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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hope you all had a fabulous summer and managed to spend some quality time with your loved ones. We offered various programs for children, youth and adults over the summer, which kept us pretty busy. Ukrainian arrivals slowed down a bit over the summer due to a higher cost and less availability of flights during the summer months. However, the arrivals are expected to pick up the pace again in the fall and in upcoming months. Saamis has received a small grant from the Government of Alberta to assist Ukrainians with temporary emergency accommodation for up to fourteen days as well as one-time emergency transportation from Calgary to Medicine Hat. A new coordinator by the name Liudmyla Mokra was hired to oversee this program. The program has been in place since March 31, 2023, and was extended to run till November 30, 2023. If you or someone you know is in a need of this type of support, please do not hesitate to give Saamis a call at 403-504-118, ext 101 or to email Liudmyla directly at liudmyla@saamisimmigration.ca. In the last few months, with heavy hearts we had to say goodbye to Sonia Toor, our Financial Manager; Dean Halbert, our Settlement Worker; Davar Broeckert, our LINC Instructor, and Aishat Sarumi, our RAP Worker. Each of them had their own personal reasons for moving on, either to pursue a different career or to relocate with the family to a different city.

Full Time LINC Classes

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 2:45 pm

Friday Online

Evening LINC Classes Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm





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Key dates

September 21, 2023 International Day of Peace



· International Day of Peace - The International Day of Peace("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

October 2, 2023 International Day of Non-Violence



• The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

October 10, 2023 Thanksgiving Day



• Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan.

November 11, 2023 Remembrance Day



· Sometimes known informally as Poppy Day owing to the tradition of the remembrance poppy, is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states. Remembrance Day has been observed since the end of the First World War to remember armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, [1] the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries.

SAAMIS IMMIGRATION SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Is happy to announce the following staff joining our team:

LINC instructor -Sarah Pahl-

RAP Worker -Nadiya Peterson-

We wish them all a warm welcome and a long and prosperous career with Saamis Immigration.

November 16 2023 International Day for Tolerance



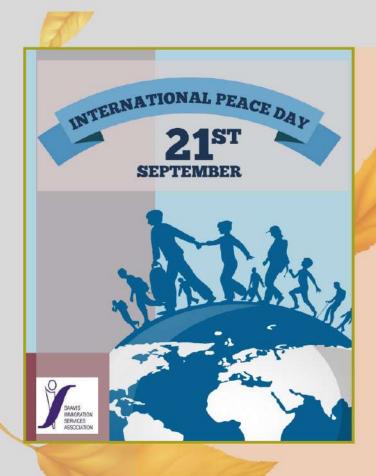
The International Day for Tolerance is an annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. It is observed on 16 November. Every year various conferences and festivals are organized in the occasion of International Day for Tolerance.

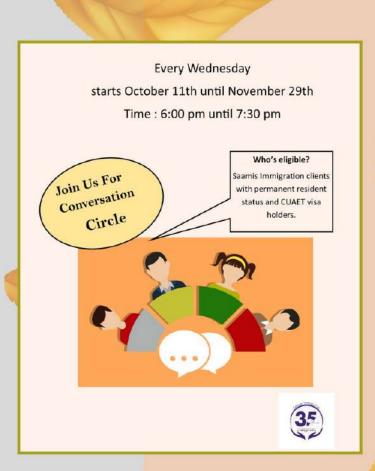
AMAZING PARTNERSHIP STORIES

The Summer Camp proved to be a triumph for the youngsters as they embarked on visits to Medalta, Esplanade, Root Cellar, Strathcona Park, and Eco Dale Park. Through these excursions, they not only formed new friendships and enhanced their English skills but also uncovered fresh city locales.

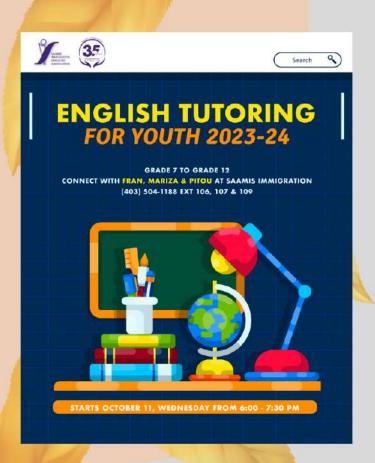
Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the <u>Fire Station Department #1</u> for their invaluable presentation, enlightening facility tour, and the enjoyable experiences they shared with the children. We also extend our thanks to <u>Fver Active School</u> and the dedicated volunteers whose unwavering support bolsters our organization. Also, Our sincere appreciation goes to the <u>Masonic Foundation of Alberta</u> for their four years of funding that made our summer camps possible. Their support has been invaluable.











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& Francisca deWever

Community Connections Coordinators: Aidé Hilsendeger & Rokaya Nasser

Health & Wellness Navigator: Erinn Vielman Case Management Coordinator: Linn Andersen Intake Worker: Julia Fan

LINC Instructors: Holly Hoffman, Robert Ingram, Sarah Pahl & Sandra Frostad

PBLA Lead: Sandra Frostad

Evening LINC Instructors: Ryan Glover & Catherine Young
LINC Coordinator: Judith Gonzalez
Building maintenance: Ryan Glover
Mentor Partnership Coordinators: Michael Austin
& Yusuf Mohammed



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