

Changing Times

A magazine made by newcomers to Southwest Saskatchewan

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& English Proficiency Tests

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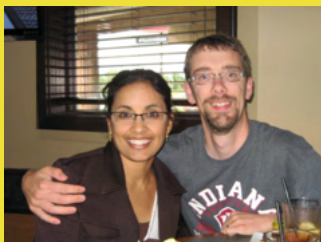
from the editor

Hello to fall!
I love these early fall days
and am mesmerized with
the beautiful fall colors.
Don't you wish it would last
just a little longer?

While preparing this fall
issue of the Changing Times,
we talked a lot about liter-
acy, Culture Days, English
language tests, elections and
community involvement and
thought that these issues
may be important for our
newcomers. We hope you
will find this issue both re-
sourceful and entertaining.

We are very proud and ex-
cited about the launch of
our cookbook "Cooking Cul-
ture" - a project that truly
speaks to the Welcome Cen-
tre's core values and objec-
tives.

~ Agnese Vilde



Mable Derksen

My husband and I are big
fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord
of the Rings Trilogy (books
first, then the
movies!).

A matter of
fact, both of
our children's
middle names
are from the
books! In addi-
tion, our family
cherishes the Bible, the writ-
ten source of our faith.



Icasiana de Gala

The HP series, while magical
and enchanting, talks about the
most common issues and chal-
lenges that ordinary folks experi-
ence - family, love, friendship,
anger, conflicts - the fact that it is
set in this amazing world makes
reading it more exciting. It chal-
lenges the mind to imagine the scenes de-
scribed in the book. I lost all my copies of
the book to flood before we left Manila. I would
love to get a hold of all 7 books again.



Claudia Muñoz

My favorite book is Cien años de soledad {One Hundred Years of Solitude} by a Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez. It is a good read and features the roots of my cultural background.



Agnese Vilde

I am a total book nerd and love
reading all kinds of books. As I have
many favorite books, it was hard to
choose just one.
Recently I was entertained by Tina
Fey's "Bossypants."
She is brutally honest and very
funny. I had to laugh out loud while
reading this book.



Anika Henderson

I really love kids
books by
Sandra Boynton.
They are such
fun to read to
my son Ari!



Rae Kroshus

I couldn't begin to choose a favorite
book, but Catch-22, The Brothers
Karamazov and 100 Years of
Solitude would definitely be in
my top 10. I also love books
with great world-building, like
The Lord of The Rings trilogy!





On September 24, CTV's Dan and Danielle visited the Welcome Centre as part of their Hometown Tour. Thanks for stopping by!

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We would like to **THANK** *Jacqueline Menzies* for deciding to spend her summer holidays with us! We sure loved having you here! We wish you good luck with continuing your studies! Don't forget to stop by on your next holidays!



THANKS GRACIAS PALDIES SALAMAT



We have been nominated for the Swift Current & District Chamber of Commerce - Spirit of Swift Current Award under the not-for profit organization category.



YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT! To vote, please go to this link <http://www.swiftcurrentchamber.ca/news.php> scroll down and you will find the "Cast your vote for SCBEX - Spirit of Swift Current Award" and start voting. Voting ends on October 18.

Show your support and appreciation for the great work Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre has been doing for the past few years. Thank You!

Meet Joshua Lo

Have you noticed that all our computers work much better and faster? That is because Joshua has been spending some time at the Welcome Centre fixing up and upgrading our computers. We sure appreciate all your help!



**NEW
MEETING TIME!!**

Wednesdays, @ 7:45 p.m.

Meeting Place remains the same:
Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre
237 Central Ave North

To join the group and/or to hear about IWSC upcoming events, contact Myra
(306) 773 – 5068, mleyshon@sasktel.net

International Women of SC
get together for support
and friendship.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for helping us raise funds over the summer. We were able to send 13 kids to different summer camps. We hope to send more kids next time and do some more projects that would help newcomers learn more about life in Canada.



IMMIGRATION NEWS

NEW Citizenship Language Requirements

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) has proposed new changes to citizenship language requirements. Under the new system, it will be mandatory for adult citizenship applicants to provide unbiased proof of language ability with their citizenship applications. Applicants will be able to demonstrate language ability by submitting one of the following:

- Results of a third party test;
- Evidence of completion of secondary or post-secondary education in English or French; or
- Evidence of achieving CLB/NCLC 4 in certain government funded language training programs.

Speaking and Listening will be the two language skills evaluated.

Canadian citizenship not for sale: update on residence fraud investigations

The Government of Canada is now investigating 6,500 people from more than 100 countries for fraudulently attempting to gain citizenship or maintain permanent resident status.

"Canadian citizenship is not for sale," said Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Kenney. "The Government will apply the full strength of Canadian law to those who have obtained citizenship fraudulently."

In July, Minister Kenney announced that Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) was beginning the process to revoke the citizenship of up to 1,800 citizens who obtained it fraudulently; that number has now risen to more than 2,100.

The Department has also been working on cases of those who are not yet citizens. Nearly 4,400 people with permanent resident status who are known to be implicated in residence fraud have been flagged for additional scrutiny should they attempt to enter Canada or obtain citizenship. The majority of these individuals are outside the country.

To read full press releases go to
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/index.asp>

have your say

We would like to hear from you. Don't be afraid to comment, write or ask questions.

This time we would like to share Chris Harrow's thoughts on the project Cooking Culture



" Food is truly a common meeting ground for people of all cultures. When we cook, eat and share personal meals we take a journey to another's home.

Through the preparation and teaching of cooking dishes and meals that are personally important we discover the common ground.

I was very excited about this program and was equally enthusiastic about pitching and running the project.

I feel this book is stage three and the culmination of the program. Icasiana and I wanted to share the atmosphere that existed in the kitchen and felt this book is the best way to reach out to others. Get involved with another culture by cooking up the recipes contained within."

~ Chris Harrow
Swift Current Public Library

who is new?

Don't forget to tell us who is new in our community. We would love to meet them!

finally here!!!

We have been writing about our recent project *Cooking Culture* and some of you had the wonderful opportunity to participate and share your recipes with us. They were truly two amazing afternoons of cooking, eating and visiting. We are very thankful for everyone who came and made this project such a success.

We are proud to present the project's final result—the cookbook *Cooking Culture*. It will be launched during Culture Days on September 29 at 1-5 pm at the Riverside Park during the "Celebration of Culture and Sport". You will not only have a chance to purchase this amazing cookbook, but also taste some goodies and snacks featured in the cookbook.

Later on the cookbook will be available at the Welcome Centre or the Library (while quantities last) **for the PRICE of \$ 10.00**



meet. greet. eat.

14 CHEFS met with the intent to prepare food that has a strong resonance with home. We served over 100 people combined & brought the world a little closer for all participants. Food is more than sustenance & tells much of a country & person.

WE ASKED our cooks, "Why is this dish important to you?" & the stories were as varied as the people. As we worked together cooking & creating the dishes, we shared stories of our homeland bringing together peoples from all over the world. From South Africa to Eastern Europe, from Korea to New Zealand, our chefs asked for help cooking & received a window into another culture, truly A Cooking Culture.

SOUTHWEST NEWCOMER WELCOME CENTRE

Swift Current Branch
Chinook Regional Library

cooking culture

bringing the world to your table one person at a time

"Cooking Culture is one project that we really loved doing, and we thank the Swift Current Library for sharing this project with us. This allowed the participants to meet people from other cultures, share cooking experiences and enjoy food from all over the world.

The Welcome Centre promotes cross-cultural understanding, awareness and respect in all its programs. Cooking Culture truly served this purpose and with this cookbook, we hope to share this experience with more people and further increase cross-cultural awareness among the different communities. We invite you to make some of the recipes here and experience how great it is to have food from different cultures on your table.

~ Icasiana de Gala



2012 CHANGES TO SINP - Language Requirements

Earlier this year, Citizenship & Immigration Canada introduced minimum language requirements for newcomers arriving with job offers classified as NOC 'C' or 'D'. NOC 'C' or 'D' jobs are those that usually do not require formal training. They may require a high school diploma or some on the job training, but College or University or Trades Certification are not usually required. NOC 'C' or 'D' would include positions such as food counter attendant, kitchen helper, general farm labourer, etc.

These language requirements apply to anyone who is submitting an application under the *Hospitality Sector Pilot Project* and the *Long-Haul Truck Driver Categories* as these are categories for NOC 'C' or 'D' positions. It may also affect you if you are applying under the *Student Category* and have a NOC 'C' or 'D' job offer. If you fit into any of the above categories you will be required to submit the results of an official language test with their application. These language test scores must meet the minimum requirements in order for you to be eligible.

If you are applying under the SINP Skilled Worker Category you are not required to submit the results of a formal English Language test but you will still be required to demonstrate your English Language abilities in order to be eligible.

If your first language is not English or French, you must prove your English/French language ability by submitting ONE of the following:

- Education/training documents that demonstrate you have attended education institutions where the language of instruction was English/French and show the length of the program;
- Copies of internationally recognized International Language testing results such as International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL);
- Certificates of English/French Language training with a letter that shows the length of the program; or
- Employment references with English/French as the principal language of communication.

*Changes Explained by Anika Henderson
Registered Canadian Immigration Consultant
Imagine Immigration & Consulting Services Inc*

CIC has announced a One-Year Language Requirements Exemption for Certain Temporary Foreign Workers. There will be a one-time exemption for Temporary Foreign Workers in NOC C and D occupations who arrived in Canada on or before July 1, 2012, and who are subsequently nominated in employer-driven PNP streams no later than July 1, 2013. This ensures that all individuals who arrived as temporary foreign workers under the previous regime, when no minimum standards existed, will not be disadvantaged.

Acceptable testing agencies and the minimum scores required by the SINP

IELTS	CELPIP	TEF
International English Language Testing Systems	Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program	Test d'évaluation de français
with minimum scores of:	with minimum scores of:	with minimum scores of:
Listening – 4.5	Listening – 2H	Listening – 145
Reading – 3.5	Reading – 2H	Reading – 121
Writing – 4	Writing – 2H	Writing – 181
		Speaking – 181

WHICH TEST TO CHOOSE?

There are 2 different English proficiency tests available: IELTS and CELPIP. Both are fairly similar in format and content but it is up to you to decide which one would be best for you to take. Both tests offer 2 different modules: *Academic* and *General Training* modules. Please note that to fulfill SINP requirements, you have to take the **GENERAL TRAINING test module**.

We hope that the summary and comparison of both tests on the next page will guide you and will help you to decide.

	<p style="text-align: center;">IELTS International English Language Testing Systems</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CELP Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program</p>
Short description	IELTS is the world's most popular high stakes English language proficiency test available in 130 countries and is accepted by more than 7,000 organizations worldwide. It uses variety of English accents, including British and American English.	Currently available only in Canada but that also means that it uses only Canadian accents . It is completely computer-delivered, has an easy online registration and you can get your results online within 8 business days.
Test Fee:	\$ 285.00 (including tax)	\$ 250 + tax
Test Format	IELTS has four parts – Listening (30 minutes), Reading (60 minutes), Writing (60 minutes) and Speaking (11–14 minutes).	CELP has 3 parts, two of them completed on a computer: Listening (30 minutes) Reading & Writing (120 minutes) Speaking (30 minutes)
How long does it take?	The total test time is 2 hours & 45 minutes . The Listening, Reading and Writing tests are done in one sitting. The Speaking test may be on the same day or up to seven days before or after the other tests.	The total test time is 3 hours . The format and scoring of the CELPIP-General Test are referenced to the <i>Canadian Language Benchmarks</i> (used also at the provincial Language Assessments)
Available locations in Saskatchewan	<p>Regina: SIAS Wascana Campus / IELTS Administrator 4500 Wascana Parkway Regina, SK, S4P 3A3 Tel: 306-775-7601</p> <p>Saskatoon: SIAS Kelsey Campus / IELTS Administrator 1130 Idylwyld Drive at 33rd Street Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3R5 Tel: 306-659-4367</p> <p>For more questions (both locations) you can contact SIAS at askaquestion@siast.sk.ca, Web: www.siaast.sk.ca</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SIAS is considering to offer this test also in Moose Jaw and Prince Albert</i></p>	<p>Regina: SIAS Wascana Campus, Regina Room 412, 4th Floor 4500 Wascana Parkway Regina SK S4P 3A3 http://www.gosiaast.com/about/campuses/wascana.shtml</p> <p>Saskatoon: McKay Career Training, Saskatoon Room 206, 133 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, SK, S7K 2H4 www.mckaycareertraining.ca</p>
Next available test dates	In Regina: Oct 13, Nov 8, Dec 1, 2012 In Saskatoon: Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 8 2012	In Regina: Nov 3 & Dec 15, 2012 In Saskatoon: Sep 15, Oct 20 & Nov 24, 2012
Learning resources	<p>Sample tests online: http://www.ielts.org/test_takers_information/test_sample.aspx</p> <p>More information about the test is available from the following websites: www.ielts.org www.britishcouncil.org/learning-ielts.htm www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/academic-english/ielts.html www.idp.com/examinations/ielts/about_the_test.aspx</p> <p>Learning materials: http://www.cambridge.org/ca/esl/catalog/</p>	<p>Learning materials: http://www.celpiptest.ca/study-materials/</p> <p>Learn more about a free web-based info session: www.celpiptest.ca/2012/08/join-our-celpip-information-session/</p>

HOW AND WHERE CAN I LEARN ENGLISH?

There is an overabundance of available resources and many ways to learn English. Whether you like learning independently at the comfort of your own home, or you are more challenged in the classroom setting, or prefer to work with a tutor or just need some practice talking, it is all doable and accessible locally. And best of all, it is all FREE!

Great Plains College offers various English Language Training—English as Second Language (ESL)/English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes. You may be required to have a **Language Assessment** done to determine your English proficiency level and to be eligible for the web-based English learning programs. ESL/EAL learners can attend the Language Lab during the day (with prior arrangements) to work on their reading and writing skills. Tutoring services as well as computer web-based programs are also available. ESL/EAL and community language training classes listed below are available to temporary residents, permanent residents as well as Canadian citizens.

COMMUNITY	CLASS LOCATION	CONTACT	DAYS & TIMES*	TYPE	CLB
Swift Current	129 2nd Ave NE, Room #203, #207	306-773-1531 bulag@greatplainscollege.ca	Monday, Tuesday 7:00PM - 9:15PM **	ESL / EAL	Multi-level
Swift Current	129 2nd Ave NE, Room #207	306-773-1531 bulag@greatplainscollege.ca	Wednesday, Friday 6:00PM - 8:00PM	ESL / EAL	Advanced
Swift Current	129 2nd Ave NE, Room #203, #207	306-773-1531 bulag@greatplainscollege.ca	Thursday, 7:00PM - 8:30PM **	Oral Communication	Multi-level
Gravelbourg	7 Athabasca Street	306-648-3244	Monday, Wednesday 7:00PM - 9:00PM	community language training	Multi-level
Maple Creek	20 Pacific Ave	306 662-8744 kwellings@sasktel.net	Tuesday, Thursday 7:00PM - 9:00PM	community language training	Multi-level
Ponteix	325 Centre Street	306-773-1531	Tuesday, Thursday 7:00PM - 9:00PM	community language training	Multi-level
Shaunavon	Training Centre, 499 Centre Street	306-297-2884 jansplants@hotmail.com	Tuesday, Thursday 6:30PM - 8:30PM	community language training	Multi-level
Frontier	208 1st Street East	306-773-1531	Wednesday, Friday 6:00PM - 8:00PM	community language training	Multi-level

* The time and date could be changed based on the needs of the students. You may still register for the classes

** **Childcare** is available on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

To find out more and to register for classes, please contact Bula Ghosh:

Great Plains College - Swift Current Campus, 129 - 2nd Ave NE, Swift Current, SK, S9H 2C6

Tel. # (306) 778-5477, Fax # (306) 773-2384, Email: bulag@greatplainscollege.ca

Provincial Language Assessment

HOW IS IT DONE?

At a language assessment, you will meet with a language assessor who will give you different activities to do to find out how well you can **read, write, understand** and **speak** English.

The test can take approximately 1 to 2 hours, depending on how well you can speak and understand English.

At the end of the assessment, you will get a **Results Card** that will give you a score in reading, writing, listening and speaking based on Canadian Language Benchmarks.

Please contact the **Welcome Centre** for more information: (306) 778-6262

WHY DO YOU NEED IT?

Language assessment can tell you how well you know English and what aspects you need to work on.

Most English classes provided in Saskatchewan may require a language assessment before or at the start of language classes. You will need a language assessment in order to access the LINC Home Study program free of charge (more info on the next page).

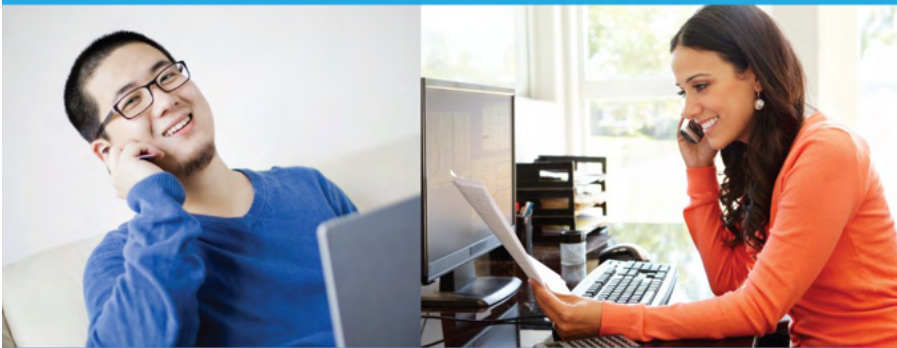
Language assessment will help you to use employment services in Saskatchewan. It can tell you how ready you are to meet the language requirements for certain jobs.

!!! Although Provincial Language Assessments use the Canadian Language Benchmarks, it is NOT VALID for meeting the SINP immigration requirements.



LINC Home Study
Canada

Learn English From Home *for free*



Are you:

- a permanent resident of Canada or convention refugee?
- of legal school leaving age?
- unable to attend full time English language classes?
- at a minimum English language level?
(minimum Canadian Language Benchmarks of Listening 3, Speaking 3, Reading 2, Writing 2)

www.linchsnational.ca



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Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada

Here is an opportunity for you to **LEARN ENGLISH FROM HOME FOR FREE.**

There are **120 seats open** to rural Saskatchewan Permanent Residents who wish to learn English but cannot access a full time class.

Note that a *Provincial Language Assessment* is required to enroll.

Please Contact Bula Ghosh from *Great Plains College* for more information about the program and how to get started. Her contact details are as follows:

Tel. Numbers: (306) 773 1531

Improve Your Listening & Writing Skills

Email: bulag@greatplainscollege.ca

study online or by correspondence and work one-on-one with a certified TESL teacher.

You Will Need

- 5 - 7 hours to study on your own every week
- a telephone for weekly calls with your teacher
- computer with high speed internet, OR
- CD Player

Find Out If You Qualify

Make an appointment at a referring organization to confirm your eligibility, and get a referral to LINC Home Study - Canada.

Trail Regional College
Melfort, SK
0-667-2623
boldt@ctrc.sk.ca
v.ctrc.sk.ca

Cumberland Regional College
Melfort, SK
T: 306-752-8106
E: lkerslake@cumberlandcollege.sk.ca
W: www.cumberlandcollege.sk.ca

You Will Need

Our Stories: Journeys from There to Here

A Golden Time

By Mabel R. Derksen



Sunglim during *Rhyme Time with Tots* at the Swift Current Library. My two children and I needed a morning out. As we sang action songs, I was curious about this vibrant, friendly Asian woman with her adorable son. During snack time, we started talking and I discovered she was ethnically South Korean. I desired to know her story. Thus began our play-date-with-children-interview several months later.

While Sunglim already had ten years of experience in Early Childhood Education, she invested two more years in college to become familiar with the Canadian way of doing things. Eventually she began working at a daycare. Meanwhile, Jihoon decided to completely change his career path from Aerospace Engineering and Computer Programming to Laboratory Technologies. Unfortunately, like many other newcomers to Canada, it was difficult for Jihoon to find full-time employment in the big city. He began applying to various locations in other provinces. He received a position at *Cypress Regional Hospital* in Summer 2009.

Sunglim and Jihoon were reluctant to completely break ties with their life in Toronto. After all, why relocate half-way across a vast country to be thoroughly disappointed? Therefore, the couple made the difficult decision to live in two locations. Jihoon moved to Swift Current to work. Sunglim remained in Toronto in a job she loved.

It all started with an opportunity to study English in Vancouver sixteen years ago. Sunglim Lee arrived from South Korea for her first adventure in Canada.

"It was a Golden Time," she recounts with a smile, "as I was a student with no obligations to make money. Yes, I had pressure to improve my English. [But that was a minor detail.] I had a wonderful time with the people."

Five years later, she married Jihoon An and persuaded him to immigrate to Canada. I first meet

Sunglim and Jihoon arrived in Canada. With hopes to acquire suitable employment, the couple landed in Toronto. "What were your first impressions when you arrived?" I asked.

"It was unreasonably cold [for Toronto that day]. 'Oh this is real!' I thought. 'We are really in Canada!'"

Sunglim and her husband planned to study for a couple of years to prepare for employment.

Did you know that Sunglim, her husband Jihoon and son Junwoo were Swift Current's Flag Raising Family at our *Canada Day Celebration* on July 2012? They are the first Canadian Citizens of South Korean ethnicity to live in our city.

Within the course of a year, the couple received two blessings that made it easier to embrace Swift Current as home. First, Jihoon experienced job satisfaction for the first time in Canada. Second, Sun-
glim was expecting the couple's first child. While it was difficult to leave co-workers and friends behind, Sun-
glim joined her husband with joy in July 2010. "I worked for other families for so long," she explains, "Now it was time for me to work for my family."

Junwoo An was born in Winter 2010. And it is amazing how Sun-
glim has successfully adapted to life in Swift Current for the purpose of supporting her husband and raising her son. She started to drive. She enrolled her son in *Musical Steps* and swimming classes. She eagerly participated in programs that provide her son with opportunities to interact with others such as *Break* at the *Family Resource Centre* and our city's beautiful parks and play-
grounds.



Sunglim is truly inspirational to Newcomers with preschoolers!

I asked Sunglim, "What advice would you give Newcomers to help them make Swift Current their new home?" She eagerly responded, "**Get involved. Go out. Don't stay home. Ask people for information [as to what to do in our city]. People are really friendly here.**"

She went on to advocate the benefits of living in a smaller community, especially when one desires to improve his or her ability to speak English. In Toronto, a person can get away with resorting to one's home language. In Swift Current, "English is a good asset."



Sunglim's journey to Swift Current began with a *Golden Time* in Vancouver. Yet, if you are privileged to meet her, you'd probably arrive at the same conclusion that I have: **Sunglim views life as golden, precious and beautiful, no matter where she resides. And so should we.**

*Do you have a story to tell of how Swift Current has become your new home?
We would love to hear from you!
Please contact us at (306) 778 6262 or
agnese@newcomerwelcomecentre.com*

Literacy. Today one in five adults is not literate and about two-thirds of them are women while 67.4 million children are out of school. Since its foundation in 1946, UNESCO has been at the forefront of global literacy efforts and is dedicated to keeping literacy high on national, regional and international agendas. However, with some 796 million adults lacking minimum literacy skills, literacy for all remains an elusive target.

Why is Literacy important?

Literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy.

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy. There are good reasons why literacy is at the core of Education for All (EFA):

- A good quality basic education equips pupils with literacy skills for life and further learning;
- literate parents are more likely to send their children to school;
- literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and
- literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development.

Literacy and Peace

The theme of International Literacy Day 2012 is Literacy and Peace. This theme was adopted by the UN Literacy Decade to demonstrate the multiple uses and value that literacy brings to people.

Literacy contributes to peace as it brings people closer to attaining individual freedoms and better understanding the world, as well as preventing or resolving conflict. The connection between literacy and peace can be seen by the fact that in unstable democracies or in conflict-affected countries it is harder to establish or sustain a literate environment.

In recognition of this day we gave away two baking baskets (courtesy of the SW Literacy Committee). Anyone who visited the Welcome Centre between Sept. 4-8, had a chance to participate in the draw. Our lucky winners were Cassandra Reyes & Michelle Balolong.



UNESCO's literacy programs aim to create a literate world & promote literacy for all.

CULTIVATING PEACE
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY
8 September 2012

A renewed vision of literacy

UNESCO does not advocate a single "model" of literacy. The understanding of who is literate and who is illiterate has evolved considerably over the years, giving rise to new implications for both policies and programs. The uses of literacy are changing rapidly in contemporary societies in response to broad social, economic and technological changes.

UNESCO's concept of literacy has moved beyond the simple notion of a set of technical skills for reading, writing and calculating to one that encompasses multiple dimensions of these competencies. UNESCO recognizes that there are many practices of literacy embedded in different cultural processes, personal circumstances and collective structures.

Literacy is central to all levels of learning, through all delivery modes. Literacy is an issue that concerns everybody.

Material adopted from the UNESCO website: www.unesco.org

culture days



Dance is a sport that not only displays the practiced movements, agility, power and grace of the athlete, but it can also be a strong representation of a culture. It is often recognized as a beautiful form of art.
Sports, Culture, Art... DANCE!



CELEBRATION
of **CULTURE**
and **SPORT**

WHEN

Saturday
September 29, 2012
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WHERE

Riverside Park
Swift Current, SK

WHAT

- Dance performances
- Multicultural displays
- Sports memorabilia
- Launching of the cook-book *Cooking Culture*

Please bring your lawn chair


CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT
Recreation and Parks

SOUTHWEST NEWCOMER
WELCOME
CENTRE

CELEBRATING ARTS + CULTURE
FROM COAST TO COAST TO COAST

A whole weekend of cultural discovery and celebration!
Four days with over 35 amazing cultural events of all kinds.

Thursday, September 27th, 2012:

7:30 pm: Coffeehouse Evening @ Art Gallery of SC
Talk and tour with exhibition artists June Jacobs and Anita Rocamora. Delicious food, cash bar.
7:30 pm: Improv Night @ Lyric Theatre
A spontaneous and hilarious evening with Swift Current's very own local improv comedy troupe. *Admission Charge

Friday, September 28th, 2012:

Noon: Kick-off Ceremonies @ Innovation Credit Union
Join Mayor Schafer and other VIPs to begin our weekend of cultural discovery and celebration!
10:00 am – 5:00 pm: Growing Mural Project @ Smart Flowers
A mural of flowers and grasses that will grow and change throughout the weekend with the public's additions.
10:00 am – 5:00 pm: SW SK Metis History Display
@ SC Public Library Stories and anecdotes, jigging and finger-wearving demonstrations, bannock samples!
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: SCCHS Music Department Busking
@ Innovation Credit Union High-school students performing.
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm: School Tours and Performances
@ Maverick School Tour the facilities and enjoy demos and performances by talented students.
12:30 pm – 1:10 pm: SCCHS Music Department Open Choral Rehearsal @ SC Comprehensive High School
High-school music program behind-the-scenes peek.
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Discovery Tours @ Art Gallery
Join school students as they tour through the exhibition with exhibition artists June Jacobs and Anita Rocamora.
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Sk8 and BMX Demonstrations
@ Kiwanis Sk8 Park with local BMX bikers and skateboarders.
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Behind the Scenes @ The Dance Studio
See how dancers train and prepare for classes and exams.
8:00 pm – 12:00 am: Blenders presents Joel Plaskett
@ Lyric Theatre 6X Juno Award winner, Joel Plaskett!
One of Canada's leading musical voices. *Admission Charge
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm: "Bully" the Movie @ Cinema Twin

Saturday, September 29th, 2012:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Coffee Row @ Swift Current Museum
Coffee, tea, dainties, and the opportunity to share stories and photos of your local history.
10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Imagination Station @ Art Gallery
Children (7-10) can experiment with a variety of art activities.
10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Traditional Aboriginal Beading Workshop @ SC Public Library Local artist Levranda Wolfe demonstrates several beading techniques.
10:00 am – 5:00 pm: Growing Mural Project @ Smart Flowers
A mural of flowers and grasses that will grow and change.
10:00 am – 5:00 pm: SW SK Metis History Display
@ SC Public Library Stories, jigging, and bannock.
10:00 am – 6:00 pm: Fall into Christmas @ Stockade
A unique fine art and handcraft market. *Admission Charge
11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Culinary Arts @ Urban Ground
Experience the complex art of making specialty coffees.
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: SCCHS Music Department Busking
@ BMO Heritage Square High-school students performing.
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Ranchman's Ridin' and Recitin'
@ Barn #4 Kinetic Park Ranch horse competitions, wagon driving, cattle pen show, stock dog trials, team sorting, music, beer gardens, and more!
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Southwest Open Exhibition
@ West Wing Gallery, Kinetic Exhibition Park
Enjoy local art in Swift Current's newest public gallery
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Doc's Town Tours @ Kinetic Park
Discover your culture in the historic Doc's Town.
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: A Celebration of Culture and Sport
@ Riverside Park Highlighting cultural dance, local sport memorabilia and multi-cultural displays.
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm: LT Sampler @ Lyric Theatre
An afternoon sampler of the Lyric Theatre's programming.
7:30 pm – 12:00 am: Lyric Theatre Rocktoberfest
A battle of the rock bands like no other in Swift Current!
8:00 pm -11:30 pm: bullingsucks tour "Rock the Cause" @ The Centre
SC Youth Initiative present a "BULLYING MUST STOP"

culturedays

Check out www.culturedays.ca or Facebook at "Swift Current Culture Days"

Sunday, September 30th, 2012:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Windscape Kite Club Multi-Kite Extravaganza:and Fun Fly @ Windscape Field

Demonstration of advanced kite-flying techniques. Watch, enjoy, and ask questions! Bring your kite and fly.

11:00 am – 5:00 pm: Fall into Christmas @ Stockade

A unique fine art and handcraft market, featuring the work of over 100 artisans and craftspeople. *Admission Charge

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Opening Reception

@ Swift Current Museum

The opening reception for the Museum's current exhibition "The Lyric Theatre: A Living Legacy."

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: SW SK Metis History Display

@ SC Public Library Stories and anecdotes, jigging and finger-weaving demonstrations, bannock samples!

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Doc's Town Tours

Discover your culture in the historic Doc's Town buildings and displays.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Southwest Open Exhibition

@ West Wing Gallery, Kinetic Exhibition Park

Enjoy an exhibition by local artists at Swift Current's newest public art gallery.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Sunday at the Gallery

@ Art Gallery of Swift Current

Watch professional artists at work!

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Swift Current Museum Cemetery

Tour @ Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Learn about Victorian cemetery practice and 'meet' some of the founders of Swift Current.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Little Theatre Behind-the-Scenes

Private Rehearsal @ Beatty Playhouse

Get behind the scenes and drop by a rehearsal for our upcoming fall production, opening November 15th!

Check it out! It's fun!

It's for everybody!

Events designed to stimulate, activate and engage the entire family. Celebrate the creative expression of Swift Current. Immerse yourself.

Try something new!

***Witness** exclusive behind-the-scenes tours and performances.*

***Experience** wonderful concerts and art activities.*

***Watch** engaging, exciting demonstrations.*

***Listen** to captivating readings.*

***Learn** about our history.*

***View** historical and artistic exhibitions.*

***Hear** new music you haven't heard before.*



Why, Where & How to Participate in Your Local Elections?

Why Vote?

Voting does not require a lot of time or effort. It is one of the easiest ways to have a say in how your city, town or village is governed. When we vote, we choose the representative who will make the policies that will affect how we live together in our community. The City/Town Council makes decisions about things that are crucial elements of daily life, including: infrastructure, police and fire services, water and sewer services, snow and garbage removal, sports, recreation, cultural and library services.

By obtaining Canadian citizenship you have been granted many rights as well as responsibilities. And voting is both: a RIGHT and a RESPONSIBILITY. Why not exercise your democratic right to choose the leaders in your community?

No matter how long you have lived in Southwest Saskatchewan, if this is your home now and you care about what happens in the city or town you live in, you should make your voice heard. Every vote counts!



Local Government Elections will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2012. This involves the election of **City and Town Councillors**, as well as **three (3) Board members** for the Chinook School Division No. 211 (subdivision 8).

When can I vote?

The voting locations will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

What are the qualifications to vote?

In order to vote, you must:

- ▶ be a Canadian citizen on the day of the election;
- ▶ be 18 years of age on the day of the election;
- ▶ have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months preceding election day;

AND

- ▶ be a resident of the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election; **OR**
- ▶ be an owner of assessable land for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election.

(to vote for Chinook School Division Board)

- ▶ immediately preceding the day of the election, have resided in the School Division for at least three months.

What do I have to bring along?

There is a legislative requirement that every voter must provide two pieces of identification in order to vote. One piece of identification must show your name and one piece must show your name AND address. Both pieces of identification can show your name AND address.

If you can produce a valid Saskatchewan Driver's License this is all the identification that is required.

Who should I vote for?

As a newcomer to the city, you may not know which candidate(s) to vote for. Consider the issues that are important to you and see which candidate might represent you and your needs the best. Visit your town's website to find candidate profiles.

Where can I vote?

Please visit your local City Hall or visit their website for information on voting locations in your community.

Swift Current Voting Locations:

YOUR LOCATION	VOTING LOCATION
If you live on the south side of the railway tracks	Fairview School 859 5th Avenue SW
If you live on the north side of the railway tracks; the south side of Highway #1 and the west side of 6th Avenue N.E.	Colonel Clifton Centre (formerly the Rec Centre) 350 6th Avenue NE
If you live on the north side of the railway tracks; the south side of Highway #1 and the east side of 6th Avenue N.E.	Credit Union i-Plex Auditorium 2001 Chaplin St. E
If you live on the north side of Highway #1	Swift Current Museum 44 Robert St. W
<i>If you live outside of the City but you own assessable property in the City for three (3) months</i>	<i>At the polling station in which your assessable property is located.</i>

Swift Current Council Elections

This year there are 11 candidates trying to win your vote for the City Council and 4 candidates for the Chinook School Division Board. Take a moment and read about the candidates, learn about their professional backgrounds, achievements, community involvement and campaign objectives.

All city Council Candidate profiles are available on the City's official website:
http://www.swiftcurrent.ca/city_hall.php?name=Sections&op=viewarticle&artid=450

If you have further questions for any of these candidates feel free to contact them directly and don't be afraid to voice your questions.

You may want to consider attending the **All Candidates Forum** that will be held in the Sky Centre, Living Sky Casino on Wednesday, October 10 @ 7:00 pm. You will be able to ask your questions and watch them answer tough questions on important issues.

And remember, your vote will impact the quality of life in your community; it will affect the current and future growth and development of the city.

For further information, please contact the Election Office at 778-2723

Sources used and consulted: <http://www.swiftcurrent.ca/pdfs/cityhall/admin/utility.pdf> ;
<http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/ministry-overview/>;

Glossary

advance polls :: voters who are not able to vote on Election Day but are in their constituency during the election period can vote at an Advanced Poll on specified days before the election. You may vote at an Advance Poll if you: are disabled; are an election official; or have reason to believe you will be absent from your residence and poll on Election Day.

ballot :: a document used by voters to indicate their preferences during an electoral event.

ballot box :: a secure container for marked ballots. After marking your ballot, you will hand it to an election official who will place it in the ballot box.

candidate :: anyone whose name will appear on the ballot and for whom votes can be cast.

poll :: the physical place where you go to vote. Each constituency has many different polls.

polling day :: the day on which general voting occurs, often referred to more casually as "Election Day."



In Swift Current, you may vote for up to six (6) councillors and up to three (3) candidates for the school board, by making a distinct "X" in the space beside the candidate's name.

The ballot is secret.

Bollywood Extravaganza

On August 19 Swift Current was treated to an exciting Bollywood show with dancing and singing, and amazingly tasty Indian cuisine. Audience willingly participated and danced the night away.



The event was presented and organized by the Southwest Multicultural Association



new babies



AJ Ambion - 13.08.12
born to Joan & Amiel Ambion



Khaizer Bradd Magtoto - 03.09.12
Born to Lorna & Allen Magtoto



Kaizen Rylie - 08.09.12
Born to Riz & Ryan Kenneth Del Rosario



Nomin Naranbaatar - 10.09.12
born to Oyun Ayush & Nara Magsarjav

*We would like to
congratulate all parents
with the new additions to
their families!*

new arrivals



Ajay & Elson
from India



Guerrero family
from Philippines



Rea Obico
from Philippines



Ramandeep Kaur
from India



Anuraj & Sandy
from India



Jeankie & Melanie
From Philippines



Marlon & Jesie
from Philippines



Christeena & Venkata
from India



Mangune family
from Philippines



Dalel Abdi from Tunisia



Buena & Mhai
from Philippines



Angelita Sioco
from Philippines



EO Elaine & Michelle
from Philippines



Juliana Krajcovicova
from Slovakia

families reunited

One of the most beautiful moments that we witness here at the Welcome Centre is when families are reunited after years of being apart.

We rejoice and celebrate with you!



Vasallo family



Ayala family



Porteso family



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