on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Canada invited 5,000 Express Entry candidates to apply for permanent residence on March 18. Invited candidates needed to be eligible for the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) and have a score of at least 449 in order to receive an Invitation to Apply. Some of the basic eligibility requirements for the CEC include one year of full-time skilled work experience in Canada, and intermediate official language skills among other criteria. This new CEC-only draw shows that IRCC is continuing to prioritize in-Canada immigration applicants, while travel restrictions are still in place. About 77 per cent of Express Entry candidates in Canada are eligible for the CEC. "While travel restrictions are still in place, the federal government has opted to focus on Express Entry candidates who are already in Canada in order to meet its immigration targets for 2021," said Attorney David Cohen, Senior Partner of Campbell Cohen. "IRCC has been doing this by holding PNP- and CEC-specific draws."

### FUN Fact about Canada!

The longest highway in the world is the Trans-Canada Highway which is 7,821 kilometers (4,860 miles) in length and crosses 6 time zones! The Trans-Canada Highway stretches from St. John's, Newfoundland to Victoria, British Columbia. If you were in a rush and put in some long days, you could probably drive it all in a week!



For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).



We provide free settlement services to newcomers and their families within the East Central region. It's our goal to provide the information, referrals and advice you may need to assist in your settlement!

Call our office at (306) 783-2777 if you have ANY questions. We are happy to help you!

## This is HOME

### Meet Jeisel Tolentino



Jeisel and her family moved from the Philippines to Yorkton in 2011. Jeisel is a valuable member of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre as she works as a Settlement Worker in Schools. Jeisel has provided many students and families with a smooth transition to the Canadian school system and their settlement here in Yorkton.

*"I have four kids, and for a big family like us, starting a new life in a different country was difficult, but we were able to get well established because of the support that we receive from everybody."*

*We like Canada because of the friendly people and the Government system in general. Yorkton, Saskatchewan has been our home for almost ten years now and we really like the simple life that we have here. Commercial establishments and organizations are just near, and it is easy to find support everywhere. People are also helpful and accommodating."*

- Jeisel

### VOLUNTEER in our Community!

The Yorkton Citizens on Patrol Program (C.O.P.P.) is looking for new members! If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity and would like to be involved in the reduction of crime in the City of Yorkton then this is a great opportunity for you!



The Yorkton C.O.P.P. works in conjunction with the RCMP to reduce crime in our community by patrolling the streets of Yorkton and then observing and reporting suspicious incidents to the RCMP. Volunteer members of the C.O.P.P. are an extra set of eyes in our community! If you are interested in this opportunity you will need to fill out an application form, pass a security check and undergo training. Please email Shanley at [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) for more information.



# Community Activities & Event

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!  
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



## EASTER – Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Statutory Holidays in Canada

**WHAT?** Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating Jesus Christ returning from the dead. Good Friday marks the death of Jesus and Easter Sunday marks his resurrection.  
**WHEN?** Good Friday is on April 2 in 2021 and Easter Sunday is on April 4.  
**WHERE?** Celebrated differently across the world. Most celebrations have nothing to do with the Christian meaning of the holiday. In some households, the Easter Bunny brings a basket full of goodies to children for Easter. These gifts are often hidden so children have to go on a “Egg Hunt” to look for them. Egg painting is also a popular Easter Activity.



## Virtual Stay Safe! Course

Education / Children Aged 9 to 13

**WHAT?** A virtual course for children aged 9 to 13 educating them on how to Stay Safe at home alone. Course reviews the importance of responsibility, setting and following rules around safety, how to prepare, recognize and respond to unexpected situations and some first aid content.  
**WHEN?** April 6<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 12pm and April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 11:30am  
**WHERE?** Online through ZOOM. Email [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) or call our office for more information.  
**COST?** \$50 fee per child. To secure your spot, the fee must be paid.



## Resume Writing Workshop

Education / Adults

**WHAT?** A virtual workshop in partnership with ECNWCI and Partners in Employment that provides information to newcomers on creating an effective resume.  
**WHEN?** April 14<sup>th</sup> & April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
**WHERE?** Online. Participants will be supplied with a workshop package prior to the online session.  
**COST?** FREE. Must register by emailing [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) or call our office.



## Multifaith Festivals in April

<b>Baha'i Faith</b>	<b>April 8</b> – Jalal <b>April 20 – May 1</b> - Festival of Ridvan <b>April 27</b> – Jamal <b>April 28</b> – Ninth Day of Ridvan	<b>Hinduism</b>	<b>April 13</b> – Navvarsha (New Year's Day) <b>April 13</b> - Ramayana Week begins <b>April 14</b> - Vaisakhi <b>April 21</b> – Ramanavami
<b>Buddhism</b>	<b>April 8</b> – Buddha's Birth date <b>April 26</b> – Theravada New Year <b>April 28</b> – Nichiren Foundation Day	<b>Islam</b>	<b>April 27</b> – Hanuman Jayanti <b>April 13</b> – Ramadan begins
<b>Christianity</b>	<b>April 2</b> – Holy (Good) Friday <b>April 4</b> – Easter <b>April 24</b> – Lazarus Saturday <b>April 25</b> – Palm Sunday <b>April 26-30</b> – Holy Week	<b>Jainism</b>	<b>April 19-27</b> – Aymbil Ori begins <b>April 25</b> – Mahavira-jayanti
		<b>Judaism</b>	<b>April 8</b> – Yom HaShoah
		<b>Sikhism</b>	<b>April 14</b> – Vaisakhi
		<b>Zoroastrianism</b>	<b>April 30 to May 4</b> – Ghambar Maidyozarem begins
		<b>Aboriginal Spirituality</b>	<b>April</b> – Sxanel (The Bullhead Moon)
		<b>Supplemental</b>	<b>April 18-24</b> – National Volunteer Week

*These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.*

## **SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!**



Show us your love for East Central Saskatchewan by contributing a photo (taken by you) that highlights the beauty of our area! If your photo is selected, it will be highlighted in our Newsletter and you will **WIN an ECNWCI prize!** Email photos to [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca).



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