

The Riel Scoop

MÉTIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

MÉTIS DISTRICT 21 CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 14, 2024

We cannot wait to celebrate with our District 21 citizens at our delicious community **MÉTIS CHRISTMAS DINNER** on Saturday, December 14, 2024!

A scrumptious feast for our bellies, an evening to come together as a community, and the big man in red will be there! Santa will even have a gift for your little ones that day! To attend the event, you must pre-register your family. A turkey or ham voucher will be gifted one per household. Children can receive a gift from Santa at the dinner. There will be time set aside for a youth spoon painting activity, and a time for one family photo each.



IMPORTANT EVENT DETAILS

- 📅 **DATE:** Saturday, December 14, 2024
- 🕒 **TIME:** 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 📍 **WHERE:** Slave Lake Inn and Conference Centre, upstairs banquet room
- 🍽️ **SUPPER IS INCLUDED** and will be served **only** in one sitting at 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED
You MUST BE REGISTERED to attend

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 21, 2024 to Sunday, January 05, 2025

As we celebrate the holiday season, the Métis District 21 office will be closed from December 21, 2024, to January 5, 2025, to enjoy the holidays with our family and community.

Our office will be open again and ready to serve our community on Monday, January 6, 2025, for regular business hours.

We wish all our citizens a joyful and peaceful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and connection.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!

Happy Holidays and a wonderful start to 2025!



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT SLAVE LAKE LOCAL #19

Monday, January 13, 2025

The Slave Lake Local #19 Métis will host a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025. The details of the meeting are located below. Please note that this meeting is not a part of the Métis District #21, but is organized and run by the Slave Lake Local #19 Métis. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Shane Combs, President of the Slave Lake Local #19, at 780-649-9312.

- DATE:** Monday, January 13, 2025
- TIME:** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- LOCATION:** Métis District #21 Office, #253 Main Street North, Slave Lake



LOOKING FOR A GREAT STOCKING STUFFER?

Holiday Season 2024

Have you started the search for the perfect holiday gifts? Our very own District 21's Métis Children's Book makes a great gift for your little ones.

Based on a true story, "The Bear's Gift" follows our local elders Chill and Elmer as they guide a youth through difficult emotions while learning valuable traditional teachings.

Written and illustrated by the talented Angie, this enchanting story is made for young readers.

Come visit our Métis District 21 office during regular business hours to purchase our new CHILDREN'S BOOK "The Bear's Gift." The books are \$20 each.

Please note, that we can only accept cash payments at this time.



Métis Youth & Children

MÉTIS YOUTH SUCCESS STORY FROM OUR DISTRICT

🏊 Making Waves: Celebrating Jonah Hesse's Swimming Success! 🏊

Join us in congratulating Jonah Hesse, a proud Métis District 21 youth citizen, on her incredible achievements in competitive swimming! 🏊 At just 12 years old, Jonah has shown exceptional dedication and talent as a member of the Dolphins Summer Swim Club, earning an impressive collection of medals over the last few years. 🏆

Here are just a few of Jonah's highlights:

- 🏆 In 2022, she brought home 8 gold and 2 silver medals at regionals, qualifying for provincials, where she won 2 silver medals and helped her regional relay team secure first place!
- 🏆 In 2023, Jonah earned a bronze medal at regionals.
- 🏆 This year, in 2024, she achieved 2 gold and 2 silver medals at regionals, qualifying once again for provincials, where she earned a bronze medal in the 100m freestyle.



Jonah's hard work and dedication to swimming are matched only by her passion for the sport and her unwavering support for her teammates. Whether she's bringing home medals or cheering fiercely from the sidelines, Jonah always has fun and gives it her all. 🏊💙

When she's not in the pool, Jonah is an avid hockey player, showing the same determination and energy in the off-season. 🏒 We can't wait to see what's next for this talented athlete in both sports!

Congratulations, Jonah! Your District 21 community is so proud of you. Keep making waves! 🏊💙

LITTLE MÉTIS CHEFS

Saturday, November 09, 2024

Exciting News for Little Métis Chefs!

Unleash the cooking creativity in your little ones with our latest mailout - Natoona Michif Pimatisiwin (Exploring Métis Culture) at Home: **Little Métis Chefs!**

Get ready for a delicious Journey into Métis culture with:

An engaging activity booklet which includes:

- Various bannock recipes for a hands-on baking experience
- A hearty hamburger soup recipe to pair with their homemade Bannock
- Activity pages and colouring sheets

But that's not all! Each family group will receive:

- One child-size MNA/OMG branded apron per child under 12 years old- because every chef needs to look the part!
- An MNA/OMG branded wooden spoon per child under 12 years old
- One Bannock-in-a-bag Ingredients kit to help get started

Who qualifies for this program?

- Those currently residing in Alberta
- Have at least one child aged 0 to 11
- Either the caregiver OR the child must be a registered citizen of MNA/OMG
- Complete the full application process, including this form and any additional requests from MNA staff



Register today!

Don't miss out! Registration is open now! Sign up while supplies last!

Digital Community CONNECTION

MÉTIS CITIZEN SUCCESS STORY FROM OUR DISTRICT

🌟 Celebrating Carrie McGillivray: A Champion for Cultural Education in Our Schools 🌟

Meet Carrie McGillivray, a proud Métis District 21 citizen and the longest-serving member of the Indigenous Education Coach Team with the High Prairie School Division.

For the past 10 years, Carrie has been an inspiring force, sharing the rich histories and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples with students at CJ Schurter and EG Wahlstrom Schools. 🏫💙

Carrie's work goes beyond teaching—she creates meaningful, hands-on experiences that bring Indigenous culture to life.



Read the whole success story in the description.

Recently, Carrie has shared invaluable teachings, including:

- 🌿 Traditional plants and their uses on nature walks
- 👗 Designing and learning the history of Ribbon Skirts
- 🧵 Crafting dream catchers and beaded art
- 🎭 Tipi teachings and creating mini Travels and Inukshuks
- 🎶 Sharing the beauty of round dancing, drumming, and traditional games
- 🍪 Teaching bannock-making and hosting lessons on Orange Shirt Day, Truth & Reconciliation Day, and National Indigenous Peoples Day

Carrie's commitment ensures that our Métis culture remains deeply rooted in the community while fostering awareness, understanding, and respect for Indigenous traditions among all students and families. Her teachings inspire pride in our youth and provide vital education for all.

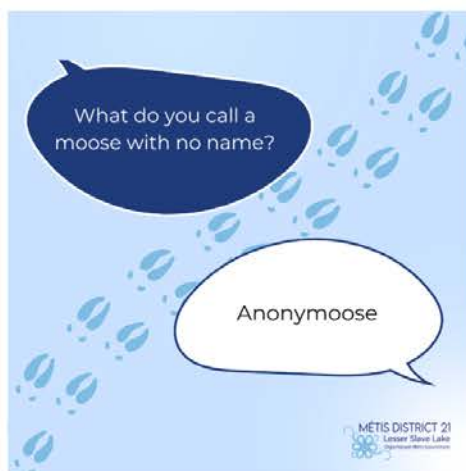
Thank you, Carrie, for your passion, dedication, and tireless efforts in keeping our culture alive and thriving. You are truly making a difference, and we are so proud to have you as part of Métis District 21! 🌟

NOMINATE A DISTRICT'S CITIZEN AS A SUCCESS STORY

Do you know someone in our community who has a success story worth sharing? We want to hear about it! Whether it's a personal achievement, a career milestone, or a positive impact on our community, we want to celebrate the successes of our Métis citizens.

Nominate or recommend someone for our Métis Success Stories feature by filling out the form linked below. Share their inspiring journey with us! Share their inspiring journey with us!

[Click here to nominate someone, a team, or a business!](#)



GET YOUR OWN COZY DISTRICT 21 MERCH

👉 Come visit our Métis District 21 office during regular business hours to purchase our new SWEATPANTS and our new CHILDREN'S BOOK "The Bear's Gift." 🐻

👉 Our wonderful models Walter and Brenda are displaying our new District 21 Sweatpants.

📖 Our new Children's Book based on a true story, "The Bear's Gift." Written and illustrated by the talented Angie, this enchanting story is perfect for young readers. 🐻 The books are \$20 each.



The Sweatpants are in limited quantity and in person on a first come first serve basis. The sweatpants are \$35 to \$40 based on size. *Please note, that we can only accept cash payments at this time.*

Looking Back

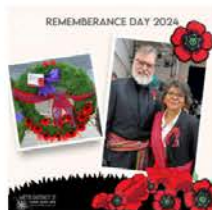
LAST MONTH AT A GLANCE

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday, November 11, 2024

Our Métis District 21 team was proud to be able to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremonies and have a dedicated District 21 Wreath this year.

Pictured is Walter our Consultation Coordinator, and Brenda our Executive Director.



MÉTIS DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR MÉTIS

Saturday, November 09, 2024



Thank you to all who joined us in celebrating Métis Week on Saturday! We were so proud to celebrate our culture together, connect with the community,



FALL MEAT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Fall 2024

🎉 **Community Fall Meat Distribution Success!** 🎉
 We are thrilled to share that this year's Fall Meat Distribution was an incredible success! Thanks to this program, we were able to help support 96 District 21 families with free pork and beef packages! 🐷🐮

We are so grateful for the opportunity to give back and support our amazing Métis citizens. Until next time, marsii! 💙💜



MÉTIS WEEK FLAG-RAISING

November 12, 2024

💙💜 What a wonderful sight to see our Métis flag flying high during Métis Week, proudly symbolizing our heritage, resilience, and unity. Together, we honored the legacy of the Métis Nation and celebrated the strength of our community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special moment! Your presence reminds us of the power of connection and pride in our identity. 🌟



MOONLIGHT MADNESS PARADE

November 22, 2024

🍂 🎉 A Sweet Success at the Moonlight Madness Parade! 🎉💜💙 Métis District 21 lit up the streets last Friday during the Gingerbread theme Parade at Moonlight Madness, bringing holiday cheer and showcasing our vibrant Métis spirit! 🍪🌟 From beautifully decorated floats to the joyful faces of our community, the evening was a true celebration of connection, creativity, and culture. 🎨🍷

We're so grateful to everyone who participated—our volunteers, float creators, and the incredible spectators who made this event unforgettable. 🌟

🔥 Your energy and support remind us of the strength and unity in our Métis community.



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Métis Programs

MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

The images below are each a different program, service, or support for all Métis citizens from the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). Click on the images below to **Learn More** about each one.



Adult Dental



Business



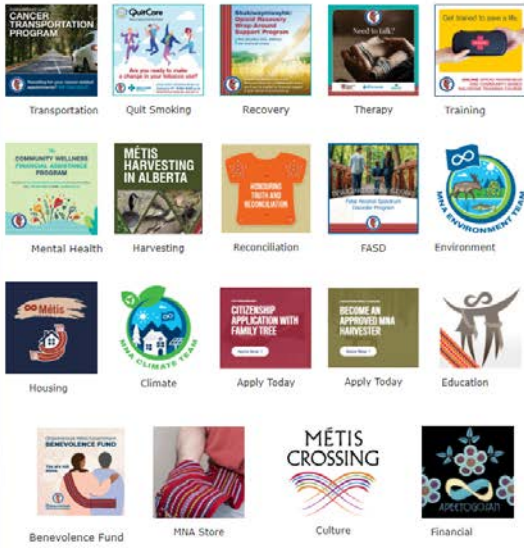
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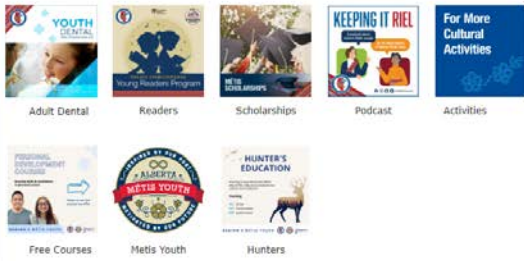
Mental Health



Medical Stay



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