



The Connection

“Keeping our community connected”

January 2022

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



We would like to wish all our clients a safe and Happy New Year!

ECNWC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays.

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

Dec 31st – 8am to 12pm Jan 3rd - CLOSED

Otherwise, our staff are available Mon to Fri from 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 3:45pm. Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

Government of Canada announces additional travel measures to contain the spread of Omicron variant

In response to the significant risks and uncertainties presented by the spread of the Omicron variant in Canada and globally, on December 17th the Minister of Health, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos announced further adjustments to travel and border measures. These measures are intended to reduce transmission of the Omicron variant in Canada and to help slow community spread. Learn more by clicking [HERE](#).

FUN Fact about Canada!

Canadians know that normal recorded temperature is usually hiding something worse: the windchill! In January of 1989, Pelly Bay in the Northwest Territories recorded a record low of -91C with the windchill. Yikes! Make sure to always check the weather and wind chill before heading outside and dress accordingly.



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



This is HOME

Meet Bhagiradhi Somalanka

Bhagiradhi and her family moved from India to Canada in 2019 and they now call Esterhazy HOME!



Bhagiradhi is currently a stay at home mom with 3-year-old son, Ishaan. Her husband, Meghanadh works as an inspector at the Nutrien Potash Plant in Rocanville. Prior to moving to Canada, Meghanadh worked at ESSO Singapore and Bhagiradhi worked as a research officer at A Star Labs Singapore. They like Canada because the people are really friendly.

“We made Saskatchewan our home and we absolutely love everything here. We are extremely thankful for the Pre-School and Parent Education Program (PPEP) in Esterhazy for giving us an amazing experience of learning. Ishaan is also very happy with the pre-school. I am excited to learn about the community and meet amazing people at the parent group.” - Bhagiradhi

COVID – 19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN

Health Canada approved the COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth aged 5 years and older. It’s very important that we all support children and their parents and caregivers in making informed decisions about the COVID-19



vaccination. This means respecting their choices and pace of decision making. To learn more about the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children please visit the following website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/vaccination-children.html>

Explore Our Community

Looking for a fun, family activity to enjoy this winter? Duck Mountain Provincial Park staff created a snow maze out at Madge Lake for families to enjoy at no cost! This has been a popular attraction and definitely worth checking out if you are up for a drive! The maze is located down the road across from the Madge Lake Golf Resort in the Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Click [here](#) to learn more about Madge Lake and the Duck Mountain Provincial Park!





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.



Malanka to Go (Ukrainian Meal)

Cultural Meal Experience

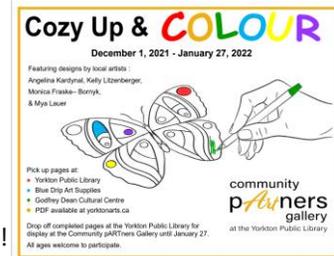
WHAT? Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble's is hosting Malanka To Go. They are offering a yummy Malanka meal to be picked up and enjoyed at home with your own family!
WHEN? January 15, 2022. Pick up meals between 4:30pm and 7:30pm.
WHERE? Meal will be ready for pick up at St. Pauls School. Meals delivered right to your vehicle.
COST? Meal costs \$15 per plate (sausage, perogies, coleslaw, bun and dessert). Tickets pre-order only, limited tickets available and sold until January 6, or until they sell out. To purchase your tickets, message them on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/YorktonTroyanda>) For any questions, contact Kim at 306.570.4809 (texting preferred).



Cozy up and Colour

Art / All Ages

WHAT? Yorkton Arts Council is partnering with the Yorkton Public Library for a program to display your colouring pages at the Community pARTners Gallery located in the Yorkton Public Library. Cozy Up and Colour features four different pages designed by local artists.
WHEN? Drop off completed pages at the Yorkton Library, and they will be on display until Jan 27.
WHERE? Pages may be picked up at: Yorkton Library, Blue Drip Art Supplies, Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre or contact our office and we can also print one off for you!
COST? FREE. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca if you would like us to print a colouring page for you!



Income Tax Basic Concepts Webinar

Education / Adults

WHAT? We have partnered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Outreach Program to provide our clients an opportunity to learn more about income tax. This webinar covers the Canada tax system, what you'll need to file your taxes, and provides a walk through of the different areas of a tax return.
WHEN? January 26th, 2022 at 1 PM
WHERE? ONLINE through ZOOM. Must register by 4pm on January 24th.
COST? FREE. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca to register and to be provided the link.



Curling for Newcomers

Recreation

WHAT? We have partnered with the Yorkton Curling Club and will be offering an activity to learn the popular Canadian game of curling! We will be hosting two sessions, one for our SWIS students and one for our Settlement adult clients.
WHEN? Dates in January 2022 to be announced. If you are interested, please register by emailing Shanley at sallard@ecnwc.ca and we will add your name to the list and contact you with the date and time. Or watch our Facebook Page for updates!
WHERE? Yorkton Curling Rink (Gallagher Centre in Yorkton)
COST? FREE. Thanks to the Parkland Valley Sports, Culture and Recreation Outreach Grant for the funding to make this activity possible.



Multifaith Festivals in January

Baha'i Faith	Jan 17 – World Religion Day, Jan 18 – Sultan (Sovereignty)	Hinduism	Jan 14 – Makar Sankranti
Buddhism	Jan 1 – Temple Day (Solar New Year), Jan 10 - Linji Memorial Jan 25 – Honen Shonin Memorial, Jan 28 – Mahayana New Year	Judaism	Jan 28 – Tu B'Shevat
Christianity	Jan 6 – Epiphany, Theophany, Armenian Christmas Jan 7 - Orthodox Christmas, Jan 14 - Orthodox New Year Jan 19 – Feast of Theophany (E-Old)	Shinto	Jan 1 – Gantan-sai (New Year's Day) Jan 11 – Seijin-no-hi
Aboriginal Spirituality	Jan/Feb – Iroquois Midwinter Ceremony	Sikhism	Jan 5 - Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Jan 13 - Maghi

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



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