

Newsletter

2017 Spring Edition

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Southeast
Newcomer Services



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
Location: 1302 8th Street, Estevan

Living Hope Church
Free Conversation Classes
Contact Name: Konstantin Kistanov
Contact Number: (306) 634-8133
Time: Thursday evenings 7:00 -8:00pm
Location: 100 King Street, Estevan

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 is hosting Talk Time. This is a program designed for adults who speak English as additional language. The program runs on Mondays at 6:30 pm and include both written and spoken English.

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

International Kitchen



Our International Kitchen is half way through, 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. There is a \$5 for each session to assist in maintaining the program. For further information and to register please call (306)634-7233.

Location: Nicholson Centre, 701 Souris Ave., Estevan

International Kitchen Schedule

Dates	Time	Dishes
April 4 th , 2017	6:30 PM	Mediterranean Maklouba and Humus
April 18 th , 2017	6:30 PM	Russian Olivie Salad and Draniki



Join us every other Wednesday night at, Southeast Newcomer Services, for coffee and conversation. Come visit, informally practice your English skills and connect with other people. For more information please contact our office at (306)637-4920.

Upcoming Sessions

Dates	Time
April 5 th , 2017	6:30 PM—8:00PM
April 19 th , 2017	6:30 PM—8:00PM

Employment Standards Presentation

This presentation will provide a review of employment standards, and the rights and responsibilities of Saskatchewan employers and employees. Topics covered will include:

- Saskatchewan legislative act & regulation
- Public holidays
- Minimum wage
- Vacation entitlement
- Payment of earnings
- Employment leaves
- Deductions
- Termination/ending employment
- Scheduling
- Filing complaints
- Hours of work & overtime
- And other topics as requested

WEYBURN	ESTEVAN
Date: Tuesday, April 4 th , 2017	Thursday, April 13th, 2017
Time: 6:30 PM	6:30 PM
Location: Southeast College 633 King St. Weyburn	Spruce Ridge School 321 Spruce Ridge Dr. Estevan

This Seminar is FREE, but PLEASE call (306)637-4920 to register.

Upcoming Events

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

Water Safety Workshop:

April 2nd, 2017 (9AM-12PM)

Join us this spring for our Weyburn Water Safety program. This will be a great first step in learning a skill that could one day save your life and the life of others. This program will also offer the opportunity to engage and socialize with other community members, and learn about the different programs available through the City. For further information and to register, please call (306)637-4920.

Day of horses workshop:

April 8th, 2017 (10AM-3PM)

Join us for a “Day of Horses” with Jenn Schaff, an experienced horse owner with native ancestral knowledge. She will provide newcomers, a day to experience our Canadian history on horses through culture, spiritual connection with our Native Indians, knowledge of common breeds, the importance of horses with the land & people and much more. Newcomers will also get to experience horse riding and one on one contact with horses. For further information and to register, please call (306)637-4920. Note. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

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 or visit our office for further information and to book your appointment.



Spring Holiday hours

April 14th, 2017
Closed

May 22nd, 2017
Closed



Daphne Lavina
Immigration Clinic

Do you have immigration questions? Let us know and we can book you a 15 minutes 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

- April 4th, 2017
- April 18th, 2017
- May 2nd, 2017
- May 16th, 2017
- May 30th, 2017
- June 13th, 2017
- June 27th, 2017



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 Jay at jhaldair.newcomerserv@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 on Saturday May 20th, 2017 at 2:00PM. To join our team, please call (306)637-4920 or email Stephanie at programscoordinator.newcomerserv@sasktel.net.

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/scrty/frdprvntn/menu-eng.html>.

Most tax returns must be [filed on or before April 30, 2017](#).

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.



Financial Literacy

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

HOW MONEY WORKS



A Guide to Financial Success

How Money Works workshop

May 10th, 2017 (6:30PM-8:00PM)

Location: Southeast Newcomer Services, 1108 6th St., Estevan

One of the secret to financial security is learning to control the things you CAN control. Join our financial education presentation, as we look to help you gain confidence that you can get out of debt, build savings, and get on the path to financial independence. For further information and to register, please call (306)637-4920.

Paint Night

June 3rd, 2017 (6:30PM-9:30PM)

Location: Western Star Hotel, 303 Kensington Ave, Estevan

Join us as we host a ladies only fun night, which will include painting and cultural dancing. There will be wine, cheese and refreshment provided to add to our celebration of women. For further information and to register, please call (306)637-4920.

Locomotives of Bienfait movie

June 10th, 2017 (6:30PM)

Location: Souris Valley Theatre, Estevan

While thousands of Steam Locomotives went to the scrap yard at the end of the steam era, three from a small corner of southeast Saskatchewan in Canada somehow survived. The Locomotives of Bienfait documents these century-old machines – where they are now, who are the people that care for them, and the colourful history behind them. Call (306)637-4920!

