



Monday, Oct. 2nd, 2017

Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim.

- ▶ We will be participating in the Red Dress campaign this week to remember the murdered and missing Indigenous women in Canada.
- ▶ Also look this week for an update to your e-mail signature to acknowledge the traditional K'omoks territory. If you need help integrating this into your signature, just see Sandi.
- ▶ Tomorrow night, Tuesday the 3rd, there is a fundraiser at the Mex in support of the CVCDA. The entertainers are Coast to Coast. Music starts at 7 p.m. It would be great to have a big turnout.
- ▶ Wednesday at 1:30 the Under 12 teams from MCFD will be here for our regular networking meeting. This will be most relevant to Early Intervention providers, but is open to anyone who is interested.
- ▶ Best wishes to Grace, who will be leaving the CIP program this week. I have so appreciated her calm and warm presence. We are also saying good bye to Brandon this week as he and his family relocate to Ottawa. His contribution to TAP in a short time has been significant.
- ▶ Welcome to Erin who has joined the Jump Start staff and to Julia and Laura who have joined TAP.
- ▶ Katie Sharp is taking a secondment to work with HSA for a couple of months, but will still be acting in the role of steward.
- ▶ The shout out this month goes to Charlene. She, with Robyn's support, has done an amazing job of getting all the pieces together for the Raffle Basket and Silent Auction donations. Speaking of which, I ask that you take a few books of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. Also we need people to fill the shifts to sell tickets leading up to the Telethon. We are in particular need this upcoming weekend.
- ▶ We will be transitioning the Yellow Meeting Room to the Orca Room. I want to take time to thank everyone who worked on the updates of the room. A very special thank you to Anne Davidson who did the sewing to prepare the beautiful orca scarf for hanging.
- ▶ We have two lunch and learns this month: This Wednesday the 4th, Charlotte will be presenting on her placement in Australia at an Autism Centre and on Tuesday, Oct. 17th Dianne will present on a training she completed on a Trauma Informed Approach to Sensory Processing Disorders.
- ▶ Mark your calendars for the Oct. 30th Meet and Learn sponsored by the Early Years Collaborative. This event runs from 9 to noon at Glacier View and is a wonderful opportunity to meet new service providers and to reacquaint yourself with others.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3 10:00 Ethics 5:30 Telethon Meeting 7:00 Mex Fundraiser	4 Admin 10:00 Lunch and Learn 1:30 MCFD teams here	5	6 Lee 	7
8	9 	10 Lindsay  Telethon Meeting 7:00	11	12	13	14 Alexis 
15	16 Program Managers 12:00 Building Open House 4:30	17 Lunch and Learn Telethon Meeting 7:00	18	19	20 Laura 	21
22	23	24 Christa  Telethon Meeting 7:00	25 Timesheets Due	26 SCD and IDP In Service	27 Erin  SCD and IDP In Service	28
29	30 Meet and Learn 9:00	31  Telethon Meeting 7:00				



THANKSGIVING

CULTURAL CORNER

Indigenous people in North America have a history of holding communal feasts in celebration of the fall harvest that long predates the arrival of European settlers. The European settlers brought with them a similar tradition of harvest celebrations (for which the symbol was the cornucopia, or horn of plenty), which dates back to European peasant societies.

The first official Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated on November 6, 1879. Sir Martin Frobisher and his crew are credited as the first Europeans to celebrate a Thanksgiving ceremony in North America in 1578. They were followed by the inhabitants of New France under Samuel de Champlain in 1606. The celebration featuring the uniquely North American turkey, squash and pumpkin was introduced to Nova Scotia in the 1750s and became common across Canada by the 1870's. In 1957, Thanksgiving was proclaimed an annual event to occur on the second Monday of October.