

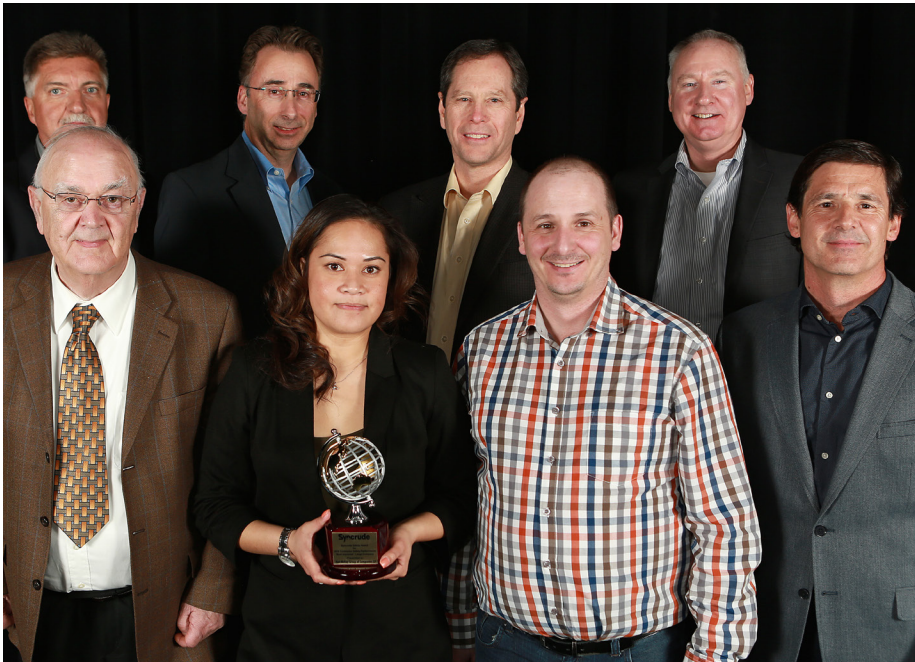


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Back row L-R: Syncrude VPs - Mike Daley, Greg Fuhr, Jim Richards, Chris Wolff.
Front row L-R: Jim Carbery, Interim CEO; Tanya Solomone, HSE Manager; Mathieu Leger, Logistics Ops Manager; and Pablo Borgnino, Syncrude COO.

On March 5th 2015, the Fort McKay Group of Companies (GOC) was recognized at the Syncrude Safety Awards for having the most improved safety record this year within all of Syncrude’s workforce.

The Syncrude Safety Awards was held at Keyano College and only eight awards were given out in total throughout the evening. This annual event was created to acknowledge the progress of Syncrude’s various departments, as well as their contractors, for their safety-related accomplish-

ments on site. The ceremony was attended by GOC representatives Mathieu Leger, Logistics Ops Manager; Tanya Solomone, HSE Manager; and Jim Carbery, Interim CEO (pictured above).

The GOC has made safety a priority, making great strides in its safety performance throughout its various departments. During their meetings, the company always starts with a “safety minute,” where discussions explore various best practices for safety in the workplace.

“The GOC excels in safety because time, efforts, and resources have been used effectively so that safety is now an embedded part of our culture,” explained Jim Carbery.

“The award with which we were presented at Syncrude, was the result of the excellent communication among our managers, supervisors team leads, safety officers and our employees. They continue to emphasize that each person first and foremost must take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their colleagues.”

FORT MCKAY YOUTH GET ON STAGE WITH "UNITY"

On March 13th, nationally recognized charity Unity came to Fort McKay to engage youth in a 2-day workshop that focused on helping youth positively relieve stress and develop their talents for success.

Unity holds workshops across the country with the goal to empower youth in making better choices and become positive role models in their communities.

Twelve youth attended the workshop in Fort McKay. The instructors shared their life



experiences, explained how they got to where they are today, and showed the participants how they can express their feelings by doing something they love or are

passionate about. Some of the talents expressed included break dancing, cypher, beat boxing and graffiti art.

The following week, some of the youth demonstrated their newfound skills in front of an audience at Holy Trinity School. The event was a great success, instilling spectators with new aspirations!

We would like to give a special thanks to Rose Beaton for donating the lunch on Saturday. Thank you, Rose!



FMFN LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jim Boucher, Chief
Raymond Powder, Councillor
Gerald Gladue, Councillor
Crystal McDonald, Councillor
Peggy Lacorde, Councillor

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Mon. to Thurs. - 8:30am - 4:30pm
Friday - 8:30am - 2:00pm

SUBMISSIONS

If you have any photos, stories or ideas for the Fort McKay Current, please contact Nancy Robin at:
780-715-4512 or
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FORT MCKAY OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to all of the candidates!

COUNCILLOR

Robb Campre - 91
Bradley Fabian - 74
Gerald Gladue - 179
Rick Grandjambe - 148
Lorraine Huppie - 12
Mary Peggy Lacorde - 160
Crystal McDonald - 163
Betty Ruth McKenzie - 138
Raymond Powder - 239
Susan Quintal (Shott) - 114
Denis Shott - 39
Doris Young (Grandjambe) - 121

CHIEF

Jim Bouchier - 215
Cecilia Fitzpatrick - 188



SHAWN McCLURE FEATURED IN EDMONTON JOURNAL

Local artist Shawn McClure was featured on the front page in April's Edmonton Journal for his undeniable talent as a carver, gaining province-wide recognition. He has also been asked to appear on an upcoming episode of CTV's Alberta Prime-time. While the date is not yet determined, the interview is expected to air sometime this spring.

As a single father, McClure has always found it difficult to balance his work life with his family life. After working in the oil industry for many years, he decided to learn more about the world of art and registered himself in an 30-day inspirational program offered through the Banff School of Fine Arts (now known as The Banff Centre).

McClure cites this as a pivotal moment in his life, and he worked hard to create four carvings while he was registered in the art program. Later on, each sculpture sold for well over \$5,000. His carvings take a lot of precision, patience and time. McClure is renowned for his versatility as he also carves various types of animal horns and antlers.



He is currently using soapstone to do most of his latest work, including many replicas of the wood buffalo bison.

McClure has been working independently from his home for ten years now, and couldn't be happier. "This is what I've always wanted to do... I have always wanted to be an artist," he explained. Business has really picked up for him, and the demand for his art continues to grow. Just last month, McClure hand-carved over 50 awards for the Western Canada Cup 2015. Each award is a replica of a bison, yet each sculpture has its own touch of distinctiveness, making each piece unique and one of a kind.

Locals can view some of McClure's artwork exhibited at Fort McMurray's Heritage Park. You can also visit his art gallery at: www.customcarvingscorporation.com. To read the full article from the Edmonton Journal, please go to: www.edmontonjournal.com/Fort+McKay+sculptor+carves+career+artist/10966367/story.html



E-LEARNING PROGRAM IS FUNDRAISING



Help support the Fort McKay E-Learning centre! Raffle tickets will soon be available for a size 5/6 girls fancy dance regalia (pictured right), a Pendleton blanket with matching mug and beaded ornamental ball, and a cash prize. We are setting up our tipi at the Treaty Days Cultural Village to teach basic beading in exchange for donations for our extracurricular activities. Raffle and 50/50 tickets will also be sold at the same location.

The Fort McKay E-Learning program offers the full academic program for high school, and has held workshops such as clay sculpting, making regalia, goal-setting, beading, fan making, and sewing. The students have also taken exciting field trips to places such

as New Mexico and Hawaii. We hope to attend the World Conference on Healing in New Zealand in November.

These programs, workshops, and trips have been made possible through the continued support of Shell Canada, Enbridge, the Fort McKay Group of Companies, and Suncor Energy, and we thank them. You too can help the E-Learning centre provide a holistic education experience by supporting our fundraising efforts.

For further information call Ona @ 780-792-8538 or Casey @ 780-828-2490.

GET INTO THE TRADES ~ With Trade Winds Success ~

This 16-week Aboriginal pre-apprenticeship training program will provide the skills and knowledge to start a career in the following trades: Boilermaker, Carpenter, Electrician, Ironworker, Millwright, Plumber, Steam/Pipe fitter, Insulator, or Welder.

The program consists of three stages. **Stage One:** Trades Orientation (2 weeks) – the object is to ensure the student has made an informed career choice. **Stage Two:** Upgrading (4 weeks) – the object is to ensure competencies to pass the Alberta Industry Trade Exam. **Stage Three:** Shop Training (8 to 10 weeks) – the object is to learn basic hands on skills needed by the apprentice including safety and tool usage.

To register for this program, please contact: (780) 423-2237.
For more information, please go to: www.tradewindstosuccess.ca

Boilermakers
Carpenters
Electricians
Ironworkers
Millwrights
Plumbers
Steam/Pipe fitters
Insulators
Welders



Fort McKay First Nation Treaty Days

Thursday, June 18th – Sunday, June 21st, 2015

Working for a Better Tomorrow

<http://www.fortmckayeevents.com>

Thursday 18 th	Time	Event	Location
	4:00 – 9:30 pm	Baseball Tournament	Behind School
	4:30 – 9:00 pm	Ft. McKay Idol Jigging Contest	Amphitheater
Friday 19 th	Time	Event	Location
	8:00 – 9:00	Pancake Breakfast	Band Hall
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Information & Merchandise	Gazebo
	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Baseball Tournament	Behind School
	9:45 – 10:00 am	Kids Bike Parade	Fire Hall to Wellness Center
	10:00 – 11:00 am	Main Parade	Starts on north end
	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies	Amphitheater
	12:30 – 3:30 pm	INAC Treaty Payout	Band Hall
	1:00 – 2:00 pm	BBQ	Behind Band Hall
	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Corporate Tug-of-war	Behind Band Hall
	2:00 – 6:00 pm	Hand Games	Beside Upper Arbour
	2:00 – 6:00 pm	Cultural Village	Cultural Village Area
	2:00 – 6:00 pm	Kids Activities	Arena
	2:00 – 6:00 pm	Petting Zoo & Pony Rides	Outside Arena
	6:00 pm – Midnight	Traditional Evening Traditional Dance Exhibition Moose & Duck Calling Contest Round Dance Giveaway	Upper Arbour
Saturday 20 th	Time	Event	Location
	8:30 am – 10:00 am	Pancake Breakfast	Band Hall
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Information & Merchandise	Gazebo Near Band Hall
	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Baseball Tournament	Behind School
	Noon – 5 pm	Cultural Village	Cultural Village Area
	Noon – 5 pm	Kids Activities	Arena
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Community Bingo	Band Hall
	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Petting Zoo & Pony Rides	Outside Arena
		Afternoon Entertainment Hip Hop / Rap Group Carly Rivers Band	Amphitheater
	2:15 – 3:15 pm 3:30 – 4:45 pm		
	5:00 – 6:30 pm	Supper	Band Hall
	7:00 - 8:15 8:30 – 9:45 pm 10:00 – 11:30 pm	Evening Entertainment Stephanie Harpe Experience Opening: Nicely Put Together Main: The Stampeders	Amphitheater
	Midnight-ish	Fireworks	Athabasca River
Sunday 21 st	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	10:00 – 7:00 pm	Baseball Tournament	Behind School

Go to Fort McKay First Nation website for more information at fortmckay.com

Note: we are looking for local concessions with food handling certification

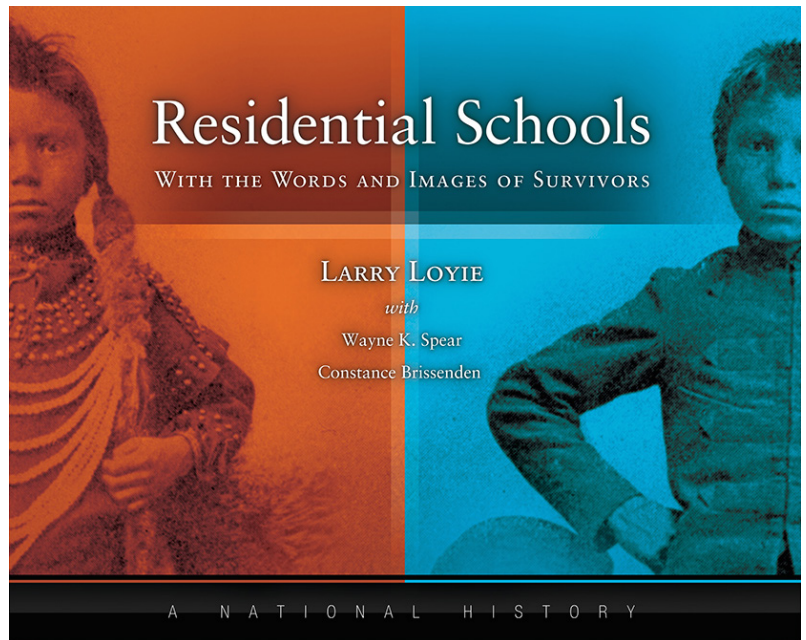
Or for other info please contact: Fred McDonald Email: fredm@fortmckay.com Cellular: 780-370-8374



NEW RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BOOK RELEASED

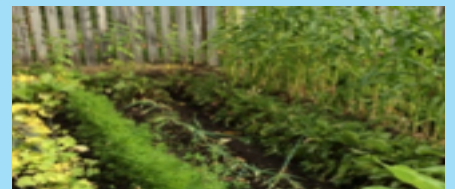
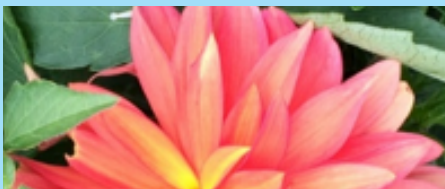
The Indigenous Education Press released a new book last month revealing true stories of many Residential School Survivors. Residential Schools was written by award-winning author and residential school survivor Larry Loyie with Wayne K. Spear and Constance Brissenden.

From 1828 to 1996, over 150 000 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children were sent to residential schools, separating them from their families. The book includes stories exclusively from former residential school survivors along with over 125 photographs that document their experiences. The book entails 7 chapters focusing on the importance of culture and traditions, family, life at school, the dark side of abuse, friendships, laughter, and the power of healing and education in a changing world.



If you are interested in getting a copy of this book, please visit: www.goodminds.com. To order by telephone, call 1-866-862-8483.

FORT MCKAY 5th ANNUAL LAWN AND GARDEN COMPETITION 2015



Calling all gardeners! Come and take part in celebrating the beauty of the Fort McKay community. Categories for all ages and skill levels, including fun challenges for kids!

Show off your hard work and win big prizes for your sustainable flower gardens, vegetable gardens, and unique outdoor living spaces!

Registration ends on May 14th 2015. Please hand in your registration papers to the Sustainability Department before the deadline. For more information, please call the Sustainability Department at 780-828-2480

Sponsored by Hammerstone Corporation



!!!VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We have an upcoming casino at Boomtown Casino in Fort McMurray on May 21st and 22nd 2015. This is a fundraiser for our organization that only happens approximately every 18 months. We are in need of 28 volunteers to fill all the designated time slots to make this a success! If you are able to cover any of the shifts, please contact Julia Soucie at 780-828-4312 or by email at fortmckaywellnesscenter@hotmail.com



The youth from the Wellness Center really enjoyed the outdoors while snowshoeing in the birchwood trails every Wednesday after school last March .

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



Monday, May 4th will be our annual RMWB Spring Community Cleanup. This volunteer opportunity is open to all community members. We start at the Wellness Center at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. There will be hot chocolate and snacks afterwards!



Thank YOU



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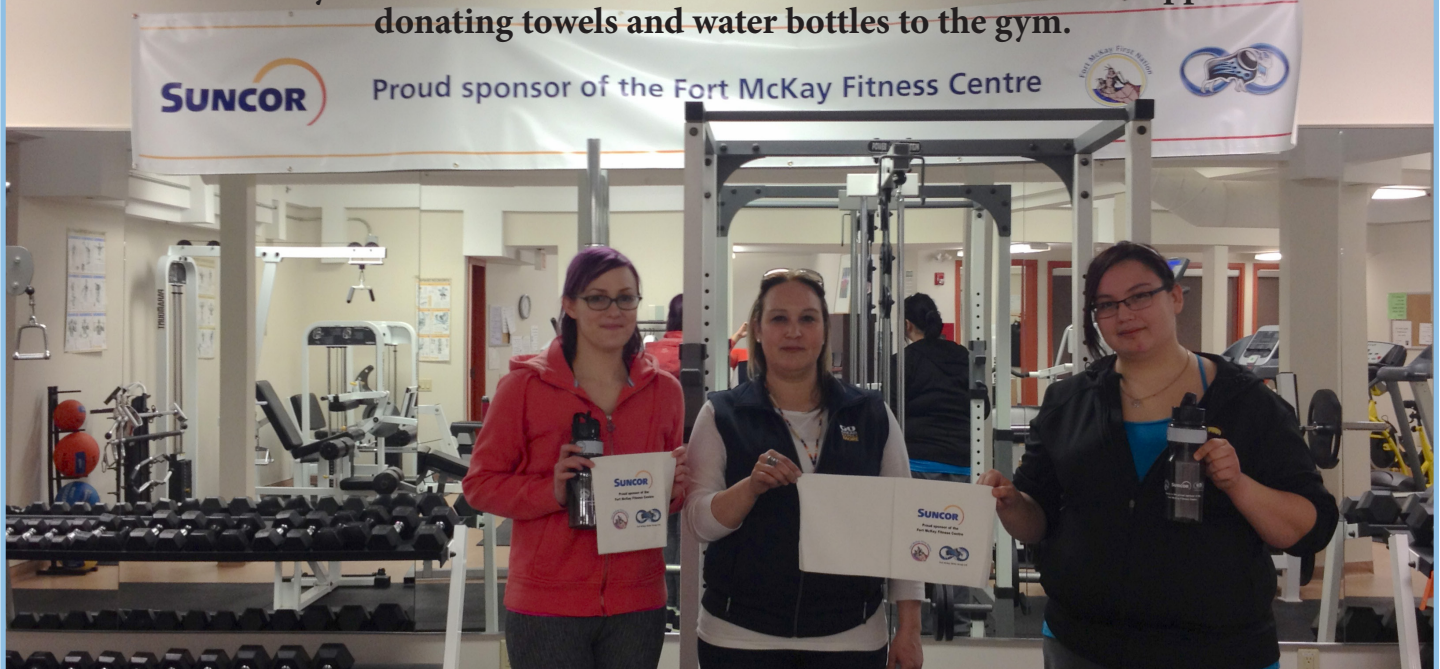
FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION THANKS DIVERSIFIED TRANSPORTATION!!

For over 10 years Diversified Transportation has been safely transporting **Fort McKay** kids ranging in age from 6 – 18 yrs. into **Fort McMurray** to further their education while at the same time making a significant donation towards the cost of that transportation.

Year after Year Diversified has come through with outstanding service, philanthropic support and reliability! Long- time Driver Derrick Bennett has often gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure our **Fort McKay** kids are safe and well taken care of. **Thank you so much Derrick!**

THANKYOU Diversified and Derrick for keeping our kids safe and helping them pursue their educational goals. Together you have “Driven” many of our kids to succeed! Here’s to many more years of working together!

The Fort McKay Fitness Centre would like to thank Suncor for their support and for donating towels and water bottles to the gym.



FORT MCKAY HISTORY:

Brave wildland firefighters



Photo from left to right: Marvin Boucher, John Boucher, Pat Ahyasou, Zachary Powder, Theodore Bouchier, Walter Powder, Dophus Ahyasou, and Howard Lacorde.

YOUTH RECREATION AND LEISURE PROGRAMMER

Summer Student Position

The Fort McKay Wellness Center is currently seeking a HIGH ENERGY individual who is passionate, out-going and promotes FUN. This is a full-time, temporary position located in the community of Fort McKay, AB between the months of May and August 2014. The role of the Youth Recreation & Leisure Programmer is to work with team members to ensure that age appropriate recreational & leisure programming activities and opportunities are planned, organized, supervised, implemented, facilitated and evaluated for the children and youth served by the Association during after school and Summer Camp.

Duties: Recreation & Leisure Programmer- SUMMER STUDENT will assist in the planning, organization and facilitation of recreation & leisure programs based on the current needs of the children and youth being served. You will be involved in many aspects including: Leadership training and development, role modelling and mentoring, as well as sporting, cultural, leisure and physical fitness activities and social programs.

You will possess the following qualifications:

- MUST be registered for a post-secondary program for Fall 2014. Preference will be given to those who are currently studying a related discipline such as Recreation, Physical Education or Education (Early Childhood Education, Child and Youth studies, Social Work, etc.) Proof of enrollment will be requested.
- Related experience working with children and youth
- Standard First Aid, CPR & AED Certification
- CWIS and RCMP Criminal Record Check.
- Reliable transportation (carpooling may be available)
- Knowledge of aboriginal community values and dynamics

Please submit your resume by email or fax (780-828-4311). We offer competitive wages and travel allowance. We thank all candidates for your interest, however, only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Email: fortmckaywellnesscenter@hotmail.ca





FORT MCKAY
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Fort McKay Hockey Academy Charity Game !

Friday May 8, 2015
7 - 10 pm

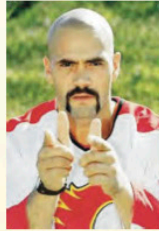
Featuring NHL Players

Team Chris Simon

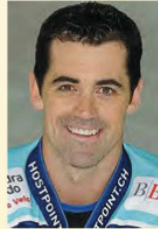
Team Sandy McCarthy



VS.



Mel Angelstad



Mark Hartigan



Brantt Myhres

Other participants include:

- Shea Laurent (former junior player from Fort McKay)
- Nate Bedford (Goalie) coach of the Keyano Huskies Mens Hockey
- Owen Sobchak (First Nation) player with the Keyano Huskies Mens Hockey team.

NO ENTRY FEE!
(donations gratefully accepted)

50/50 draw
(proceeds to the Fort McKay Hockey Academy)



Concession will be open!



Also join us on May 9th and 10th for the Greater Strides Hockey Academy Foundation's Hockey Camp.

Fort McKay Community Arena
Fort McKay, Alberta

9 am to 5 pm

May 9th - Novice (ages 5 to 8)
- Atoms (ages 9 to 10)

May 10th - Pee wee (ages 11 to 13)
- Bantam/Midget (ages 14 to 17)



Greater Strides Hockey Academy Foundation



This camp is FREE of charge; lunches are provided!

For children and youth AGES: 5 - 17 of First Nation & Métis descent

Our camp consists of multiple hockey-oriented programs, including:

- on-ice skills development
- dry-land training
- "Hockey-Talk"
- team-building
- learning to have FUN!

Please call Simon (780) 881-9096 to register

Spaces are limited to 25 per age category so register by May 2nd to make sure you receive a spot!

Greater Strides Hockey Academy Foundation
#101, 12111 40th Street SE,
Calgary, AB T2Z 4E6

SPONSORED BY:



Phone: (403) 281-9779
Fax: (403) 281-9783

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MAY 7TH 2015

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JERSEYS**

Jordin Tootoo
Wayne Gretzky
Johnathan Toews
Patrick Kane
Steve Yzerman

**Performing LIVE
Kraig Nienhuis!**



NHL PLAYERS ATTENDING:



Brantt
Myhres



Sandy
McCarthy



Jordin
Tootoo



Chris
Simon

For more info call Simon Adams 780-881-9096 or
Eastside Pub & Eatery 587-276-2238

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

RECREATIONAL CENTRE

Family Activity

Friday May 29th

Volleyball tournament

Saturday May 30th at the school gym, 11am

We are currently fundraising for the Relay for life, scheduled for June 19th. If you would like to support our team, please contact Stefany at 780-714-7094. All proceeds will go to the cancer society. Thank you for your support!

May 1st-Car wash and BBQ behind the Health Centre

May 4th-Lunch at the band

May 24th-Community garage sale at Band hall (to rent your table, contact Stefany)

June 6th-Lunch at the Band

WELLNESS CENTRE

780-828-4312

Monday to Thursday:

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM After school Activities (Ages 6-17)

5:00-6:00 PM Supper Program (Ages 6-17)

Mondays:

6:00-8:00 pm Walking Club (Ages 10+)

6:00-7:00pm Homework Help (grades 1-3)

Tuesdays:

6:00-8:00pm Mantracker (Ages 10+)

Wednesdays:

6:00-8:00 pm Kickball (Ages 10+)

Thursdays:

6:00-8:00 pm Ultimate Frisbee (Ages 10+)

Fridays:

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Ages 6-17)

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM Supper Program (Ages 6-17)

Pre Teen Night Trip

May 1st

*Permission slip required

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm

Bus Returns at 10:00 PM

Ages 6-9 ONLY

Teen Night

May 8th

Hockey Night at Arena

7 PM to 10 PM

Ages 10-17 ONLY

Pre Teen Day Trip

May 15th

*Permission slip required

Bus leaves at 1:00 pm

Bus Returns at 5:00 PM

Teen Night

May 29th

*Permission slip required

Ages 10+

Bus leaves at 5:30 pm

*Kids 9 and under MUST be picked up by 5:30

*The Wellness Center will be closed on May 21st and 22nd due to Casino fundraiser.

FORT MCKAY FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

780-828-4048

Mondays

ATC Child & Family Services – Foster Program & Family Enhancement.

Alcohol Anonymous (AA) Meeting 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

Last Monday of month-probation/ parole Services.

Tuesdays

Women`s Sharing Circle 7:00pm – 9.00pm.

Wednesdays

Victim services – Victims of Crime support, Narcotics. Anonymous (NA) Meeting 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

Thursdays

NEAFAN – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Assessments.

Karaoke – 7:00pm– 9:00pm.

Saturdays

Sweat Lodge – 1:00pm.

EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

780-828-2433

Drop ins welcome! We will assist you on a first come first serve basis.

HEALTH CENTRE

780-828-2450

Mondays-Wednesdays

The Doctor is in

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Physiotherapy & Dr. Taiwo

*please call in advance to verify



*Elsie Fabian
2nd Annual
Memorial Round Dance
at the Band Hall
May 10, 2015
Feast at 6pm
Round Dance at 7pm*

*Anyone wanting to donate or help cook please call
Becky at: 587-644-1258*