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Honoring Those Who Served



American Red Cross Training Available

By Timothy Schwab, Northern NY Chapter American Red Cross

Every year the American Red Cross responds to more than 70,000 disasters, most of which are family home fires. To provide needed support to those impacted by disaster requires trained volunteers willing to respond to any emergency, whether in their home territory or in communities far away. That response may require skills in dealing directly with those affected, or skills in behind-the-lines support which ensures relief is delivered efficiently and effectively.

The American Red Cross offers free disaster response training to its volunteers depending upon their interest and comfort level. Some may be interested in helping families begin their immediate recovery. Others may feel their skills would be more valuable in such things as setting up a distribution point for needed recovery materials or operating a mobile feeding vehicle. The range of training opportunities is very large including:

- Individual Client Services – dealing directly with those impacted by disaster
- Mass Care – setting up feeding and shelter facilities, as well as dealing with health, mental health and spiritual needs

- Logistics – getting supplies and materials where needed and identifying places to distribute and store them



Learn How to Become a Emergency Response Team Member



American Red Cross Volunteer Response Training

- Technology – setting up the computer networks to ensure efficient communication
- Information and Planning – determining the extend of the damage and planning the appropriate use of financial resources to respond
- Staff Services – ensuring personnel are utilized effectively and supported
- External Relations – working with local government and community organizations to coordinate the response and clearly disseminate information to the public.

If any of these areas would be of interest to you as a potential Red Cross volunteer, please contact Katrina Jacobs in Emergency Planning at 518-358-2272 for more information. Classes can then be scheduled to meet your interests and needs. Thank you very much for being willing to help your community as a trained disaster volunteer. ◇

Good Words of Welcome



Shé:kon Sewakwé:kon,

Where did this year go? I am grateful to be writing the December opening of Kawenni:ios; as it is my distinct honor to serve on Tribal Council. In this role, I am privileged to have the opportunity to work closely and liaise with our Broadband team. As a team, they're working to provide 70 channels of video programming on the network and are in the process of creating Akwesasne TV, our own television station.

In November, Broadband and the Casino's IT Department attended the 15th Annual Tribal Net Conference. Tribal Net's efforts are concentrated on bringing technology and Tribes together. This was a great networking opportunity for the team. It is evident we are at the forefront of broadband technology.

From Tribal Council's table, we continue working together to adopt and amend important tribal ordinances. We are in the process of adopting the proposed legislation: the Tribal Communications Regulatory Act. The purpose of the Act is to make available reasonably priced state-of-the-art Communication Services to the people of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe; to promote

and expand these services within our jurisdiction and ensure that all communication services provided within the jurisdiction are consistent with the traditions, customs and desires of our community.

Also on our table is the DRAFT Membership Ordinance. This ordinance establishes qualifications for membership and shall provide for the implementation of membership enrollment procedures. We encourage you to take a moment to view each of these DRAFT ordinances, available on our website www.srmt-nsn.gov. Council continues to work on amendments to the Election and Referendum Ordinance.

Wishing you and your family a Holiday Season blessed with peace, love and joy. May the coming year be filled with happiness.

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Shelley Jacobs,
Tribal Sub-Chief

On the Cover: Chief Ron LaFrance presents Post 1479 Commander Mike Cook with official MOU securing direct home loan benefits to eligible Mohawk veterans on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation.

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Youth Recreation Here at Family Support

Community and Family Support Services

By Sweets (Agnes) Jacobs, HCBS Waiver Supervisor

Family Support has been up and running for over 30 years. We serve family members in our community who are very special. We have grown in many areas. One of them being, supportive to our children, young teens that are developmentally disabled. The Family Support Kids' Recreation Program is a Tribally-run program within the Home Based Community Services department. It is a specialized after-school program designed to fit the needs of the individual. The goal of this program is to see the individual use their fullest potential to be able to function in his/her community. The Recreation Program was developed to center around the individual. We take special consideration for those with various capabilities and work with all ages.

Recreation at Family Support

The youth here at Family Support enjoy a wide range of activities. Our Habilitation Aides have the responsibility to nourish, supervise and teach the youth so that they can explore new ideas, experiences and activities of daily living. The program is structured to enhance their lives. We do gardening, ceramics, go to zoos, go swimming, make moccasins and cook. The youth love playing bingo and selling popcorn for a good cause. One of the most enjoyable events is when we have socials. The youth get to sing, drum, use the rattles and dance.

Our Kids' Recreation serves developmentally disabled children in our surrounding school districts.

This includes Salmon River Central School and the St. Regis Mohawk School. Our kids range in age from three to 21 years of age. The program here provides services after school, Monday through Friday and on occasional weekends. Special arrangements are made with the families for when school is not in session and for special field trips. Canada, Watertown, Old Forge and Burlington are just some of the places that the youth have travelled to.



Family Support Offers Many Activities For Ages 3 to 21

The youth programming focuses on developing social and safety skills. They are always in a safe environment. What may work one day, maybe won't work another day, so we are always changing the program to suit the needs of the individual. Everyday skills such as manners, setting tables, washroom skills,

hand-washing and infection control are utilized. Stranger danger is also implemented in our program.

Local trips are made to community resources such as the library, Generations Park, Rainbow Park and the local farms and orchards. They participate in arts and crafts activities. These planned activities are all coordinated and taught by our Habilitation Aides. We have the most dedicated and caring staff working for Family Support. Another favorite activity is our woodworking class. This is also run by staff. Our children make planters, signs and boxes. With help they cut, nail, sand and paint their creations of art.

What is a Habilitation Aide?

The staff here at family support are trained extensively to work with youth and adults in our programs. They teach, assist and supervise activities daily. The Habilitation Aides also assist professionals such as their school teacher, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation as well as support for families. They are constantly and safely transporting our youth to all activities and follow the rules and regulations under the Office for Persons with Developmentally Disabilities (OPWDD). Our staff consists of Trina Terrance, Harmony Love, Darline Phelps, Jennilee Jacobs, Joan Clark, Cherrie Lazore, Klaus Herbstler, Amanda Lord, Tiann White, Teresa Pryce, John Cayea, Dori Adele for woodshop and Melissa Jock, Program Coordinator.

Family Support have staff that are trained in specialized areas. Some of our children fall in the category of the Autism Spectrum. Applied behavior analysis (ABA) is known as systemic instruction and reinforcement procedures that teach functional skills, communication skills, and or social skills is utilized. ABA focuses on reliable measurement and objective evaluation of observable behavior.

In closing, if you see us in the community please stop and say Shé:kon. Our youth love people and are part of our community. We would love to visit a business or go a community sports function.

Family members with developmentally disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, mental retardation and other neurological impairments sometimes need special assistance and supports to learn, work, and become more independent. Likewise, the families of these individuals often need help in meeting the unique challenges of caring at home for a relative with a disability.



Making Moccasins

The SRMT Family Support Program (OPWDD) is here to help families meet these challenges of caring for your family member who has disabilities. For more information call 518-358-9481. ◇

Human Services Mission Statement

To strengthen, support and protect Akwesasne families in all stages of life for seven generations.



Baking Cookies



Helping Families Connect

LiHeap and Fuel Assistance Program Feature

By Sharon Thompson, Director

The mission of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is to assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

All fifty States, the District of Columbia, five territories, and about 153 Tribes and Tribal organizations receive LIHEAP grants each year. Households served for 2013/2014 was 277.

The 2013 - 2014 LIHEAP program opened on Kentenhkó:wa/November 17, 2013. It has two levels of benefits, regular and emergency.

The following documents are required for the regular benefit:

- Residence - Current rent receipt with name and address or a utility bill
- Identity of Household members - Driver's license, social security cards, updated tribal cards
- Income - Pay stubs, business records (self-employed), unemployment insurance benefits
- Social Security Number - Social Security cards
- Vendor Relationship - a current utility/fuel bill
- Age-under 6 years / 60 or older - Birth certificate, Driver's License
- Disabled - Award letter, copy of benefit check, written statement of eligibility for benefits

The regular benefit application must be signed by the individual who either has the heating bill in their name or has primary responsibility to pay the bill to the vendor.

For Regular Benefits:

- Oil, kerosene, propane - Base Benefits = \$600.00
- Wood, pellets, coal, corn - Base Benefits = \$500.00
- Utilities - All electric - Base Benefits = \$400.00
- Emergency benefits - Opens January 5, 2015



*Keep You and Your Family Warm
This Winter Season*

Applicants must be already in the regular benefits system to receive emergency benefits.

Program dates for regular and emergency program components maybe shortened or extended based on federal funding.

2015 Monthly Income Eligibility Guidelines:

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Tier I</i>	<i>Tier II</i>
1	0-1,264	1,265-2,194
2	0-1,704	1,705-2,869
3	0-2,144	2,145-3,544
4	0-2,584	2,585-4,219
5	0-3,024	3,025-4,894
6	0-3,463	3,423-5,569
+	+\$440	+\$508

Contact Sharon Thompson 518-358-2272 ext. 212 or Lucy Barnes ext. 418 to see if you are eligible, if you have any questions or to sign up. ◇

Reducing Your Pesticide Exposure

By Julia Jacobs, Environmental Outreach

Every day we use pesticides without realizing that we do. Pesticides can be found in our personal care products such as shampoos, deodorants, lip stick, after shave, laundry detergents, soap, makeup, diapers and the list goes on. On the website GoodGuide www.goodguide.com they rate just about every product you can think of.

GoodGuide scientists rate products on a scale of 0 (red) to 10 (green) for their health, environment, and social impact. The higher the product is rated, the better the product. Health is about the products ingredients a 10 means the product has no ingredients that raise a health concern. The environment rating is all about the environmental aspects of manufacturing, sale, use and disposal of the product. The social impact rating is management, transparency, consumer, community and the worker.

So let's take the product Burt's Bees Very Volumizing shampoo with a 6.5 (light green) rating. Health is a 6.0 because it has insufficient ingredient information, 7.8 for environment and 5.7 for society. On the other end of the spectrum we have Revlon Flex Shampoo. It rates at an overall 2.5, health is zero, environment is 3.8 and society is 3.8. I suggest you go to this guide and check out how the products you use at home rank, they results may surprise you.

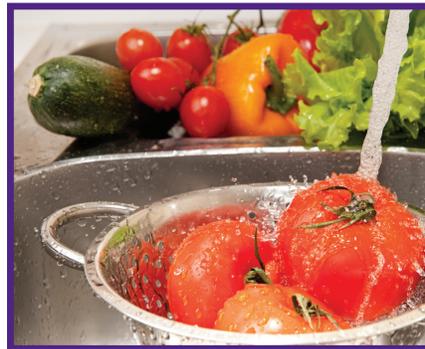
In the EPA's Citizen's Guide to Pest Control and Pesticide Safety the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with the US department of Agriculture (USDA), help to monitor and regulate the safety of pesticides in food. Most of a food crop is treated with pesticides and by the time you purchase in a store still has small traces of pesticide residue. To reduce the exposure even more it is recommended that you wash

all fruits and vegetables with water, trim the fat from meat and poultry, remove skin from fish, discard fats and oils in broths and pan drippings and cook or bake foods to further reduce pesticide residue.

If you plant your own garden make sure that you plant where there is no run off that could possibly contain a neighbor's pesticides. If you do use pesticides around your home don't plant where you spray. When pesticides are sprayed on the land they may run off into nearby rivers and streams, combining with industrial waste that could result in low level contamination of surface water. In Kenténha/October 2014 Kawennì:ios there is an article called 2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report which answers many questions you may have about our public water supply.



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Try a Homeade Fruit and Vegetable Wash to Remove Pesticides

Outside is where you need to be aware of anyone spraying pesticides because of direct spraying or wind carrying the spray. If a neighbor is spraying you should keep you children and pets in the home and close all windows and doors. If spraying happens regularly you may want to think about planting shrubs along your property line to help as a wind break or as a buffer zone. Some places, like schools, require a public notice to the community in newspapers, radio, letters home and signs in the area that is to be treated. This is called a "right to know" when pesticides are going to be sprayed. You never know who might have an allergic reaction to certain chemicals sprayed.

For any questions regarding pesticides please contact Julia Jacobs at Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment office 518-358-5937 or email julia.jacobs@srmt-nsn.gov. ♦

Up On The Rooftop

Air Quality Program

By Angela Benedict, Air Quality Program Manager

Reindeer paws, out jumps good old Santa Clause and instead of down through the chimney he goes through the roof, OH NO! Roofing materials don't last forever and sometimes they need to be replaced. There are couple of things that you can cover your roof with, some last longer than others. Probably the most widely used are shingles, second is metal, then clay/concrete tiles. The least used is a living roof or green roof.

You may be wondering why I would talk about roofs when I am air quality. Well, roofs have an impact on your indoor air quality by protecting the indoor environment. We don't normally have a lot of hail in Akwesasne but hail can damage roofs (and so can reindeer paws). Depending on the size, hail can puncture roofs. This may be hard to see but will definitely identify itself when it starts leaking. Shingled roofs can bend when struck by hail allowing it to become weak and sometimes break. If hail damages shingles and produces cracks in it then water or moisture can get in there creating bigger problems.

Water, especially in our area, can lead to big problems when it comes to roofs. In an

average year, we can go from -40°F to 100°F. We can go from freezing to not freezing and sometimes in the early spring or fall we can have a change in temperature of more than 30°F in a single day.

If you think you may have damage to your roof, you must think about all parts: underlayment, shingles, ventilations, caps and ridges, insulation, skylights and gutters. All of these can have an impact on your roof.



Hail Can Puncture Roofs and Lead to Damage That is Hard to See

Snow and ice buildup can have an impact on the integrity of the roof also. Accumulation of snow, if very heavy on a roof, can impact where the joins awnings, porches and canopies to solid walls.

The best way to check your roof for cracks, punctures and leaks is through the attic and should be checked at least twice a year and after severe weather. Look for water/moisture damage first then check the supports for breaks, cracks or warping. If anything looks damaged, get a second opinion on what type of damage may have occurred. Early detection can not only save you money but the health of your indoor air.

So for now and the next seven generations check out those roofs! ◇



Check Attic twice a Year for Any Signs of Leaks, Damage or Breaks



Replace Damaged Shingles to Help Prevent Further Leaks and Cracks

American Legion Post 1479 Veteran's Day Ceremony

By Alyson Cole, Production Assistant

Annually, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, families gather to honor and thank all America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. The American Legion Post 1479 held its yearly festivities on the warm Tuesday morning starting with a moment of silence to honor the sacrifices made by all armed forces and civilians in times of war.

Auxiliary President Shawna Cook, Sons on the American Legion Commander Harris Cole, Chaplain Pete Sunday and Post 1479 Commander Mike Cook read prayers as over 60 veterans and family members paid tribute. With the flags at half mast the ceremony came to a close with a gun salute and a rendition of TAPS.

Following the ceremony, Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance presented the American Legion with a plaque commemorating the signing of the MOU between the SRMT and the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. Signed on December 7, 2013 by Chief LaFrance, the official MOU secures direct home loan benefits to eligible Mohawk veterans on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation. While presenting the plaque to Post Commander Mike Cook, Chief LaFrance reiterated it is "an absolute honor to be able to share this occasion with our veterans. It is very difficult for us to get a mortgage on the reservation. This will allow our Mohawk veterans to be able to apply for a bank mortgage, build a home for their family, and receive the same competitive rates people living off Indian land are eligible for." ◇



*Chief Ron LaFrance Gives Award to
Commander Mike Cook*



*Auxiliary President Shawna Cook,
Commander Harris Cole, Chaplain
Pete Sunday, Commander Mike Cook*



*Veterans Give the Honorary Salute
for Those Who Have Served and
Sacrificed*

The Flu

Health Services Feature

By Verda Lyons, Clinic Coordinator

When you wake up sneezing, coughing, and have that achy, feverish, can't move a muscle feeling, how do you know whether you have cold symptoms or the flu?

It's important to know the difference between flu and cold symptoms. A cold is a milder respiratory illness than the flu. While cold symptoms can make you feel bad for a few days, flu symptoms can make you feel quite ill for a few days to weeks. The flu can also result in serious health problems such as pneumonia and hospitalizations. Below is a list of the most common questions received by our Health Services staff.

You may have the flu if you have **SOME** or **ALL** of these symptoms:

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Sometimes a fever
- Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

It's important to know that everyone that has the flu will not always have a fever

What should I do if I get sick?

Most people with the flu have a mild illness and do not need antibiotics or antiviral drugs. Many people don't even need medical care. If you have the flu, you should call the clinic and talk to a nurse. We can let you know what to do to treat your symptoms. You should stay home and avoid contact with other people.

Certain people are in a high risk group like infants and young children, people over age 65, pregnant women or people with certain medical conditions. These people are at risk for developing flu-related complications.

If you are in a high risk group and develop flu symptoms, it's best for you to contact your doctor. Remind them about your high risk status for the flu. Call the clinic; don't just walk in. The nurse can schedule you to get you in promptly and avoid contact with other people.

What should I do while I'm sick?

Stay away from other people as much as possible to keep from infecting them, you should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events and public gatherings.

- If you must leave home, wear a face mask.

- Cover coughs and sneezes, use tissue.



Avoid Contact With Other People If You Feel Sick



Remember to Drink Plenty of Fluids When Feeling Sick

- Place used tissues in the trash.
- Drink fluids. Avoid alcohol or drinks with caffeine in them like colas, coffee or tea. Drink clear fluids like water, broth or sports drinks.
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently, if it is not available use an alcohol based hand rub.
- Use your own eating utensils.

How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

You should stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone or you start feeling better. Your fever should be gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, like Tylenol.

What are the emergency warning signs of flu sickness?

- Trouble breathing
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Unable to eat
- Severe persistent vomiting
- Pain or pressure in the abdomen or chest

- Confusion
- Sudden dizziness

If you have the emergency warning signs of flu sickness, you should go to the emergency room.

Many people think they need antibiotics for the flu. Antibiotics do not work on viruses. In fact, the use of antibiotics when they are not needed can be harmful. Over use of antibiotics can cause resistant strains of bacteria. This has led to conditions like MRSA or VRE (methicillin resistant staph aureus and vancomycin resistant enterococci). This means when someone is really sick and needs antibiotics, the common antibiotics don't work and they may need more potent antibiotics.

It's Not Too Late

An annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone ages six months and older. It's particularly advised for high-risk individuals who are more prone to flu complications, such as pneumonia.

Contact the Health Services Outreach Chronic Care Nursing program for information or to schedule an appointment at 518-358-3141.



Get Your Annual Flu Shot Can Also Help



Remember to Wash Your Hands Frequently

Calendar

Tsiothóhrha /December 2014

- 1 - **Tribal Membership Consultation Meeting** - 5:30 - Community Building Lobby
- 6 - **Tribal Monthly Meeting** - 10:00 a.m. - Community Building Lobby
- 9 - **Social Security Administration** - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's office
- 15 - **Tribal Membership Consultation Meeting** - 5:30 - Community Building Lobby
- 25 - **Christmas Day holiday** - All offices and programs closed. AERC and Transfer Station closed.

Wednesdays - **Tribal Council Work Sessions** - 9:00 a.m. - Tribal Council Boardroom

New Faces

Adam G Bigtree
Maryella Chubb
Karen Conners-Oakes
Jasmine David
Abraham Francis
Audrey Herne
Eric J. Johnson-Sunday
Jessica L, Martin
Mackenzie Papineau
Danielle Robbins
Albert Simon Tenasco

Mechanic
Per Diem
Teacher Aide
Teacher Aide
Resident Aid
Apprentice
Apprentice
Physican Assistant
Recruitment Patrolman
Recruitment Patrolman
Animal Control Officer

Maintenance
IHS-Outreach
Early Childhood Development
Early Childhood Development
IHS-Partridge House
Environment-Cultural Restoration
Environment-Cultural Restoration
IHS-Medical Clinic
Law Enforcement
Law Enforcement
Tribal Compliance Department

Donations

Funerals - \$3,000

Jobs

Production Technician - Akwesasne TV
Sales Representative - Akwesasne TV
Tribal Police Chief - SRMTP
Master Fisherman - Environment
Election Board Member
Per Diem Floater - Administration
Outpatient Program Coordinator - A/CDP

View complete job descriptions and the most current tribal job postings at www.srmt-nsn.gov.

Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort positions are posted at www.mohawkcasino.com.

Akwesasne and surrounding area positions are posted at www.myaerc.org.

Monthly Tribal Meeting

Kentenbkó:wa /November 1, 2014 - Chaired by Chief Ron LaFrance Jr.

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
2. Community Welcome Sign Project
3. St. Regis Mohawk School Update
4. Program Spotlight - Emergency Planning
5. Community Partnership Fund Presentation
6. Akwesasne TV - Regan Jacobs
7. New Business
8. Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
9. Adjournment

3. To look into the publication of how gaming benefits the community.

Follow-up: The next Benefits of Gaming is currently being produced to share with our community. The publication, to be printed as well as available online, will include 2011-2013 data. In previous publications, the Benefits of Gaming shared the Tribal Gaming Fund and program support only. The next version will be inclusive of all community benefits, shown as a 3-year trend:

- *TGF Program Support - \$19 million fund*
- *Community Support - part of \$19 million fund*
- *Mohawk Gaming Enterprise, LLC - in addition to the \$19 million fund, Community Partnership Fund \$240,00 from gaming and an additional, \$40,000 from Pepsi to be allocated directly to Community Partnership Fund.*

Expect the publication to be completed by the end of 2014. We look forward to community feedback.

Action item from November Meeting:

1. To find out when the pool will be open at Diabetes Center
4. To educate and inform the community on E-bola.

Follow-up: Saint Regis Mohawk Health Services and the Emergency Planning Department are currently working with MCA's Emergency Measures Department on a communication education program.

Follow-up Action Items from October Meeting

1. To set up a meeting with MCA to discuss renegotiating the gas pipe line.

Follow-up: Attempts to schedule a meeting with MCA have been unsuccessful thus far, Tribal Council will report back to the community when more information is available.

2. To the community partnership fund breakdown the \$18,000 line item for sports.

Follow-up: The Communicate Partnership Fund Committee will be presenting an overview of the Fund, the categories that are funded, etc. at the November Tribal Monthly Meeting.

5. To look into charging a nominal fee for non-members to work here in Akwesasne. Compliance will follow up on this item.

Follow-up: The Director of Compliance has been researching this issue and has yet to find any similar laws and regulations in Indian Country implementing this type of regulation. However, many do have Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) compliance programs and some do reach out to Non-Tribal Entities (Businesses) for Native member hiring policies on territory. Research is

Education Division Updates

By Education Division Staff

As we move into the end of 2014, we are excited for what the New Year will bring! I am very excited to share with you an opportunity that has been months in the making. In January 2015, we will be offering a Special Topics course from St. Lawrence University entitled Action Research: Issues in Native American Education. This is a graduate level course in which participants will be able to do research on various topics regarding Native education. The instructor will be Annemarie Fitzrandolph. This course is a step forward in helping us gather information that will eventually guide us towards implementing a Mohawk Language Teaching Certification program and a Mohawk Language degree program! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Education Department at St. Lawrence for allowing us this opportunity.

Here are some updates from our Education Division programs:

JOM:

JOM provides critical support services to our students in the Massena Central and Salmon River Central School Districts. Below you will find information about who the Educational Specialists are, where they are located, which grade levels they serve and their schedules:

Jordan Thompson is the SRCS Junior High Education Specialist (Grades 6-8). Students can see Mr. Thompson during their study hall periods or the after school period.

Ashley Cumming is the SRCS High School Education Specialist (Grades 9-12). Students can see Mrs. Cumming during their study hall periods or the

after school period.

Chanel Cook SRCS Junior High and High School Education Specialist (Grades 6-12). Students can see Ms. Cook during their study hall periods or the after school period and until 5pm on Tuesday – Thursdays.

Brandi Benedict JW Leary Jr. High Education Specialist (Grades 7-8). Students can see Ms. Benedict during their study hall periods or the after school period.



Students Got to Paint Pumpkins

Higher Education:

The following college courses will be offered for Spring 2015 at the Tribe:

EDAD 500 Special Topics:

Action Research: Issues in Native American Education. Participants in this course will engage in explorations of action research in theory and practices in relation to the education of

Native American students in public schools. Participants will have an opportunity to identify a problem of interest to them, make a plan, gather and analyze data, report results and develop implications for future practice and research.

EDPS 582 Techniques of Counseling: Students will discuss, observe and practice the various techniques derived from theories covered in EDPS 510. Contemporary counseling strategies and interventions are integrated into appropriate stages of the counseling process.

Note: High School and College students: Please be on the lookout for Rod and Sam in the New Year at our local high schools and colleges that serve our students. The goal is to solidify a positive relationship with our

students and to become a familiar face in school and on campus. We realize the importance of having a strong support system for our students and this new endeavor will help strengthen our campus outreach and help our students maintain their path to achieving their educational goals.

Reminder December 31 is the deadline for NYS Indian Aid and Trust Fund. Please submit your grades and schedule as soon as possible. A re-application is required for Trust fund and NYS Indian Aid.

WIOA:

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) now currently Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law July 22, 2014. The program is to help job seekers access employment, education, training and support services to successfully succeed in the current labor market of our area. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's award under the WIOA program currently offers stipend assistance to eligible WIOA clients attending an accredited institution. This program currently assists sixteen (16) eligible WIOA clients. The funding we receive is under the Department of Labor Indian and Native American Programs Section 166 grants for adult and youth services.

Summer Youth Component 2014 of WIOA

We served six eligible students that were placed within our organization. They worked at our Senior Citizens Center, Intensive Prevention Program, and Head Start/Childcare this year. The students are typically placed in areas of their career interest. This year, students had the opportunity work in areas such as maintenance, recreation and teaching. Our funds are based on the census which then determines the allocation we would receive to provide services to our community.

ECDP: Article written by Melissa Conners, ECDP Home Based Coordinator

At ECDP we strive to offer family activities outside of school and we encourage all our families from head start, center based child care and home based child care

to attend.

One of those activities is *RIF – Reading is Fundamental*. This is an activity that we plan to host three times throughout the school year. At our RIF Nights we offer a light dinner, a story and an activity that is based off the story. At the end of the event all children who attend are given a free book.

Our first RIF Night of the year was held on October 16. We enjoyed the story Pumpkin Pumpkin by Jeanne Titherington. This story illustrated the life of a pumpkin seed all the way up to being picked from the patch. The children even got the chance to look and dig inside a real pumpkin and take some seeds home with them that they can plant next spring in hopes to have their own pumpkin by fall.



Student Enjoys a Painting Pumpkin

Once the story was done, the children each received their own pumpkin, a painting shirt, a paint brush, some paint and some glitter and were allowed to create their own beautiful painted pumpkin. All the children did an amazing job! Some covered the entire pumpkin and made them sparkle. After they were all cleaned up and ready to go they stopped in our provider room where they picked out a book they wanted to take home.

RIF is a national program with a mission to motivate young children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life. Here at ECDP we know the importance of literacy at every age and we want to ignite a hunger for knowledge and a passion for learning at the youngest ages possible. When children are introduced to reading early, they develop a lifelong, life changing love of reading. As early childhood educators it is our job to make reading fun and to involve the family and encourage them to carry that home with them. It is important to encourage the growth of literacy in our children and community and our team takes that job seriously. ♦

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The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and AMC staff and associates wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season!



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