

# Newsletter



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Happy June Park Meadows families!

We have had such an awesome May with students coming back to school. We missed everyone when they were off for two weeks and Park Meadows staff are so happy to have our students back in the building.

May gave us an opportunity to get some of our classrooms painted. They are looking white, spiffy and refreshed. We cannot wait for parents to be welcomed back into the building to show off our walls.

I also had some fun last week (May 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>) while Mr. B was out of the building. I brought in this mannequin to take the role of Mark. We called him Mr. B and he offered up a lot of humor and surprises in the school.

Students, who walked by the offices to say "hi" to Mr. B, found this guy instead. Staff also were taken aback by him sitting in Mr. B's office. I giggled most of the time, watching the expressions of unsuspecting people seeing him in the office.

Of course, Mark had no idea we had a mannequin in his office and this morning (May 31<sup>st</sup>), Lisa (admin assistant) and I were waiting with expectation to see what Mark would do when he saw this guy sitting in the dark, in his chair. I'm happy to report that Mark was shocked and bewildered.

We are headed into the last month of school! I can't believe we are here already.

This year is one for the books and I am happy to have spent this time in Park Meadows and am eagerly anticipating next school year. Have a fantastic last month of school and we hope you have a terrific summer off. Enjoy the fresh air and warmth!

Take care Park Meadows families! As always, reach out if you need anything.

-Sharon Willms-Laing





# Our Students are Amazing!

To celebrate all their hard work and accomplishments over the 2020-21 school year, we will have Kona Ice at our school on

Monday, June 21

All students will be treated to a frozen slush that day.

# Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 3 — No EEP Classes

Friday, June 4 — Talent Show submissions due

Wednesday, June 9 — Grade 5 visit to Wilson Middle School

Monday, June 21 — Kona Ice Event

Wednesday, June 23 — Grade 5 Farewell "Virtual Event"

Thursday, June 24 — Last Day of EEP & Kindergarten Classes

Friday, June 25 — Last Day of Classes

Friday, June 25 — Report Cards available Online

Tuesday, August 31 — Back to School





There will be no meeting in June.

The next School Council Meeting will be

September 21, 2021 at 6:30pm

For more information contact your school council at parkmeadowsparentcouncil@gmail.com

# Registration Forms...

(pretty please with a cherry on top)

We are still missing quite a few registration forms for next school year. Please fill yours out and submit ASAP. If you need any assistance or have not received the link, please contact the office at 403.328.9965.

Alberta Education requires all students to have a completed registration form for every year

they attend school.

You may have heard that the 2021 Census is underway. It has been a challenging year for families, and the census might seem like another thing on your busy to-do list. However, I would like to encourage you to complete your census, if you haven't already done so. Census data helps governments at all levels plan for schools, transportation, community centres, libraries and recreational activities. Data from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial, because it will help to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and to better plan for the future. You can quickly and easily complete your census questionnaire at www.census.gc.ca using the access code you received in the mail. If you need assistance, or would like to have a paper (or alternate format) questionnaire, please call the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021. Thank you for doing your part to help plan for a better future for all Canadians.

# A ginormous thank you...

Our School Council makes a huge impact on the activities that can happen in our school

This year was a little different with all the restrictions, but that did not stop them from coordinating hot lunches, fundraising for laptops or purchasing 2020/21 Yearbooks for all the students. Yearbooks will be sent home with students before the end of this school year.

Thank you so much from all of us at Park Meadows! We appreciate everything you do!

### Are you missing some items?

A table is set up at the front of the school displaying all the items. There are a lot of coats, toques, mittens, hoodies, etc. that have accumulated over the school year.

Please ring the front doorbell when you come to have a look.

Items remaining at

Items remaining at the end of June will be donated.





Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
Submission videos are due



Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Online link available on school website

# We are so excited to be welcoming James Ellison, Les Greeno and Taylor Bourassa to our Park Meadows teaching team for the 2021/22 school year!

Kindergarten—Brie McCrady

Grade 1—Taryn Watson, Stacey Hegland

Grade 2—Amanda Krawchuk, James Ellison

Grade 3—Katie van der Meer, Constance Colley

Grade 2/3—Mandy Reimer

Grade 4—Ashley Lynch, Les Greeno

Grade 5—Arnold Entz, Taylor Bourassa

Grade 4/5—Lori Braun

Parker's Place—Colleen Hamilton

LST—Liz Olsen

French/PE—Francesca Morris

Teacher/Counsellor—Alex Ann Mulner

Music Teacher—to be determined

Vice-Principal/LST—Sharon Willms-Laing

Principal—Teri Smith

# Have a spectacular summer!



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# JUNE 2021

sun	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
		1	2	3 No EEP Classes	Talent Show submissions are due	5
6	7	8	9 Grade 5 visit to Wilson	10	11	12
13	14 Sports Jersey Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  KONA ICE EVENT  National Indigenous  Peoples Day	22	23 Grade 5 Farewell Virtual Event	24  Last Day of classes for EEP & Kindergarten	Last Day of Classes Report Cards available Online	26
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### **Memorandum**

**Date:** May 13, 2021

**To:** Superintendents, Teachers, School Staff, Parents and Students

From: Medical Officers of Health – South Zone

**RE:** Update on the School Immunization Program in the South Zone

This year we have been unable to provide routine school immunizations for Gr. 6, 7 and 9 students due to the urgent and ongoing response required by Public Health to the Pandemic. All school immunizations will continue to be on hold for the remainder of this school year for this reason, and due to the shift of student learning from the classroom to at-home learning due to high COVID 19 case numbers in Alberta.

There are <u>no</u> school program immunizations being offered in local Public Health offices for Gr. 6, 7 or 9 students, for Home school or At Home learning students at this time. However, appointments can be booked at local Public Health offices for students whom are not up-to-date with their primary immunizations:

- If your child has not received at least 4 doses of Tetanus containing vaccine by age 4 or 5, and two doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella vaccine:
  - please contact your local Public Health office now to inquire with an Registered Nurse and to book an appointment
- If your child receives an injury where a cut or break in the skin occurs:
  - please talk with an Intake RN at your local Public Health office 0800-1600hr, or call Health Link at #811 after business hours
  - this injury could increase the risk of infection with tetanus bacteria and your child may need a booster of tetanus containing vaccine

We recognize the importance of school immunizations and the valuable role they play in preventing communicable diseases, and we will keep you informed as we prepare to resume school immunizations in the future.

We have a very strong Public Health Nursing team to meet the challenge of resuming school immunizations in the Fall of 2021.

Please visit <u>ahs.ca/covidschools</u> for COVID-19 information and resources that may help you and your family.

Thank you for your support and understanding!







JUNF 2021

### YOU MATTER!

**Child and Youth Well-Being Review** 

CLICK HERE to Give your feebback!



**CLICK HERE to access** 

Online mental wellness day for schools

Sessions for students, teachers and school staff, school authority leaders and parents



reclaim your health

### Feeling low, stressed or anxious?

BounceBack is a free, guided self-help program that's effective in helping people aged 15 and up who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or depression, or may be feeling low, stressed, worried, irritable or angry. Participants receive telephone coaching and skill-building workbooks to help overcome these symptoms and gain new skills to regain positive mental health.

**CLICK HERE** to complete an online self-referral form.







### **Virtual Education Sessions**



Understanding Social Media Use in Teens **CLICK HERE** 



MyHealth.Alberta.ca



From homework to housework: Raising responsible children 5-12 years old CLICK HERE



Alberta Health Services



An invitation from: **NOTIZON** 

**Factors and Outcomes** With Nikki Roy (she/her) MA,CCC Meeting ID: 974 1884 7391 Passcode: tL6Z3B

**Body Image: Prevention,** 

upport?

KidsHelpPhone.ca 1800 668 6868 **Kids Help Phone** 

KIDS ACROSS CANADA CAN NOW TEXT AND BE CONNECTED TO TRAINED HELPERS





24hr free ONLINE support for Albertans togetherall



.com 1-866-332-2322

### What is togetherall

Togetherall - Virtual Mental Health An online peer-to-peer mental health community available free to Albertans!



Togetherall is a free online community, available to all 16+ Albertans.

The community is a safe place to support your mental

Join Togetherall today and share how you're feeling,









### Community

Committed to providing information, resources and support to families

**Education Services** 1601

Trans & Parent Perspectives: How to support transgender, non-binary and gender non-conforming youth 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information 01

Children and Parenting After Separation ' Parenting Coordination and other Dispute Resolution Processes ' 02 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CLICK HERE for more information

Parenting, Pedantics & Peculiarities during the Pandemic 02 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information

From Homework to Housework: Raising Responsible 03 Children for parents of children 5 - 12 years old
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CLICK HERE for more information

Habits of Mental Health 80 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information

Starting or changing medication for your child/youth's mental health? An introduction to genotype-guided prescribing 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information

**CLICK HERE** to sign up for the CES newsletter



The Family Preservation Program works collaboratively with the Family Resource Network to provide programming for youth and their families. Referrals are received by self-referral, community, and Network partners. Activities offered by the Family Preservation Program include: parent/ teen mediation, caregiver/youth/family

groups, family activities, community connection and referral, cultural groups, including working with local Elders, private mentorship sessions, and outreach support. Programming is offered at flexible times, including evenings and weekends, to ensure that scheduling is not a barrier to those who need support.

For more information contact Kassidy Barat via email at kassidy.baratemcmansaouth.ca or call 403-715-3202.



Arts Heal Hearts a student developed local campaign to bring community together by making cards with heart-warming messages.





### You Are Invited To **Participate!**

We want our LethSD staff to SPARK CONNECTION with each other through our first ever #Connect4Wellness Project! We want to inspire you to share, thank, and recognize your friends and colleagues across the division during a time when everyone could use a little extra FUN, LOVE.....& PRIZES!

Staying connected and having meaningful conversations is something small we can do to encourage one another. So TAKE A MINUTE to send a colleague a note of appreciation and acknowledgement!

Follow the Link to the



No limit to the # of notes you can send.

**Our Social Media** 



for participation!



of recognition, gratitude or to just say hello!

Get Entered to Win 🕏



Each note sent will get you and the recipient an entry into our epic prize draws.

### #Connect4Wellness

- @SupportingFamilyWellness51
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- **f** Supporting Family Wellness



For educators, school administrators, and clinical professionals

AUGUST 18 - 20, 2021

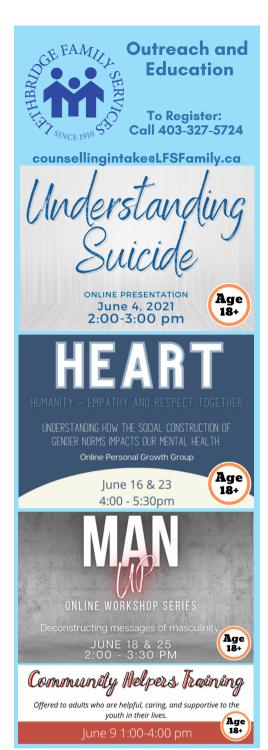
MENTAL HEALTH ACADEMY

IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY IN A SHIFTING LANDSCAPE











CLICK HERE to register or call 403-320-4232

### Kids' Stress

June 2 6-7:30pm

**Self Care Strategies** 

June 16 6-7:30

### **Parenting Through** Stress

June 9 6-7:30pm

### Big Chef Little Chef

June 1 and June 12 10-11:30 am



### **Discover Together**

June 19 10-11:30 am



For more information or to register contact Darcy at d.nalder@familiyties.ca

or call 403-320-8888

Youth will have the opportunity to learn new coping skills and process feelings through art experiences.

IN-PERSON GROUP YOUTH 14-18 YEARS COST \$25 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

### Grandparents Group

Are you a grandparent raising a grandchild? This support group for grandparents will provide the opportunity to talk with other caregivers, learn new strategies, talk with other caregivers, and connect to community resources.

The group meets virtually bi-weekly 12:30pm-2:30pm

> Upcoming dates: June 1, 15 & 29



Supporting Learning at Home FOR **PARENTS** 

### **CLICK HERE to access...** A TOOLKIT FOR GRIEF

support for you and your community







### June is PTSD Awareness Month

Common symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are: nightmares, withdrawal, stress, anger, fear, loss of interest in activities. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to access the PTSD Association of Canada



### To register call intake at 403-382-5278

Fearless Feathers is a four session, virtual group designed to address anxiety in children. You will need access to a device able to run the Zoom application.



**UP Group** is our introductory group that offers children and youth evidence-based skills to help manage many of life's challenges and difficulties related to emotions and mental health.

ADHD Parent Group is a parent group focusing on: understanding ADHD, working with schools, medication, selfcare and parenting strategies.

**Self-Compassion Summer Intensive** is a therapeutic group that addresses various barriers to caring for and loving ourselves. It will cover topics such as self-trust, building confidence, self-acceptance, resiliency skills, and self-care. July 5th to 8th or August 3rd



Age 15+

to 6th



Positive Sense of Self Summer **Intensive** is a therapeutic group that addresses various barriers in distinguishing yourself from others. It will cover topics such as selfawareness, self-acceptance, identity, motivation, gratitude, and what influences our self-image. July 12th to 15th or August 9th to 12th



Friendship Fundamentals Summer Intensive is a therapeutic group that addresses the benefits and challenges of modern friendships. It will cover topics such as virtual friendships, positive communication, healthy boundaries, trust, managing jealously, and how to choose friends. July 26th to 29th or August 23rd to 27th





Social Media Management Summer **Intensive** is a therapeutic group that addresses how to positively manage one's social media presence. It will cover topics such as how social media affects anxiety and depression, healthy boundaries, virtual friendships, usage limits, and what is/isn't helpful information. July 19th to 22nd or August 16th to 19th







TOLL FREE 1-833-294-8650

🤁 Black Youth Helpline





CLICK HERE to access information to apply for a FREE week of summer camp for families who may require financial assistance. Call Scott 403-942-5757 Email: scott.boydelethbridgeymca.ca

Your favorite YMCA programs, activities and instructors

ONLINE

**LEARN MORE** 





For more information: Phone 403-317-1777 www.woodshomes.ca

The CORE is a short-term place for young people (under 18) to stay who are not living at home for various reasons, or who are struggling with family or placement conflict. Crisis support is available to youth, parents and/or guardians, and community professionals at any time and/or for resource and referral information.

# **OUTH CENTRE VIRTUAL SCHEDUL** \* bdc Lethbridge

### MONDAY

FREE TIME! 4PM-5PM

**SKATE PARK** OUTREACH 6:30PM-8:00PM

> COVID CONNECTION 7PM-9PM

**WEEKLY MEAL** KIT SIGN UP!

**Big Sisters** 

TUESDAY

STUDY GROUP 12PM-2PM

COVID CONNECTION

7PM-9PM

LGBT02S+ HANGOUT 4:30PM-5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

RELAXATION TIME

12PM-2PM

FREE TIME!

4PM-5PM

**CREATING** CONNECTIONS 5PM-6PM

FORT MACLEOD **GAMES NIGHT** 7PM-8PM

### THURSDAY

**HOBBY & SKILLS** GRAIIP 12PM-2PM

WEST SIDE SKATE PARK OUTREACH 4PM-5PM

MITS LEADERSHIP 7PM-8PM

AMAZING RACE CHALLENGE SIGN-UP!

CALL OR TEXT: 403-634-7000 WWW.BGCLETHBRIDGE.COM



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**BGCL Youth Centre** 



Looking for a fresh and fun new way to teach your students about plants and garden ecosystems? Try one of our interactive and curriculum

correlated Activity Totes! Use our garden as a learning site, or take a Tote to your classroom!

- Compost Water
- Recycled Gardening Healthy Eating, Healthy Living Plants in Our Daily Lives Food Chains & Food Webs



Looking for ways to keep your child busy?

🦖 leading edge REGISTER TODAY! **Proceeds support** 



### **CHINOOK SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE**

- Advocacy
- Crisis Support
- Counselling
  Education and Professional Development
- System Navigation
- Peer Support Groups
- Generalized Support

Give A Gift With



We are looking for Littles to join our Traditional Mentoring Program!

Big Brothers and Sisters mentoring program provides youth with a role model to talk to and share the experiences of growing up with. through regular outings, a relationship is developed between the mentor and mentee, which is built on trust and common interests, and is supported by our experienced case workers. The result is a life-changing experience for both the mentor and the mentee.

For more information or to enrol a young person, visit our <u>website www.bebig.ca</u> or call **403-328-9355** 



### careersteps.ca

Explore careers with local professionals by attending our LIVE virtual Career Exploration Sessions.

CLICK HERE to register.

- Accountant
- Data Scientist
- <u>Hairstylist</u>
- Heavy Equipment Technician
- Operating Room Nurse
- Parts Technician
- Pediatric Nurse
- Teacher
- Veterinarian
- Welder



on the profession recordings

Know Before You Go is a resource that is intended for Grade 12 students, and the educators who support them, as they transition from high school to post-secondary studies and/or employment. This life skills resource helps students anticipate, identify and navigate situations they will encounter when entering the realm of post-secondary education. It contains information on many topics including paying bills, study skills, roommate issues, identity questions and embedded throughout is how to maintain good mental health and seek help as needed.

### **NEW LOCATION**

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DONATIONS WELCOME



### Topics covered include how Algebra, Chemistry, Summer Cyber Camp Biology and Physics!

**45-minute** online group meets (twice each week)

urious Minds is a science-focused 6-week series.

- Curious Minds addresses big questions like: → Where else can humans live in our solar system?
- → When will the pandemic be over?
   → Can I use math to see into the future?
- → What will it take to address climate change?
- → What is money and how does it work?

For more information: Email Ali Finley MNSTUTORING@GMAIL.COM with "Curious Minds" in the subject line.

Grade 9-10-11

### FARGET HUNGER IS ON JUNE 12TH!

Here's how you can help:

LOOK FOR THE YELLOW BAGS, AND **REMEMBER PLACE DONATIONS OUT ON** THE MORNING OF JUNE 12TH.



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER BY DELIVERING AND PICKING-UP BAGS FROM A ROUTE, OR AS A FOOD SORTING VOLUNTEER.

> **FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:** www.targethungerlethbridge.com



CLICK HERE to access ScholarTree The #1 place to find scholarships or start a scholarship in Canada!





### **DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM**

### VIRTUAL CAREER SHOWCASES



Students can join us online to learn about what their future career could be and how to get paid while earning school credits this summer!

### CAREERS: The Next Generation Programs:



Aborton YOUTH INTERNSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

### **HIGH SCHOOL** SUMMER ADVENTURE!

Developed into two modules

PERSONAL ADVENTURE

In Grade 9,10 & 11

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# FREE FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY













JULY/AUGUST 2021						
THEME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY				

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WEEK 1: CONNECTION	JULY 6 Henderson Lake Park 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 7 Henderson Lake Park 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 2: MOVEMENT	JULY 13 Wilson Middle School 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 14 Wilson Middle School 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 3: MUSIC	JULY 20 Nicholas Sheran Park 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 21 Nicholas Sheran Park 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 4: NATURE	JULY 27 Lakeview Elementary School 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 28 Lakeview Elementary School 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 5: ART	AUGUST 3 Chinook Lake Park 10 AM-2 PM	AUGUST 4 Chinook Lake Park 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 6: RESILIENCE	AUGUST 10 Coalbanks Elementary School 10 AM-2 PM	AUGUST 11 Coalbanks Elementary School 3 PM-7 PM

### **EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

All ages welcome! Drop by our pop-up tents for FREE outdoor play activities. Pick up an activity kit to do at home or stay for some outdoor facilitated games! Parent supervision required. Weather permitting.

**CHECK ONLINE SCHEDULE AT BUILDINGBRAINS.CA/EVENTS** 

### **SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

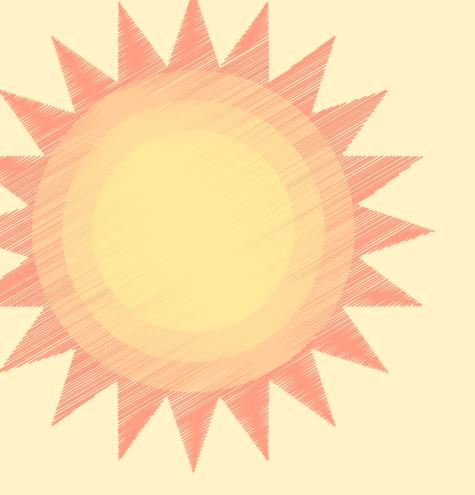
-All public health measures will be in effect - Parent supervision is required -Separate materials provided for each family -If you're feeling unwell, we'll see you at our next location

### **PARTNER LINKS:**

Building Brains Together - biuldingbrains.ca City of Lethbridge - <u>lethbridge.ca/events</u> Community LINKS - community-links.ca Family Centre Summer Programs - famcentre.ca Lethbridge Public Library - <u>lethlib.ca</u>



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Supporting Family Wellness



# JUNE 2021 ITO'T SI SAM SOO TAA long rain month



# **BLACKFOOT SUMMER WORDS**

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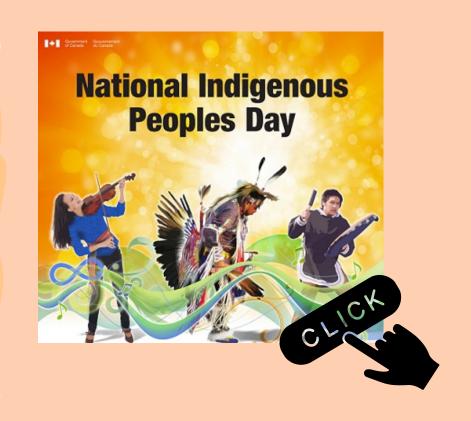
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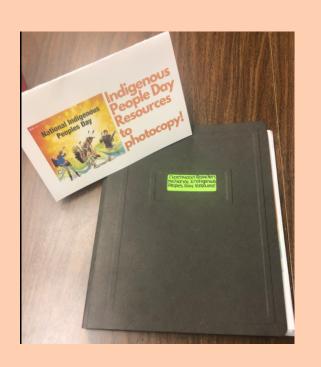




# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY JUNE 21ST

How will you celebrate? Your school has this PDF resource! It's also available online!





# **EDUCATION DAYS**

Sign up for the 2021 Summer Solstice

Education days! You'll receive links to various
Indigenous learning opportunities and
activities in celebration of National
Indigenous Peoples Day.



# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

There are some great documentaries here. 'Colonization Road' and 'Searching for Winnetou' were two I found fascinating. Worth a watch:)

**Documentaries** · **Now Streaming** 

## 10 docs on Indigenous life in Canada

These Indigenous activists are advocating for change CBC · Posted: Jun 11, 2020 9:55 AM ET | Last Updated: June 11, 2020







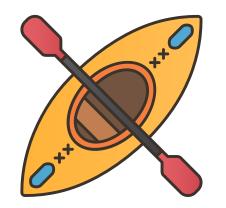










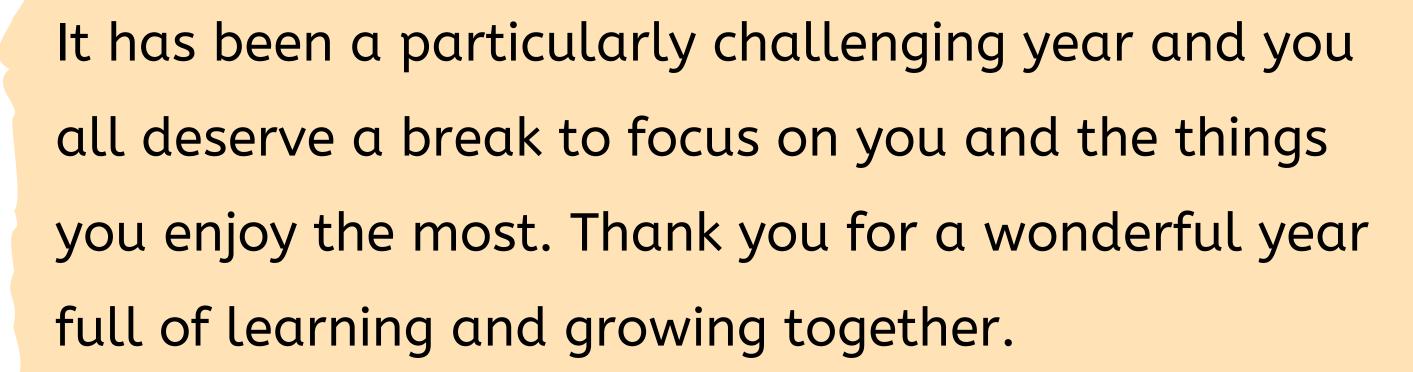




Listen to Sean Lessard: Montreal Lake
Cree Nation member in Treaty 6
territory. Sean Lessard is a researcher
in the field of Indigenous Education
and Youth!



What a year it has been!
Whatever you have planned this summer, I hope it brings you relaxation and joy.



Have a fantastic summer vacation and see you next year!