

South Central Immigrant Services

October 2011 Newsletter

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Harvest Festival / Best Parade Float!!

South Central Immigrant Services had a very successful weekend at the Harvest Festival in August. We participated in the parade and had a display of flags set up at the arena.

Thanks to Julie Nikel's hard work, we had 55 volunteers from 26 countries participate in our parade float. Many of them dressed up in the traditional clothing from their home countries. There were many positive comments from the spectators. In September, we found out that our float won the award for Best Float! Our volunteers are excited to participate again in next summer's parade!

At the arena we displayed the flags of over 90 countries that are represented by newcomers in the Pembina Valley. Many people visited the arena over the weekend. Children could come and learn how to fold origami with real origami paper from Japan! For those interested, there were facts posted about each country and a quiz that could be completed and entered to win prizes. The prizes were donated by many businesses in Winkler.



Receiving the award for Best Float in the 2011 Harvest Festival Parade



English at Work Program



Would your company benefit from English at Work?

- Do you have employees with skill and expertise who work below their potential because English is not their first language?
- Do employees indicate they understand you when you sense that they don't?
- Have you needed a translator to provide or receive information from staff?
- Do you have to assign workers to supervisors who share their language?
- Could misunderstandings or mistakes be avoided with better English proficiencies?

Clear communication is essential to the success of any business. If your business employs immigrant workers whose English skills need improvement, the Pembina Valley English at Work Project can help.

The English at Work program, established in 1983 by the Province of Manitoba, is designed to assist businesses and organizations with the English language training supports they need with immigrant employees.

More information is available on the English at Work Website:

<http://winklerchamber.com/eaw-welcome.html>

OR

Contact the English at Work Coordinator to find out how this could assist your business.

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New Staff Member!

Cheryl Plett began working for SCIS this October. She is taking over the Integration Worker position in Morden, left vacant by Tammy Bisschop. Cheryl will be planning conversation circles, information sessions, volunteer activities and other integration activities.



This program is supported by the
Government of Canada and the Manitoba Government.



South Central Immigrant Services in partnership with
C.W.Wiebe Medical Centre is pleased to offer



CANADIAN

Cooking Workshops



What:
Prepare
Canadian meals
Learn about nutrition
Meet new people
Enjoy a meal together

When: October 24th and November 7th 6:30-9:00 pm
October 25th and November 8th 1:00-3:30 pm
(inquire about childcare)

Where: The Regional Connections Kitchen
725 Main Street, Winkler

For more information or to register please call
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Limited spaces available!

