

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc.

Meet the Newest Habitat for Humanity Homeowners

Habitat for Humanity is a charitable organization which builds simple affordable homes and helps to provide a long-term solution for breaking the cycle of poverty for families who would not otherwise be able to purchase their own home.

After a successful completion of its first project this summer, Habitat for Humanity is proud to partner with the community to build two (2) more homes with, and for, working families in need. Construction is already underway on Stadacona Street East. At this time Habitat for Humanity is asking everyone to lend a hand in what ever way they can. All volunteers are welcome, no matter what skill you have.

Moose Jaw's Paw Lu Lu and Ta Ko Lo stand in what will soon be their new home. As newcomers to Moose Jaw from Burma in 2007 it was a dream to one day have their own home. Thanks to many volunteers Paw Lu Lu, Ta Ko Lo and sons Paul and Her Kaw Htoo are now



living the dream. During a community introduction at the home on Stadacona Street East (still under construction) Habitat for Humanity (local charity organization) is very happy to help another family own their home.

Congratulation to Ta Ko Lo, Paw Lu Lu and family.

Halloween at MJMC a Hauntingly Good Time!



October 29, 2011 was Spooktacular time at the MJMC Halloween bash. The children enjoyed the fun and games hosted by the staff at MJMC. Children were dressed in their finest costumes for this special occasion.



Halloween pumpkin carving was great hit again this year. All classes joined together in the gym and we had individual pumpkins to carve. Our clients are amazingly creative.

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«Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by its breathtaking moments.»
— [Michael Vance](#)

Did you know:

- *In the Ukraine, if you find a spider web in your home X-mas morning it is believed to be good luck.*
- *Noel is the word which is used in place of X-mas in France.*
- *Poinsettia is a traditional X-mas flower in Mexico.*
- *Electric lights for X-mas trees were first used in 1895.*

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Signs! Signs! Every Where the Signs



The children in Daycare are learning and enjoying the signs of Fall. The classroom has come alive with Fall colors and decorations. The children have made hand print turkeys, nature collages, as well as painted leaves. The children are enjoying nature walks and are talking about the signs of Fall. The preschool children have been reading books about Fall which have introduced their new puppet friends Hedgehog, and Caterpillar. The children are learning many new songs and finger plays.

The preschool children are also playing sorting and sequencing games. Shape and color bingo has been one of the

favourite games. The children are also learning Canadian nursery rhymes and are learning chants and repetitive stories.

The younger preschool children are having fun with apples learning to count, cut and the taste the apples is fabulous fun. As well as, they are comparing the colors and sizes. They have been singing apple songs and doing apple art.

For gross motor activities the children are playing gym games such as "London Bridges, and Number Hopscotch". Their fine motor skills have been challenged with beading,

cutting, building with blocks and many art projects.

The toddlers have enjoyed playing in sensory material that included play dough, pasta, sand, leaves, pine cones, and water activities. They also had the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills with cutting and sorting activities. They have been using blocks and enhancing the children's language as they talk about under, over, in and out. They have also played with puzzles, blocks and a new nuts and bolts set. The toddlers enjoy daily outing where they can run and play in the park.



Rock Climbing & Games for MJMC Students

What is Joe's Place:

Joe's Place is a centre that is open to all Moose Jaw youth. It features pool tables, video games, a concession stand, a light and sound system, rock climbing wall and hosts many unique special events and concerts. Many volunteers dedicate their free time for the youth of Moose Jaw in order for them to have a safe place for gatherings during free meals, concerts and other special events.

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council will be supporting Joe's Place December 2, 2011 for an afternoon of Fun & Games. The students from MJMC will have the chance to attempt the rock wall and play pool or video games.

Place: Joe's Place

Date: December 2, 2011

Location: 402 Main St. N

Time: 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul."

-Friedrich Froebel

New MJMC Website Launched

Exciting news! The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council is excited to introduce you to the new and improved MJMC website. This is a huge step forward for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. "Why," do you ask, "a new website?" For quick and easy access to essential information on the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council's ongoing efforts to enhance the quality and availability of information to our

members and affiliated organizations.

Each page boasts a modern, colorful design providing detailed information on all aspects of our organization. You will find the new website of a user-friendly nature that provides users with more efficient access to our organization's resources.

The website was created to target both local and international patrons with

the use of large images and descriptive text for each tab listed on the site. We will be encouraging our patrons to contact us through the website using a simple but innovative online form. The website will be updated regularly with news and evolving with improvements based on our client feedback, so keep visiting the website.

Website: <http://www.mjmcinc.ca>

Santa is Coming to MJMC

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Children of all ages at MJMC anticipate the arrival of Santa Claus and it has been confirmed. MJMC is expecting Santa to attend our Holiday Party December 22, 2011 between 1:00 PM—3:00 PM in the gym.

Santa has an enormous list of children who are expecting to hear tiny reindeer hooves on the roof, so here is a recipe to make sure Santa stops at your house.

Reindeer Food

To make Reindeer food for Santa's team, put 1/8 cup of raw oatmeal into a baggy. Add glitter to the oatmeal, close the baggy and shake. Tie with a pretty ribbon and use card stock or a blank Christmas card to add a message to Santa Claus. On Christmas Ever, go to

your front yard to sprinkle the shiny Reindeer Food by your front walk way or by the base of the chimney. Watch how the moonlight will make the food sparkle to guide Rudolph and the other reindeer to your house.

Facts: Santa Claus around the world

- China– Shengdan Laoren
- England– Father Christmas
- France– Pere Noel
- Ethiopia– Yegena abat

Santa's Address:

Santa Claus
North Pole HOH OH0
Canada

Don't forget your return address.



You better watch out
You better not cry
You better pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to MJMC

Cultural Fair at Central Collegiate

Come celebrate the amazingly diverse cultures of Central Collegiate and Moose Jaw! Enjoy entertainment, decorated display booths and food from around the world! This is an event where students get the opportunity to display their culture through diverse mediums such as posters, presentations, traditional music, food, and clothing.

Free Entrance



\$1.00 for food tickets with all proceeds going toward EAL (English as an Additional Language) program scholarships.

Date: December 7, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM– 8:00 PM

Welcome & Performances

Place: Central Collegiate

149 Oxford Street West

Good Food Box

The Literacy Class at MJMC was introduced to the Good Food Box Program at Hunger in Moose Jaw. This is a cooperative program where clients pay a fee for a small or a large box of fruits and vegetables one week and pick up the produce the following week. The Good Food Box provides top quality fresh fruit and vegetables at affordable prices. This program is designed to promote healthy eating. It is available to the public on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. As

well as providing less expensive fresh produce for clients, the experience provides many learning opportunities. The learners check flyers for prices and do price comparisons. They practice with money, making change and budgeting funds as well as time. *Volunteers* play a big part in the success of this program. Menus are a favourite topic. They discuss how to store and prepare the fruits and vegetables. On occasion, we will prepare one of the recipes included

with the Good Food Box. We would like to thank the Good Food Box and their program for all of their kind help when we order and pick up our Good Food Boxes.



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MJMC Supports Central Cyclones

The Central Cyclones boys soccer team had a very successful season, winning bronze at the 2A provincial championships held in Yorkton in October 2011. Although the season came to an end for the boys, some of the team members were on hand to say thank you to some of their major sponsors including the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. "We are very proud to support them and we think it is a very important and integral part of the settlement and integration process to have them involved in physical activity," stated Stefanie Palmer, Settlement Services Manager at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. MJMC obtained a grant from the True Sport Foundation and funds were used to help support the team with transportation, equipment, and field time. During this school year there was enough boys interested in playing soccer that the Cyclones were able to create a junior and

senior boys teams. "If it was not for the support from the community the teams would not exist," stated Ray Rawlyk, Assistant Coach.



Members of Central Cyclones Soccer Team:
Center: Stefanie Palmer
Back Row: Assistant Coach Michele Smith and Joseph Taban.
Front Row (left to right): Wilson Ntignee, Elyas Adam and Assistant Coach Ray Rawlyk.

Computer Training Achievement

MJMC offers computer classes for ESL students at MJMC with little or no computer skills who want to learn the basic computer skills. The computer class provides instructional services for students in a computer lab setting. These classes include an introduction to word processing, the setting up of e-mail accounts, and general information about computing resources.

On November 18, 2011 eight students celebrated their successful completion of the Computer Training Program instructed by Greg Bergen. The program focused on introducing basic computer skills such as file management, Internet and Email fundamentals and basic instruction of

Microsoft Word and Power Point. Through small projects the students were able to practice their acquired skills and showed remarkable results at the end of the 10 session program.



Left to right:
Hinda Diriye, Greg Bergen, Desalegn Jafe, Gobine Kitaba, Fakiya Ahmed