South Central Immigrant Services

May 2013 Newsletter

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Altona International Potluck Dinner

Altona held an International Spring Potluck Dinner on April 4. This came as a result of a successful International Coffee Night held in March where participants indicated they would like to have more options for visiting and practicing English.

Several families attended the potluck representing 10 different cultures. The atmosphere was full of talking, laughing, and sharing stories. One highlight was hearing new friends learn to count in each other's languages, which included Burundi, Arabic, Russian, French, and Spanish.

We hope to continue this fun event on a monthly basis to help make new friends, practice English and share in one another's culture.



























PVLEA English Classes Slowly Winding Down

Pembina Valley Language/Education for Adults (PVLEA) has had another successful year. Student enrollment was down just slightly at 782 students compared to 846 students last year. All evening classes were complete as of March 25th. Our morning and afternoon part time classes celebrated their last class on April 25th. Full time and literacy classes will continue to the end of June.

In total PVLEA was able to offer students the option of choosing from 29 classes held in Morden, Winkler, Plum Coulee and Altona. We had 25 enthusiastic and experience instructors ably address their students language needs. Classes are community based and learner-driven which enables students to direct their learning experience to the topics or themes that are most relevant and important for them.

Child minding is available for students attending part time programs during the day in Morden, Winkler and Altona. The child minding program is an excellent opportunity for children from the ages of 1 to 5 to absorb the English language while engaging in activities that foster cooperation, manners, sharing, and development of their small and large motor skills. Our child minders do an excellent job of finding creative ways to ensure all children have a great experience while their parents attend classes.

As we slowly wind this year down we are busy planning for start up again in the fall!



We would just like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers for this past year! You have made big things possible for us and been a huge help. We could not have done it without you! Your service is greatly appreciated!

Attention: Our newsletter format will be changing after this month. Instead of a monthly newsletter we will now be doing a weekly newsletter. It will be going out each week Monday and will provide you with the most current event happenings and reminders. During the summer however, it will only be going out bi-weekly.







Have You Applied To Become a Canadian Citizen?

We can help you study for your citizenship test!

Classes will be held Wednesdays

6:30PM - 9:00PM

At Regional Connections

725 Main Street

Winkler

Starting April 3, 2013

Apr 3

Apr 10

Apr 17

Apr 24

May 1

May 8

May 15

May 22

To register, please call Julie at (204)325-4059 or E-mail: julien@regionalconnections.ca

