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## Welcome

Welcome to the delayed (just like our actual spring this year!) Spring 2023 edition of Kikinaw (pronounced kee-kee-now), the quarterly newsletter of the TRC / Jordan's Principle Advisory Committee (for more information about this committee, see p.3). In this newsletter we share reflections from cultural activities around the center, 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.

We would love your input on content for the newsletter. If you have ideas to share or a reflection to submit, please send to [kikinaw@rccinc.ca](mailto:kikinaw@rccinc.ca).

## Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Around the Centre

The Jordan's Principle/ Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has recently reviewed the TRC Calls to Action again to ensure we are addressing the relevant Calls to Action in an appropriate way.

We are in the process of updating our committees' objectives to work towards the Calls within the center and would like to hear from you too! Watch for opportunities to share how you work towards the Calls to Action in your daily work here and share where we could improve.

Visit this document ([TRC Calls to Action](#)) to add how you currently enact the Calls to Action at work and where we could do better as organizations within SSCY Centre.

Questions can be addressed to any member of the Jordan's Principle/TRC Committee (listed on page 3).

## Learning with Elder Mary Wilson

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.

Upcoming webinars	April 13, 12PM - 1PM
	May 11, 12PM - 1PM
	June 8, 12PM-1PM

## 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. If you are interested in learning more please [connect with Elder Mary](#).

Upcoming full moons	May 5- Flower Moon
	June 3- Strawberry Moon
	July 3- Buck Moon

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## Giveaway Teaching and Wild Turkey



Wild turkeys have been returning to Elder Mary's yard and lodge in the last couple weeks.

This means that it is Giveaway time.

"The Turkey is a spirit animal closely associated with honoring nature and the Earth. Symbol of abundance, this totem animal encourages us to honor our sources of nourishment, whether they are physical, emotional or spiritual. The turkey reminds us to develop a harmonious relationship with the land and our environment and consider them as foundations to our well-being and sustenance. The Turkey totem is a powerful guide to unlocking the fullness of life and feeling content with what we have instead of accumulating material belongings to seek happiness." Retrieved from: [www.spiritanimal.info/turkey-spirit-animal/](http://www.spiritanimal.info/turkey-spirit-animal/)

**During this Giveaway time consider how you can share your abundance with those in need.**

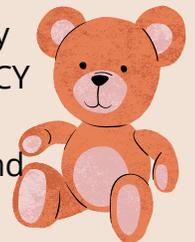
## Jordan's Principle Service Update

The Jordan's Principle Program at RCC is now 6 years old. It has grown from just a few staff in First Nations to over 40 staff, including our partners in Southern Health and Manitoba Possible, providing occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech language therapy services to all 63 First Nations communities in Manitoba. RCC is jointly planning a community engagement event with the Southern Chiefs Organization, to seek feedback from community members, families and children that have been impacted by our Jordan's Principle programs and services. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate in this community event!

We always want your feedback about services you receive. Email [info@rccinc.ca](mailto:info@rccinc.ca) to share your experiences any time.

## Upcoming Events at SSCY Centre

**May 10th** Bear Witness Day  
Drop in to the Atrium at SSCY Centre between 9 AM and noon for cookies, stories and film screenings.



Bear Giveaway for the kids!  
Visit [fncaringsociety.com](http://fncaringsociety.com) to learn about how you can help "bear witness" about the need to fully implement Jordan's Principle locally and nationally.

**June 21st** National Indigenous Day and Summer Solstice. Stay tuned for onsite and community based events.

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A message from  
Michelle  
Klippenstein,  
Jordan's Principle  
Coordinator



## Southern Chiefs' Organization Jordan's Principle Update

- 7 new school divisions now have Jordan's Principle Coordinators within their division. 9 in total; Winnipeg School Division, Brandon School Division, Lord Selkirk School Division, Portage La Prairie School Division, Pembina Trails School Division, St. James-Assiniboia School Division, Louis Riel School Division, Seven Oaks School Division, and River East Transcona School Division. Families can reach out to the school division Jordan's Principle Coordinators for school-based requests.
- Continue to have Jordan's Principle Coordinators at Children's Hospital, SSCY Centre, Southern Chiefs' Organization Sub-Office.
- SCO Funding has expanded to provide more short term supports including school support requests, prescriptions, food security, clothing, furniture and more.
- Please note that all SCO Jordan's Principle requests need a copy of treaty status card (parent or child) and copy of Health Card. SCO can help individuals to apply for a status card. follow this link: [Status Card Program - Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc. \(scoinc.mb.ca\)](https://scoinc.mb.ca)

Michelle can be reached at [mklippenstein@rccinc.ca](mailto:mklippenstein@rccinc.ca) or 204-258-6553

## About the Truth and Reconciliation / Jordan's Principle Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Jordan's Principle / Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee is to ensure that 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 led many initiatives across the SSCY Centre and beyond, including education, outreach and special events. The Kikinaw newsletter is our latest endeavour, to inform our staff, families and partners about all our activities.

### Current Committee members:

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

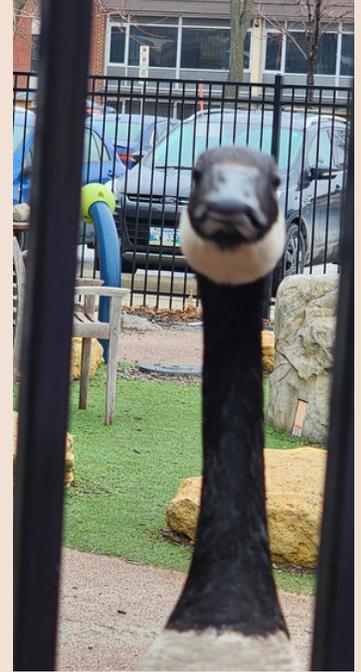
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## SSCY Tipi

The SSCY tipi raising has been delayed this year due to the cold spring weather and a nesting pair of geese in the playground. The geese have now vacated the playground (it may not have been as quiet a location as they hoped), but we are still waiting for the ground to thaw.

Stay tuned for more information about the Tipi raising and related teachings.



## Ribbon Skirt Making Workshop with Elder Mary and Stephanie Van Haute





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## Spring Equinox

On March 20, 2023 staff, families and the children from Inspired by Wonder daycare joined Knowledge Keeper Mary Wilson and Ray "Coco" Stevenson and the Walking Wolf Singers from Treaty 1 to celebrate the Spring Equinox.

