

# Moose Jaw Multicultural Council

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#### Some Soccer Trivia

- -The first live coverage of a soccer match shown on television, was in the year 1937
- -Norman Whiteside was the youngest player ever to play the game of soccer.
- -Liberian player, George Weah paid for the team's uniforms and all the expenses, so that the team could play in the 1996 African Nations' Cup.
- -Rotherham United goalkeeper Arthur Wharton, born in Ghana, was the first black professional player, in 1889.

### SHSAA 3 A Champions



October 2010

It was clearly evident watching the Central Cyclones boys' soccer team, that this team was born from the love of the sport and students from all over the world.

Underdogs in every sense of the word the Central Cyclones boys soccer team overcame the odds and are the 3A boys soccer district champions. The Central Cyclones went unbeaten in Swift Current to earn the right to play in the SHSAA 3A soccer provincials in Yorkton.

What they accomplished was creating a team from scratch to compete on the field, but they also survived and conquered.

The Cyclones opened strongly by beating Meadow Lake 14-1. In semifinal the Central Cyclones beat the region's top team from Prince Albert with scoring from Peter Wilson Ntignee. Ntignee and Sekal Boikay. This was the dream win that guaranteed the team a spot at provincials.

In the final the Cyclones beat Prince Albert, thanks to goals from Peter and Wilson Ntignee. The Cyclones victory game gave them the regional title and an advantage in seeding.

The Cyclones will play their provincial quarter-final Friday against Regina LeBoldus, with the winner of that game meeting either Saskatoon Centennial or Yorkton.

Days after celebrating their district soccer title, the Cyclones had other reasons to smile.

Tuesday the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council presented the team with 20 new sets of uniforms that included shorts, jerseys, socks and shin guards, plus

20 new soccer balls.

Since the majority of the players are new to Canada, it was only fitting that the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council were able to contribute to the team.

"They once came through our agency, so it's nice to see them succeed. Especially with them winning regional's this past weekend," said Stefanie Palmer, Settlement Senior Manager with the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council.

The new equipment was made possible thanks to the True Sport Community Fund. The True Sport Community Fund have awarded numerous grants impacting more than 93,000 children and youths ages 4-17.

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council would like to thank True Sport for their generous support.

Back Left-Ryan Ma, Assistant Coach Dave Moore, Karson Fritzler, Joseph Taban, Omot Omot, Elyas Adam, Peter Ntignee, Dylan Lloyd, Wilson Ntignee, Irma Adam, Vincent Oyoo (Front Left) John Kamara, Sher Shahidzadeh, Mohammed Kromah, Sekal Boikay, Richard Simon and Mohammed Tarhuni



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#### **'EAL Teen Homework Café**



In October the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council introduced a new program. The 'EAL Teen Homework Café is geared towards EAL students ages 12-21.

Every Thursday evening from 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM, volunteers and settlement staff from the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council meet in the gym with

any students who need extra help with their homework.

This program is an excellent way to encourage newcomer youth's to reach out to community resources when they are in need of assistance or support. Also, this is another way for the community of Moose Jaw to become involved with the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and the programs we offer.

Homework Tips for teens:

- Plan ahead. A little planning can save a lot of frustration.
- 2. Find a place that is comfortable.
- 3. Have the tools needed to get the work done.
- Turn off distractions.



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#### New Executive Director for MJMC

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Board of Directors is pleased to announce Mr. Randy Belon, M.A. has accepted the position as Executive Director for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council effective October 2010. Randy was raised in Broadview, SK and despite an impressive resume that includes stops around the world, he says he

is glad to be back on the prairies.

Randy brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience working with newcomers to Canada. In the past Randy worked in Consulting, Research, Strategic Planning, and Administration throughout Saskatchewan, Alberta and Australia.

#### The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Staff and **Board of Directors** would like to extend a warm

Randy Belon, M.A.

as the new **Executive Director.** 



It is once again the time of year when leaves begin to fall, fruits and veggies hang ripe on the vine, the air gets crisp, and ghosts and ghouls prepare to rise. That's right,

Halloween is once again upon us, and with it comes the seasonal traditions of dressing up the kids in creepy costumes and sending them out for tricks or treats on the one night of the year that they get to unleash their inner goblins and candy-hounds. The children of the MJMC Daycare began their Halloween Howl by practicing their trick or treat skills on the Staff at MJMC and St. Andrews Church.

Halloween Howl



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#### **Career and Employment Workshop**



The current Career and Employment Workshop at MJMC began November 1, 2010 and will run until February 4, 2011. Seven students are registered, and are instructed each morning by Employment Coordinator, Bree Hagan. There are two main components of the 12 week program -"Life Skills" and "Job Search." Topics covered in "Life Skills" include Self-Esteem Building, Loss and Change, Stress and Balance,

Cultural Awareness, Money Management, Communication Skills, Assertiveness Training, Handling Conflict, Problem Solving, Understanding the Canadian Workplace, Saskatchewan Labour Standards and Employer/Employee Roles and Expectations. In "Job Search" students will look at Skills, Interests and Employability Assessment, Career Planning, Resumes, Cover Letters, Labour Market and Preparing for the Job Interview. The current workshop will be followed by one starting March 7, 2011 and again August 1, 2011.

At the end of October, students were treated to a free lunch and presentation, courtesy of Saskatchewan Gaming, Jennifer Matts, Recruitment and Retention Specialist with Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw. The Employment Luncheon garnered interest from approximately 20 students, all happy to enjoy pizza and hear about potential job opportunities with the casino in Moose Jaw. The lunch was complete with fun, door prizes and the opportunity to meet potential future employers.



#### **Square Dancing Fun**

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council was happy to be entertained by the Buttons and Bows Square Dancing Club. The members, wearing colourful costumes, danced for us to the beat of lively music – just what was needed to get our feet tapping on a Monday morning!

Our students have been discussing culture and tradition and so they were interested to learn that the square dancing steps and sequences are based on traditional folk and social dances brought from the people who came to live here.

The Buttons and Bows Club meets on Tuesday evenings, at 7:30pm, in St. Andrew's Social Hall. Sessions for 2011 begin on January 4 and all are welcome to attend.



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#### **Christmas Facts**

- -the first Christmas tree appeared in Alsace in 1521.
- -The Christmas tree was introduced to Canada around the end of 18th century.
- -The Pointsetta is a traditional X-mas flower in Mexico.
- -Silent Night was written in 1818.
- -Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy

# **Bowling Night**

On November 20, 2010 the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council held a Youth Bowling Night for ages 6-18 at:

South Hill Bowling Centre

510 Home St. W

Moose Jaw, SK.

7:00PM to 9:00 PM.



## **Upcoming Events**

December 25 - 31, 2010- Office is closed.

January 1, 2011-Office is closed.

January 19, 2011 - MJMC/Motif Meeting.

February 16, 2011- MJMC/Motif Meeting.

February 21, 2011- Office is closed.

#### Thanksgiving Day at MJMC

Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff and Students at MJMC.

Like a slow-roasted turkey, the Canadian holiday of Thanksgiving was a long time in the making.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> LINC 1, 2, and 3 teachers taught students about cooking a Thanksgiving dinner.

Carol Moran and the LINC 3 class looked at recipes and chose to make pumpkin pound cake for a dessert. Doug Cassidy and the LINC 1 class cooked the turkeys on Thursday. All three classes joined together to watch and help make stuffing and learn about roasting a turkey. On Friday, Laura Butt and the LINC 2 class cooked

the vegetables. Along with the golden roasted turkey we had peas, carrots, turnips, butternut squash and a broccoli casserole. The LINC 3 class made potatoes and set the tables in the gym and made drinks.

Approximately 50 people between staff and students enjoyed the feast together. The meal was delicious and gave everyone hands on experience cooking Canadian food.

"He who thanks but with the lips, Thanks but in part, The full, the true Thanksgiving Comes from the heart."  $\sim J.A.$  Shedd







