

Kikinaw – Our Home

Exciting news towards equity and excellence

Thanks to all who attended

National Indigenous Peoples Day at SSCY!

On June 21st, due to inclement weather, the event was moved indoors, and the sound of drumming and singing filled the entire centre. Our participants enjoyed the singing, drumming, dancing, and talks, as well as a barbecue feast.



Many thanks to Ray "Coco" Stevenson (2nd from left) and the Walking Wolf Singers from Treaty One.





Webinar

Each month, Knowledge Keeper (Elder) Mary Wilson leads a webinar for SSCY staff and clients. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to increase their understanding of Indigenous culture, develop their skills of cultural safety and reflect on allyship and anti-racism. Each webinar takes place over the lunch hour: come, eat, discuss and learn! Please contact SSCY reception if you need a link to these events, or click [here](#) for the meeting link. You can also email kikinaw@rccinc.ca for more information.

Full Moon Ceremony

Full moon ceremonies are a monthly time of strength when women and two spirit individuals gather outdoors to celebrate the feminine energy of grandmother moon in ceremony. Men who wish to join can participate in a supportive role. If you are interested in learning more please [connect with Elder Mary](#).

September 22nd is the first day of fall and the fall equinox, when night and day are the same length.

Upcoming webinars

October 13
November 10
December 8

Upcoming full moons

October 9
November 8
December 7



INDIGENOUS FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Seeking Participants: RCC & SSCY Indigenous Family Advisory Council

The Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC) and Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY) Centre are seeking Indigenous family representation to join the Indigenous Family Advisory Committee. Recruitment is commencing September 2022 for family members who are accessing or have accessed services and programs at SSCY Centre and RCC, this includes participants who identify as Indigenous; First Nations, Inuit or Métis.

SSCY Centre and RCC wish to promote inclusivity and participation for Indigenous families to raise and advocate any concerns, public expectations, and/or issues that are within the scope of SSCY and RCC board. Virtual meetings will occur approximately every other month for families to provide input and feedback on various strategic goals and initiatives.

If you are interested in joining or learning more please email indigenousservices@rccinc.ca or phone 204-452-4311 and ask for Michelle Klippenstein.

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National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

On Thursday, September 29th, SSCY Centre will be holding an event to commemorate the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Please remember to wear an orange shirt to work to honour the children who attended residential schools and to acknowledge the harms that were done to them.



GUEST SPEAKER: HONOURABLE ERIC ROBINSON

When: Thursday, September 29, 10:30AM

Where: SSCY Centre

We are grateful to present the honourable Eric Robinson to speak to staff and families. Mr. Robinson is member of Pimicikamak Cree Nation and residential school survivor. He has worked with numerous Indigenous organizations, in broadcasting and served as an MLA and cabinet minister in the Manitoba legislature. Mr. Robinson will speak with staff about Truth and Reconciliation followed by time for questions and discussion. A light lunch will served afterwards.

Staff are encouraged to reflect on their personal commitments to Truth and Reconciliation, and to record their commitment on a (paper) orange shirt. Stations will be set up at SSCY Centre for staff to record and post their commitments to action. We hope to revisit and refresh these commitments in the coming years as we work together to advance Truth and Reconciliation within our Centre. SSCY staff can review their email for resources and examples of commitments made by colleagues.

There will also be children's book readings about Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation, read by Stefanie Wiens and Allison Hasselfield. These readings will be shared on RCC social media.

SSCY Centre will be closed for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.

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Sundance 2022

Several SSCY centre staff were able to attend the Blacksmith Sundance in Spruce Woods in June. On behalf of those that attend as observers, I want to extend a sincere thank you to the Blacksmith family for their generosity and welcoming atmosphere. It was an honour to witness the commitment and sacrifices of the dancers and their families, as well as the community support and effort that goes into a successful Sundance. It was a weekend filled with beautiful weather, singing, ceremonies and reflection.

If you were unable to attend but would like to do so in the coming years, you can request to follow the Blacksmith Sundance Family group on Facebook for details as June approaches.

-Chris Froese



2ND ANNUAL ORANGE SHIRT DAY

POW WOW

SEPTEMBER 30TH

2022

RBC CONVENTION CENTRE

GRAND ENTRY @ 1PM

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

SURVIVORS WALK

STARTING FROM THE FORKS

@ 11AM

LEAD BY

THE OYATE TECHA RIDERS

HOSTED BY

WA-SAY

HEALING CENTRE

In partnership with Anish Corp. - Aboriginal Health & Wellness - SERDC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 204-774-6484

Honouring Jordan: Why we don't say "JP"

Jordan River Anderson's birthday is October 22nd. He would have been 23 this year.

As you may know, Jordan's Principle was established as a result of Jordan River Anderson's experience as a First Nations child trying to access healthcare in the early 2000s. Jordan was a child with complex needs who passed away in hospital at the age of 5. He was unable to return home due to federal and provincial jurisdictional disputes related to who would fund the homecare he needed. Jordan's Principle was created to address inequalities in health, social and educational access for First Nations children.

Out of respect for Jordan, his family, and the *principle* of equitable healthcare, it is important to say and write "Jordan's Principle" every time, and to never shorten it to "JP".

We will be holding a small celebration at SSCY in honour of Jordan's birthday - stay tuned for details!

The Kikinaw Newsletter is put together by a small group from the Jordan's Principle / Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee. If you are interested in contributing to this publication, please email us at kikinaw@rccinc.ca.

We always welcome feedback, so please contact us with any questions or concerns.



**RCC Jordan's Principle
Facebook Group**



For caregivers, Jordan's
Principle staff,
healthcare workers,
daycare staff, etc.

Check out shared resources,
tips, information AND MORE!

Scan the QR code
OR search "RCC
Jordan's Principle"



Jordan's Principle / Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Jordan's Principle / Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee is to ensure that Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC) is providing culturally safe and culturally appropriate services with and for Indigenous clients and families and is facilitating the ongoing movement towards First Nations-led health services. The Committee was formed in 2018 and since then has spearheaded many initiatives across the SSCY Centre and beyond, including education, outreach and special events.

The Kikinaw Newsletter is the latest endeavour of the Committee, to inform SSCY staff, families and partners about all our activities. In this newsletter we share reflections from cultural activities around the SSCY Centre, let you know about upcoming events, and share quality and equity initiatives. In each edition we share reflections on teachings from our Elders and Knowledge Keepers in the previous season as well as resources that may be helpful in your work and personal lives.

Committee Members:

Pam Becker, Krista Buchanan, Jeanette Edwards, Chris Froese, Allison Hasselfield, Michelle Klippenstein, Diana Renaud, Maynan Robinson, Grandmother Helen Robinson-Settee, Cheryl Susinski, Knowledge Keeper Mary Wilson, Dianna Watts, Kristy Wittmeier