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35th Anniversary Celebrations

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This year the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council marks 35 years in Moose Jaw! Formed in 1974 by a group of volunteers, MJMC has grown to meet the increasing population of newcomers in Moose Jaw. Today MJMC has programs that promote the integration and independence of newcomers that choose to make Moose Jaw their home. This year also marks the 35th anniversary of Motif. Motif started as a promotion of culture on Canada Day and has grown to a very popular three-day outdoor festival held every July. This will be a year to celebrate the accomplishments of the many volunteers and staff that have made MJMC and Motif the successes they are today.

Picture right: the first passport issued to patrons attending the Canada Week celebrations circa 1974.



Local Talent

This drawing was created by LINC student Pla Soe. Arriving in Canada in 2007 with his family. Pla Soe originates from Myanmar (Burma). He has been studying English at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council since his arrival in Canada.

Winter Break Program

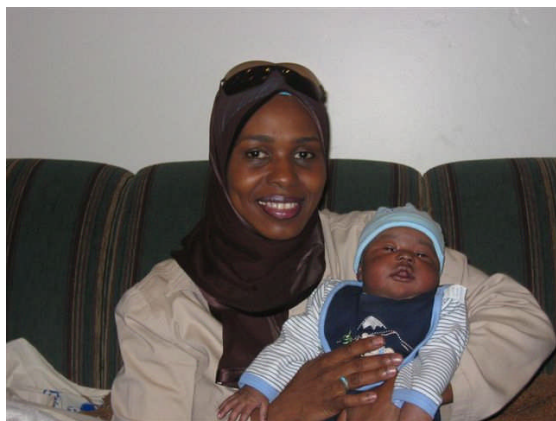
MJMC hosted a winter break program for immigrant children ages 6-12 from February 17-20. The children who participated enjoyed a theme week that included studying penguins, whales, and snow. The children enhanced their English abilities by participating in educational games, reading books, making crafts, and watching the movie Happy Feet; the story of a dancing penguin. Last year MJMC piloted the school break program and it was very successful. Parents in our English classes have reliable care for their school aged children while they continue to attend classes. Thanks to Kailee Brennan for planning and supervising the program; as well to Jaydene English and Kelley Hunter for working with Kailee to ensure all of the children had an enriching and fun filled experience.

LINC 1 Valentines Party 2009

Great fun was had by all! The LINC 1 class hosted the MJMC Valentine's Day party this year. The class made invitations, decorations, and special treats. All staff and teachers attended for a fun afternoon of games, prizes, and treats. Thanks to the Staples Store for the gift bags for each of the students.



Mom and Baby Group



In co-ordination with Turning Pages Family Literacy, the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council is offering a weekly Mom and Baby group for newcomer mothers and their young children. This group focuses on literacy and the benefits of reading to children. It also allows mothers to practice their own English skills and to interact with other new moms.



**Come to Motif Moose Jaw Multicultural Festival
July 10, 11 & 12, 2009 to experience non-stop
entertainment, mouth watering ethnic cuisine
and lots of fun !!**

LINC 1 Mall Outing

This story was constructed by the LINC 1 class about their outing to the Mall: after studies about department types and reading about a newcomer to Canada, who went to the mall to read signs to learn English. We then visited the mall Friday afternoon to see the things we had learned. We saw a lottery booth, jewellery stores, and many seniors. We bought cleaning spray, shampoo, two pairs of pants, rice, pasta, milk, noodles, and lottery tickets. Jemila and Freweini received free coupons. We met a young man from Afghanistan who worked at the mall and Seema met a woman from Libya. When we waited for the bus, it was very cold. We stood close together to keep warm. Jason made snow angels, the bus finally came!!



Host Program offers Ladies Night

The monthly Ladies Night continues to grow. They are held the third Tuesday of every month. We have done rubber stamping, paper punch, and wallpaper crafts. Thanks to Supreme Basics and General Paint for their donations. Special thanks to Shauna Mikuliak for her rubber stamping ideas.

Winter Family Fun Day



On February 7, 2009 in coordination with the Moose Jaw South Central Drug Strategy Prevention Working Group the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Host program held a Family Winter Fun Day in Crescent Park. We played tug of war, tobogganed, and were shown a game called fox and geese by Katimavik participants that had volunteered. After everyone was sufficiently chilled we headed back to the MJMC for hot chocolate, muffins, and fresh fruit. We will all sleep well tonight!

Upcoming Events

March 18– MJMC & Motif Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
April 4– Jamaican Easter Hop
April 10– Office Closed Good Friday
April 13– Office Closed Easter Monday
April 15– MJMC & Motif Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 18– Office Closed Victoria Day
May 20– MJMC & Motif Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 21 is designated by the United Nations as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day is observed all over the world with the main focus on the problems of racism and the need to promote racial harmony. With this designation from the UN in 1966 marking the tragic event in Sharpeville, South Africa, when 69 peaceful demonstrators were killed. Canada was one of the first countries in this campaign to support the UN in 1989. The campaign was initiated to heighten awareness to the harmful effects of racism on a national scale.

Language Training

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council offers daytime and evening English classes for eligible newcomers and citizens. For more information please Contact MJMC (306)-693-4677

Welcome To Our Team

MJMC welcomes Janet Zinkhan, Administrative Assistant, Sarah Thirsk, Settlement Worker, and Jesse Kindrachuk Evening English Teacher to our staff.

Host Program

If you are interested in volunteering for a Host Program event or as a volunteer matched with a newcomer family, contact Patricia @ 693-4677 or patricia.davies@mjmcinc.ca

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