

Lac des Mille Lacs Education Centre

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019



Education Centre Grand Opening

July 31st 2019 marked the Grand Opening of the Lac des Mille Lacs Education Centre, located at 2040 Walsh St. East in Thunder Bay. Chief Whitecloud, Councillor Morrison, Councillor Chapman, Elders' Council members, Administration and Education staff, along with band and community members joined together with other invited guests to celebrate this event. Miigwetch to everyone who contributed to making this a successful, wonderful day!

We were honoured to have Grand Chief Francis Kavanaugh, Elder Gilbert Smith, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, Mayor Bill Mauro, and Westfort Councillor Kristen Oliver give welcoming speeches. This event celebrated the opening of an inclusive and holistic Indigenous-led Education Centre that focuses on delivering experiential, innovative, and land-based learning programming and opportunities. It is a part of the ongoing vision of Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation Chief and Council as they work towards improving the social and cultural well-being of its members while supporting education that contributes to a more sustainable and respectful community for all. The new Education Centre exemplifies what can be achieved through productive and positive partnerships between First Nations, School Boards, and community stakeholders.

The name of the Elementary School, which will open in September 2019, was also announced. The school will be named in honour of our dear Elder and past Band Councillor, Irma Rita Churchill, in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the First Nation and her people. The school will be called "I.R. Churchill Elementary."





Education Centre Family Fun Day!

As part of our Grand Opening, Lac des Mille Lacs Education Centre opened its doors to its membership and community at large, to host a Family Fun Day on August 1st 2019. A total of 170 guests enjoyed a day filled with activities that included: Bouncy castles, Hamster balls, Rocket making and launching, Face painting, Cotton candy, Popcorn, Sno cones, a catered BBQ, and tours of the new Education Centre.

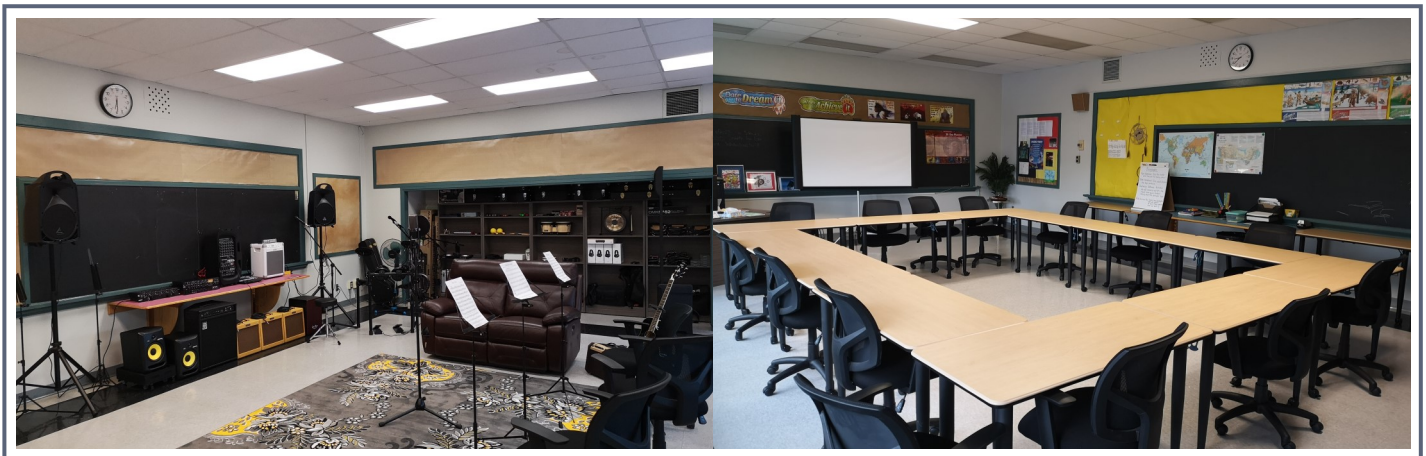
It was exciting to see the many smiling faces and hear the good reports from the visitors to our Education Centre. This event provided a good outreach to our community and neighbours to demonstrate our standard of excellence and show them what we have to offer in way of Education services and programs.





I.R. CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Lac des Mille Lacs Education Centre is presently accepting applications for its JK/SK Fall 2019 program. Families are welcome to contact the school at (807) 699-0233 for more information. We envision a learning environment that will support each child's creativity and individuality, along with a strong focus on land-based, outdoor, experiential learning models. Parents seeking a positive, alternative option for their child(ren) are encouraged to come and visit us at our Education Centre. Contact: Vicky Walker, Principal



Seventh Fire Secondary School - Registration Open for Fall 2019

Seventh Fire Secondary School is "firing-up" to become one of the most innovative high school programs in the province. We are expanding and creating a dynamic team of highly experienced educators to offer a full-program of grades 9 to 12 courses within a land-based, experiential learning program: English, Business, Social Sciences, Environmental Education, Construction, Green Industries, Math, Science, and Communications Technology. These new courses will be team taught using Indigenous land-based perspectives in a technology-rich program that will meet the special needs and academic goals of each learner. If you know someone that is passionate about learning about the environment and wants a different way to learn, come visit us at the Lac des Mille Lacs Education Centre for more information or email Vicky Walker, Principal, at

vwalker@lacsdesmillelacs.ca.

Event Calendar August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13 Community Drum Night Special Education Centre 6-9 pm Contact Mike Ignace 807-622-9835 Ext 231	14	15	16 Paintball Mountain 6-9 pm Contact Mike Ignace 807-622-9835 Ext 231	17
18	19 Sport Day Camp Education Centre 9 am – 3 pm Contact Rikka Berkan 807-699-0223 Ext. 814 to register.	20	21 Family Bingo Night Education Centre 6 - 8 pm Contact Rikka Berkan 807-699-0223 Ext. 814 to register.	22	23	24 Blueberry Camp Savanne River Resort Contact Mike Ignace 807-622-9835 Ext 231 to register.
25 Blueberry Camp Savanne River Resort Contact Mike Ignace 807-622-9835 Ext 231 to register.	26 Seventh Fire Secondary School Open House Education Centre 12 – 8 pm Contact 807-699-0223 for more information.	27	28	29 I.R. Churchill Elementary School Welcome to Kindergarten Open House Education Centre 12 - 8 pm Contact 807-699-0223 for more information.	30 Administration Office Community BBQ 12 -2 pm Contact Mike Ignace 807-622-9835 Ext 231.	31