



Kuwe' We'koqma'q

Newsletter

March 2021

Message from Chief Annie and Council

To our neighbours,

Since elected as your Chief in early October, myself and Council have been working hard to set a clear direction forward for our community. One of the biggest changes you will see is our commitment to transparency and open communication. Your feedback and support are important to us, so we're finding opportunities for you to stay engaged with our Band office.

We understand that we have a duty to deliver the information that is important to you. This new monthly newsletter will keep you up-to-date on current news within We'koqma'q. We're also becoming more active through our Facebook page and will be hosting community meetings on important decisions.

As your Chief and Council, our priority will always be the well-being of our community – both emotional and economical. We are 100% committed to moving our We'koqma'q forward, while improving the quality of life for you, our community members.

The future is bright for We'koqma'q, with new developments on the horizon that will provide meaningful employment, training opportunities and overall economic growth.

We have entered 2021 with a strong sense of pride – pride for our people, pride for our community and pride for the work we'll do together over the next year. There is a lot to celebrate here, in We'koqma'q, so let's shift our conversations and tell the world, together, why we're We'koqma'q proud!

Sincerely,



Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley



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Employment & Training Update

FROM SUSAN GOOGOO



Essential Skills Program Starting Soon!

Our four week Adult Learning Program will be starting soon. This program focuses on basic/intermediate reading, writing and math skills, GED preparation and life skills. As well as cultural activities and personalized goal-setting. An allowance is provided for participants.

To learn more or to sign up, call Brennan Peters at 902-756-9157.

◀ Patty Prosper participated in our November Essential Skills Program, where she learned some important life skills, including baking. Way to go, Patty!

Congratulations to Program Participants!

We're always looking for new programs to give our community members the skills needed to find meaningful work here, in We'koqma'q. We're so proud of those of you who have completed programs recently, including:



2 CONTINUING CARE



1 SKILLED LABOURER



5 MARINE SAFETY



1 TRAFFIC CONTROL

We also want to extend a congratulations to all recent graduates of the Master's program at STFX University!



Education Update



At the end of 2020, Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey provided We'koqma'q with funding for two important initiatives that help our post-secondary education students continue their education amidst closures and reduced contacts due to Covid-19. We're grateful to have received funding to purchase laptops for post-secondary education

students, as well as funding to hire a Post-Secondary Student Navigator for We'koqma'q, Mrs. Pamela Toney. Mrs. Toney helps students adapt to online learning.



Looking for employment?

To stay up-to-date on employment opportunities and training programs, follow **We'koqma'q Employment & Training** on Facebook.

Meet your 2020-2024 Chief and Council!



(From left to right) Stewart Peters, John Leonard, Brandon Poulette, PJ Googoo, Tiny Cremo, Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley, Jason Bernard, Wallace Bernard, Stuart Basque and Steve Googoo.

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#We'koqma'qProud #We'koqma'qFirst

If you follow our community Facebook page, you may have seen our new series #We'koqma'qProud #We'koqma'qFirst. There are so many community members doing incredible things. We're using our platform to share these positive stories to celebrate our people and build pride. If you know someone we should feature, send us a message on Facebook!



(top row) Featured community members were Tikisha Paul-Gould - the first Mi'kmaw woman from We'koqma'q to become a paramedic, local musician Shift from tha 902, (bottom row) Heritage Interpreter Susan Prosper, Vice- Principal Christina Sylliboy and Justin Googoo, Owner and Operator of L'NUEY General Contracting.



Have you been to the Skye River Trail yet this winter?

Enjoy a winter walk and the Medicine Garden, constructed by L'NUEY General Contracting.



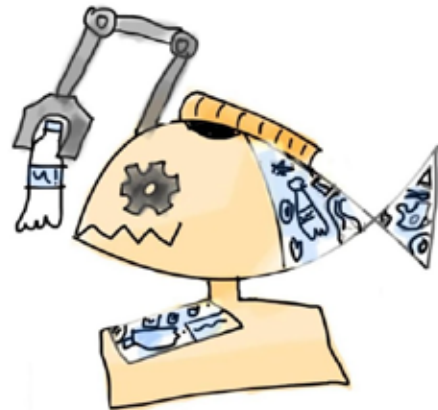
Photo taken by Wallace Bernard



Grade ones working on some snow structures!

Our students are becoming the "change-makers" of tomorrow!

WMS would like to congratulate **Jayla Bernard** for being chosen to have her Robot Fish Invention made by the National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).



"Robot Fish" Jayla, 10, Wekoqmoq, Canada

"It's a fish that picks up plastic in the ocean. It takes plastic and puts it in the bucket. It goes through a tube into the fish. Once it's full the fish goes up to air and empties the plastic."



Outdoor Wellness Funding for the School!

We'koqma'q received funding to purchase new snowshoes to promote outdoor education and wellness!



Good News!



Exciting news!

On January 25th, 2021 Clearwater Seafoods and We'koqma'q are pleased to announce that they have reached an agreement and have formed a partnership with seven Mi'kmaq bands.

Housing Development News!

\$2,142,937.23 has been approved for the proposed 12 new housing units under the Rapid Housing Initiative.

We'koqma'q also received **\$700,000** in funding, for four mini homes to be used for community members who need to self isolate during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Details to follow about the access, use and when the mini homes will be delivered to our community.



Congrats Child Care Centre, Staff members!

Bernice Googoo

Early Childhood Education Diploma Level II
NSCC GRADUATE

Justine Gould

Early Childhood Education Diploma Level II
NSCC GRADUATE

Bernessa Googoo

Early Childhood Education Diploma Level II
NSCC GRADUATE

Helen T. Bernard

Early Childhood Education Diploma Level I
PROGRAM START NSCC 2021

Shanelle Bernard

Early Childhood Education Diploma Level I
PROGRAM START NSCC 2021

There are various spots available to the community in the K2 and K3 programs, call us at 902-756-1119 for more information.



First Alliance Security Big Contract Renewal!

The First Alliance Security contract with Port Hawkesbury Paper has been extended for another five years.



Have some good news to share?

Send along your good news stories to Chrissy at chrissytanner@waycobah.ca with the subject line **Good News Newsletter!**

March Event Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Prenatal Class Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	3 Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child	4 Women's Wellness 5pm-8pm	5 Story Time 2pm-3pm Parent &Child	6
7	8 International Women's Day	9 Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	10 Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child	11	12 Story Time 2pm-3pm Parent &Child	13
14	15 March Break	16 March Break Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	17 March Break St. Patrick's Day Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child	18 March Break Women's Wellness 5pm-8pm	19 March Break Story Time 2pm-3pm Parent &Child	20
21	22	23 Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	24 Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child	25	26 Story Time 2pm-3pm Parent &Child	27
28	29	30 Narcotics Anonymous 8pm-9pm	31 Developmental Play 10am-12pm Ages 0-4 Parent &Child			

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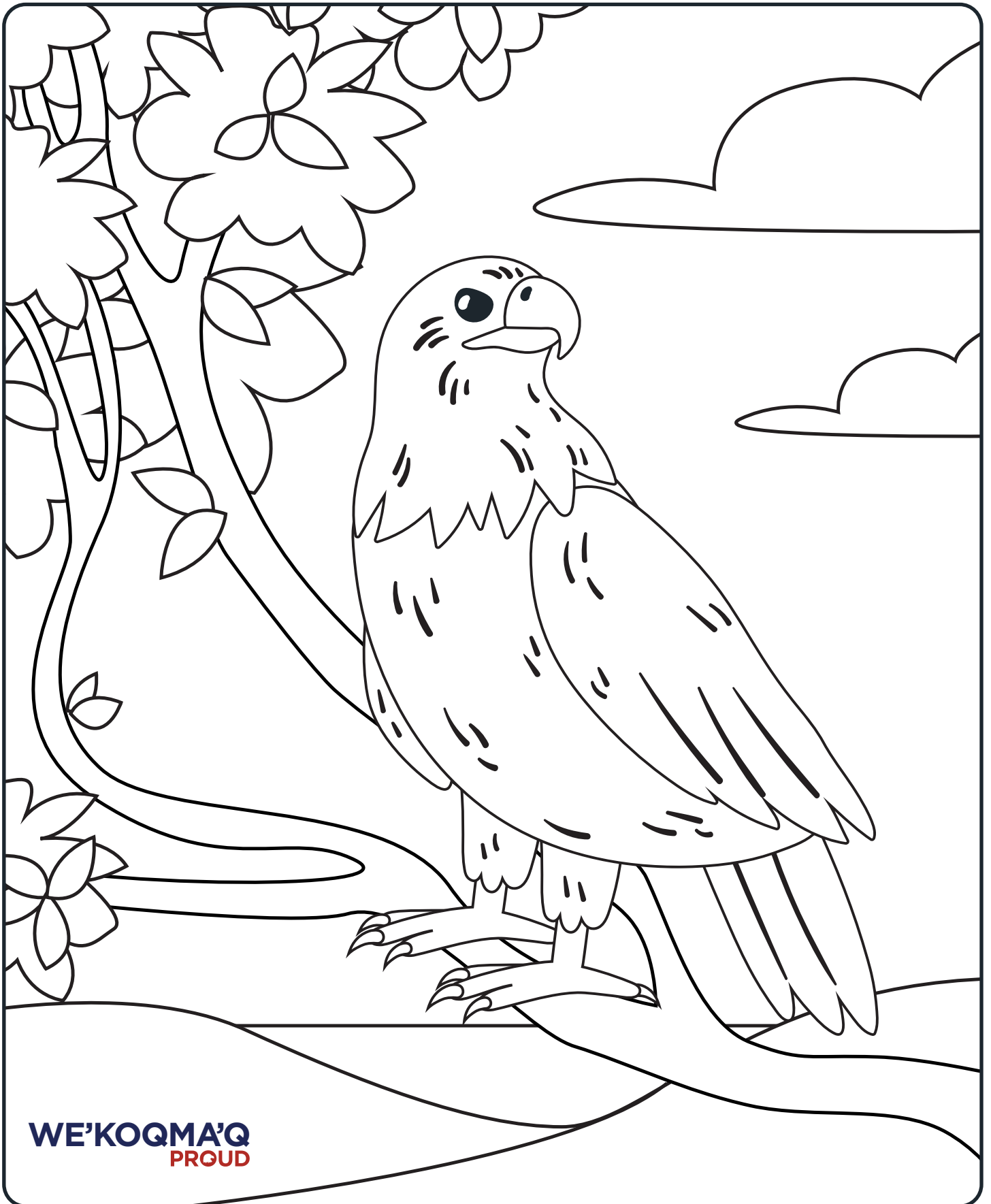
Red Text = Holidays



Have an upcoming event you want to add to the calendar?

Email Chrissy at chrissytanner@waycobah.ca with the subject line "Calendar Event" to have it added to the next newsletter!

Colour Me!



WE'KOQMA'Q
PROUD

Winter

WORD SEARCH

SNOWY

WIND

MITTENS

SNOWFLAKE

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WINTER

FROZEN

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One Stop Delivery Service!

Delivery is now available for Elders 60+ and persons with disabilities from the One Stop.

To place your order:

Call 902-756-3088. Cash payment accepted.
Hours: 10:00am - 6:00pm

COVID UPDATES

For current Nova Scotia Covid information: novascotia.ca/coronavirus/
Call the Health Centre for any community information you require.

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