

Newsletter

2018 Spring & Summer Edition

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SNS Southeast
Newcomer Services

English as an Additional Language

Free English Classes for Adults

Southeast College offers English classes twice a week for adults free of cost. This is a good opportunity for individuals to improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, leading to a positive impact on their social and professional life.

To register for English classes, please take your **immigration document** to your first class.

Location	Address	Times
Estevan	Spruce Ridge School 321 Spruce Ridge Drive	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30- 9:30pm
Weyburn (Stage 1 & 2)	Southeast College Campus 633 King Street	Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am- 12:30pm
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Carlyle	Carlyle Elementary School 401 Souris Avenue East	Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm- 9:00pm
Kipling	Above the Kipling Library 207 6th Avenue	Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm- 9:30pm
Carnduff	Carnduff Educations Complex 506 Anderson Ave	Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm- 9:30pm
Redvers (EAL Literacy Program)	Redvers Public library 23 Railway Ave	Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm- 9:30pm
Estevan (EAL Literacy Program)	Southeast College Campus 532 Bourquin Rd	Tuesday 10:00am- 1:00pm Friday 9:30am- 12:30pm
Contact: Katie Burham (306)637-4928		

Please note. Katie Burham is the EAL Coordinator for Southeast College and for additional information on the program, please contact her at (306)637-4928.

The following Churches offer free conversation and Bible reading classes.

Estevan Church of Christ

Free Conversation and Bible Reading Classes

Contact Name: Tim Pipus

Contact Number: (306) 634-3116

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm

LINC Home Study is available to permanent residents of Canada or convention refugees 18 years or older, who live outside of a region where face to face LINC classes are offered. Students will need to have a minimum CLBPT of 3 in Listening and Speaking, 2 in Reading and Writing, and be able to commit 5-7 hours to study on their own every week.

Online English Stage 1 & 2 is available to temporary residents who hold a valid work permit. Students need to be 18 years or older and live outside of an area where face to face Stage 1 & 2 English programs are offered.

For more information, please contact Katie at (306)637-4928 or kburham@southeastcollege.org



The Estevan Area Literacy Group offers a variety of programs to help kids and adults with learning English. Keep a watch out for upcoming events.

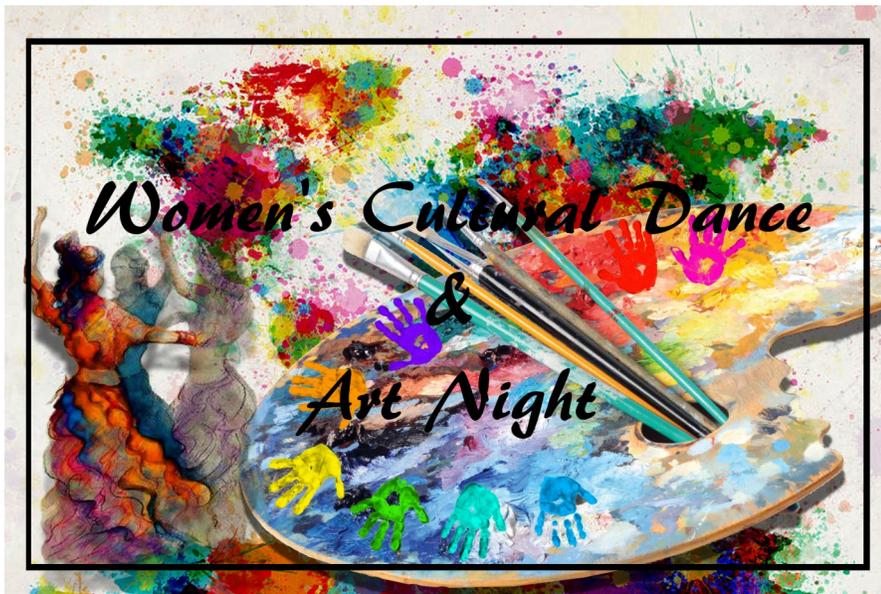
Location: Estevan Public Library
701 Souris Ave, Estevan

For more information or to register, please contact Kim at (306) 636-1626 or literacycoordinator@outlook.com



Our **International Kitchen** is coming soon, if you have not taken part yet, now would be a great opportunity to get involve in celebrating diversity and experience dishes from around the world. We plan to host five different cultural cooking participation night. Our planned dates will be between May and July 2018. Keep watch for our dates, times and location.

For further information and to register please call (306)634-7233.



Women's Cultural Dance & Art Night - Women bonding over culture through art, activities, cultural food and dancing. Women participating by painting, dancing and sharing their culture. A professional artist will guide women in painting. Women will experience henna tattooing and cultural hair braiding and other activities. This event is for women to celebrate being women. Come join a ladies night out experiencing culture at it's best.

Our planned date will be in June, 2018. Keep watch for our date, time and location.

For further information and to register please call (306)634-7233.

Upcoming Events

Visit our website at <http://www.southeastnewcomer.com/category/upcoming-events>.

Savour The Southeast:

May 5th, 2018

A Saskatchewan wide event to be hosted on May 5th, 2018, of different vendors promoting products and services. Savour the Southeast is held every year at Estevan's Affinity Place. This event brings in thousands of participants throughout Saskatchewan. Last year, this event hosted over 2500 people. This event is a great opportunity to meet, connect and network within the province. This event also allows for a diverse setting and helps to promote multiculturalism. Our organization is providing various ethnicity cultural dishes provided by our Newcomers. To attend, purchase tickets at Henderson's Drugs or Affinity Place. We will provide more information on our Facebook page as we approach the event date. Come out and support your local community and have fun!



Aboriginal Day:

June 21st, 2018

Each year, we celebrate in support of our Native Indians and Metis Federation. This upcoming year, we are partnering with Saskatchewan Metis Federation and Local CUPE5999 in Weyburn to host this event. Performers will include Metis Jiggers, First Nation dancers and singers. The day will include booths with moccasins, bead work, Aboriginal art and cultural food such as Bannock Bread. Keep watch for time and location in Weyburn!



“Berry Picking,” at Taylor Family farms in Glen Ewen is a big favorite among newcomers. It seems like a simple trivial pastime to do but when you think about it, not many people from other countries or even Canadians within Canada go out and pick berries. Newcomers not only pick berries but they also get a chance to see the hard work farmers put into making a crop and bringing it to harvest. Our planned trip will be between July and September when harvest is at it’s best. Once a date is decided, we will post on our Facebook to call and register. Transportation is provided! Only \$14 dollars per bucket! Enjoy a day out picking berries.



This Summer SNS would like to give newcomers, “Day on the Farm,” the experience of a real Canadian farm. Fitzpatrick Farm Fresh is located just outside of Oxbow. Our day would involve participating in daily activities such as milking goats & cows, collecting eggs, learning about crops, feeding livestock and learning the importance of farm life and how vital farming is to our Canadian way of life. Everyone participating will be guided by an experienced farmworker who will share about their life as a farmer and give a history about the farm and heritage. Keep watch for date and time. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Register at 306-637-4920.

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Who We Are Exhibit:

Newcomers share their culture and where they came from through paintings. A professional artist will guide 10 Newcomers in their paintings of expression of who they are, the country they immigrated from and their new life in Canada, a series of three painting from each artist. After, we will host an exhibit introducing each artist with their paintings. We are looking for participants.

Our goal is to showcase this exhibit throughout Canada, sharing multicultural differences to help breakdown the fears of integration.

If you are interested in representing SNS as an artist for this project, please call 306-637-4920.



Cultural Potluck Luncheons:

Random Dates

Another way of bringing our community together is to host “Cultural Potluck Luncheons,” where everyone will be able to share a little bit of their culture through the mutual love of food. SNS would like to host a series of luncheons to get those who missed a lunch a chance to connect and meet other fellow newcomers or local community members. This would be a great opportunity for newcomers to network and meet others in our community. Keep a watch out for dates, times and locations.



Spring & Summer Holiday hours

April 30th, 2018—Good Friday
Closed

May 21st, 2018—Victoria Day
Closed

August 6, 2018—Civic Holiday
Closed

September 3rd, 2018—Labor Day
Closed



Campfire Bannock Bread and Cultural Story Night – Indigenous stories and making Bannock bread over a campfire. **In late September 2018 as Summer starts to cool**, we would like to host a “Bannock Bread and Cultural Story Night.” What better way to learn about each other than by telling and hearing stories and making bannock bread over a campfire. This is a great combination of culture and being Canadian as it gets. To help start off the event, we will have some professional Frist Nation storytellers start off the night’s stories. This will help open participants to share stories of other cultures and ancestors. Besides the great stories everyone will hear, the other best part is the fun in making cultural bannock bread over a campfire. Date, time, location TBA



Weyburn garden project

We are inviting newcomers to be a part of our Weyburn community garden project. We have retained our plot at the community garden located on Signal Hill, and as a result, are seeking volunteers who are interested in gardening. This is an opportunity to transform an empty plot into something everyone can own and be proud of. The group will be responsible for planting and caring for the garden. The team also decides as a group what to plant and what to do with the harvest. We can choose to keep the produce, donate it, or do both. The most important part now is forming a reliable team to create our wonderful garden. If you are interested please contact our office (306)637-4920 or email at informationadvisor.newcomer@sasktel.net.

Estevan battles of the gardens

We have received 2 garden plots at the Estevan community garden, and as such would like to create 2 teams for our project. The aim is to create an atmosphere to interact and have fun, while nurturing a garden to life. Participants will be broken up into two teams, team 1 will be individuals between the ages of 5 to 49, and team 2 will be age 50 and over. Over the course of the summer we will judge to see who has created the best garden. Volunteers will be required to plant, water, weed and assist with the general care of the garden. Planting will begin late May 2018. To join our team, please call (306)637-4920 or email informationadvisor.newcomer@sasktel.net.





Immigration Consultant

Do you have immigration questions? Let us know and we can book you a 15minute free consultation with Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant Daphne Lavina.

Daphne has over 20 years of consulting experience to provide the support you need. Immigration Clinics are conducted every other Tuesday between 2pm and 3pm. For further information call (306)637-4920.

Upcoming Clinics

March 13, 2018	May 8, 2018
March 27, 2018	May 22, 2018
April 10, 2018	June 12, 2018
April 24, 2018	June 26, 2018

TAXES SCAMS & ID THEFT

Tax season brings tax scams

With tax season upon us, the Canada Revenue Agency is once again warning Canadians to be careful about giving out financial information to anyone they can't verify is a CRA employee. The so-called "CRA scams" began emerging in 2013, according to the RCMP, and have since become a popular tool for defrauding people over the phone or by email. Visit the CRA website to learn how to protect yourself against fraud; <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/scrtv/frdprvntn/menu-eng.html>.

Most tax returns must be [filed on or before April 30, 2018](#).

Here are some things the CRA will never do:

- Threaten you with immediate arrest or prison sentence.
- Ask for information about your passport, health card, or driver's licence.
- Request personal information to be sent by email.
- Email you a link requesting you fill in an online form with personal or financial details.
- Send you a link to your refund by email or text message.
- Setup an in-person meeting in a public place to take a payment.
- Demand immediate payment by prepaid credit card.

If you suspect a scam, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at www.antifraudcentre.ca or toll free at 1-888-495-8501.



Having a savings plan

Canadians aren't saving enough. That's unfortunate because having money put aside for a "rainy day" fund, a child's education or retirement can make the difference between feeling stressed and being in control of your financial situation. And saving can help you avoid unwanted debt when you have unexpected expenses, such as a car repair or leaking roof. We know money is the biggest cause of stress. So, I encourage everyone to have a savings plan. It will keep you on track and help you plan for the future. Everyone has their own way – little things they can do. One of my saving methods, for example, is buying work clothes that are wash and wear – I travel a lot and can just throw them in the suitcase. I save a lot on dry cleaning! For others, it might be bringing lunch and coffee from home or riding their bike to work, saving a lot on parking and gas.

Savings Tips

Set savings goals

Whether you are saving for a new appliance, for your own or your child's post-secondary education, to pay down debt or a vacation, setting a goal and working towards it is a good recipe for success. Ready to set savings goals?

Start now

A good place to start is putting aside some of your income into savings. Some experts suggest 10% but setting aside even a little bit goes a long way. Open a savings account or a tax free savings account. Some banks offer low-cost or no-cost accounts to young people, students, seniors receiving Guaranteed Income Supplement, newcomers, beneficiaries of the Registered Disability Savings Plan and low-income Canadians. If you have children, start saving early for their education with a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and take advantage of government contributions. Also, a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) is a good way to save money and provides tax benefits.

Automate it

Transfer money to a savings account automatically every paycheque and watch your savings grow. By learning to save – and making it easy by automating transfers – you will be more likely to avoid unwanted debt. Building a savings account will also prepare you for the changing demands in your life and helps you prepare for unexpected expenses.

Why is saving for retirement so important?

Some of you will be in the sandwich generation, raising children and caring for parents. Regardless of your stage in life, saving for your senior years is important. We have a greater responsibility to fund our own retirement. Start saving early to make sure you have the retirement lifestyle you want. And help your parents if they need some saving tips. Being a saver is one of the best money habits you can develop. Life is full of many twists and turns. Having savings will shelter you from financial ups and downs and help prepare you whatever comes your way as you approach your senior years. Need more convincing? The average Canadian today can expect to live until 86. That means if you retire at 65, you could be relying on savings for 21 years, or longer. That's a long time!

What should I do right now?

The best thing you can do right now is prepare a savings plan. You are never too young or too old.

By Jane Rooney, Canada's Financial Literacy Leader

What's New At Southeast Newcomer Services?—Introducing

SWIS

Settlement Workers in Schools

SWIS provides services to all categories of immigrants including government sponsored refugees, privately sponsored refugees, family sponsored immigrants, economic immigrants, secondary immigrants and Canadian citizens who are children of immigrants.

SWIS is the bridge encouraging positive and open communication between family school and community. We provides students and their families with the immediate essential services required to support their transition into the Canadian school setting.

This is achieved by:

SUPPORTING

student's transition to life in Canada by providing practical guidance, and

culturally sensitive consultation,

ENCOURAGING

family involvement in student's school life;

INCREASING

each client's ability to access appropriate and timely community services;

PROVIDING

services and benefits in the client's first language by arranging for interpreters;



DEVELOPING

greater community awareness and involvement in the integration process;

FOSTERING

positive attitudes and associations with communities;

STRENGTHENING

immigrant's and refugees' ability to cope with the challenges of integration;

DELIVERING

information sessions on topics related to settlement to high school and elementary school students and their families;

PROMOTING

respect for cultural diversity by informing and educating school personnel

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Southeast Newcomer Services relies on grants to help fund our programs and events. Each grant helps to make our events a success. We would like to recognize our Sponsors and thank them for making our Newcomers feel welcomed in our communities. We couldn't do it without you!

SaskCulture

<https://www.saskculture.ca/>



Community Initiatives Fund

<http://www.cifsask.org/>



Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan

<http://mcos.ca/>



Saskatchewan Lotteries

<http://www.sasklotteries.ca/home.htm>

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation

<http://sscf.ca/>

Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Association

<https://www.spra.sk.ca/>

Southeast Connections

<https://www.southeastconnection.ca/>

City of Estevan

<http://estevan.ca/>

City of Weyburn

<https://weyburn.ca/>

Check out our Social Media Pages

To get up to date news and events please feel free to check out our social media pages:

Follow our Facebook page, Southeast Newcomer Services, Link: www.facebook.com/SoutheastNewcomerServices/

and Twitter @ EstevanSNS, Link: <https://twitter.com/EstevanSNS/>

You may also visit our website: www.southeastnewcomer.com

We offer:

One-On-One Basic Computer Lessons:

Are you interested in learning more about computers? Register now for one-on-one sessions to learn the basics and gradually improve. Call (306)-637-4920 for further in-



- SNS offer many services including use of computers, printing, faxing, scanning, telephone, access to up-to-date information, assistance with foreign qualification recognition, health card application, and much more, at no charge.
- There is a secondary office located at 17 3rd St. Weyburn, which offer free access to computers, printing, faxing scanning, telephone etc.
- Our Settlement Advisor will travel to meet you for appointments.
- We offer resume referral services. This allows for an experienced professional to sit with you and help create a great resume.
- We can visit your city or town to do presentations at no cost.
- Feel free to join our volunteer team and participate at our events and programs throughout the year.
- You can suggest information sessions and programs to be organized in your community.
- Follow us on Facebook, twitter or visit our website for updates on new events and programs.
- Newcomers does not only refer to individuals moving from outside the country, but Canadians moving from another province or Aboriginal Community.

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