



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

"Providing children and families with safety, stability and belonging"

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Save the date! Pathways Family Picnic will take place Friday, June 6th. Watch the June newsletter for more information

Pathways welcomes Kyle to our team!

**Kyle Campiou – Kihci Oskâpêw
(Indigenous Cultural Helper Advisor)**



Kyle has been working with, and for, children and families, men, and fathers for over 24 years in various roles. Beginning first and foremost as an Indigenous Cultural Helper then a SIL /Youth Worker with Mountain Plains, he has worked in many areas within the urban Indigenous community. Kyle is a Kihci Oskâpêw in and outside of his profession. He supports indigenous engagement and spiritual connection in a multitude of manors. He is proud of his traditional heritage and his contemporary life. He loves all people and the opportunity to serve them.

You can meet Kyle May 10th at our Community Fire Teaching (see page 3)

*Pathways office will be closed Monday,
May 19th for the long weekend.
Contact on-call with any emergencies.*



International Children's Festival of the Arts May 29 to June 1 in St. Albert

"For more than 40 years, the International Children's Festival of the Arts has inspired thousands of kids and their grown-ups and provided them with countless awe-inspiring and mind-growing experiences. For decades, the festival has nurtured, inspired and ignited creative expression for our young, global citizens, and worked diligently to promote a higher degree of empathy, confidence, well-being and cultural understanding. At the festival, children will tap into the power of creative expression as they observe world-class artists at the height of their crafts, sing and dance to world music, interact with roving artists, listen to stories of others' experiences, and create their own masterpieces with the help of a multitude of hands-on activities.

In 2025, the festival will once again bring priceless, real-time opportunities to laugh and learn while creating lasting memories that draw families, friends and communities together."
- Andrea Gammon, Festival Coordinator

The Children's Festival offers a blend of paid and free performances, feature performances, paid activities, and a special area for kids ages four and under, Toddler Town!

For more information go to stalbert.ca/exp/childfest/
Purchase tickets online at tickets.stalbert.ca



Indigenous Languages Corner



Cree

pop
sîwapoy
SEE wah poi

grapes
minisîhkana
mean SEE kah nuh

more please
mahti mini
mah tee MEE nuh

Saulteaux

warm
apawa
ah poo WAH

sick
ahkoši
ah koo ZEH

lazy
kitime
kih tih MEE



Pronunciations are approximate. To hear a language spoken and for access to more words, download a language app to a tablet or smart phone.
Apps used here are "Maskwacis Cree" and "Saulteaux."

Financial Reminder

A reminder for those of you making payments online - please ensure that you submit an actual receipt for the purchase, not just a confirmation of the order. The receipt must show the date or purchase, and the amount and method of the payment.



Thanks!

Happy Mother's Day

"Children are a great comfort in your old age — and they help you reach it faster, too." ~Lionel Kauffman

"The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable." ~Lane Olinghouse

"Parenthood is the passing of a baton, followed by a lifelong disagreement as to who dropped it." ~Robert Brault, rbrault.blogspot.com

"Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, has instilled within each of us a powerful biological instinct to reproduce; this is her way of assuring that the human race, come what may, will never have any disposable income." ~Dave Barry

"Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age." ~William Feather



Deadline for submissions to the June Newsletter is Monday, May 12th.

Send information to Marla at marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com

Coming Together with Our Community Fire hosted by CURA

You are invited to come and make your own tobacco offerings or prayers and/or spend some time in connection and reflection with each other in "Sharing's" with our grandfather fire.

An opening spirit food offering to our Ancestors for our lost loved ones will be given first.

After that Kyle Campiou will give Grandfather Fire teachings.

Date: May 10, 2025

Time: 2 sessions 9:30 am or 1:30 pm

(lunch is included and will be part of the session)

Location: Riverdale Hall 9231-100 Ave NW, Edmonton

Registration details: We are offering two identical sessions 9:30-12:00 pm or 1:30-4:00 pm, you can sign up for one or the other.

We will be having a hot dog roast between 12:15 - 1:15 pm. Folks can stay after the morning session or come early if they would like before their afternoon session.

Note: Please bring warm clothes, a chair and a willingness to abide or support protocol and cultural experiences. The Community Fire Session will be held rain or shine.

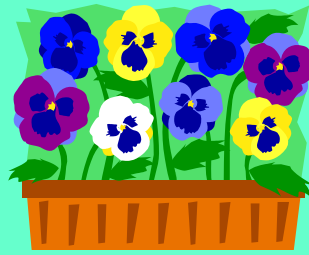
Please note there will be an indoor space if required. Reach out if you have questions.

Space is limited so register soon!

<https://curaconnect.jotform.com/250964247001956>

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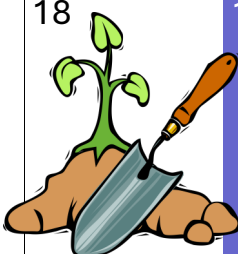
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