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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Child Matters & Orange Shirt Day

September 30th is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and raise awareness about the history of those schools.

The “orange shirt” refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given to her by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph’s Mission residential school in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned. To Phyllis, the colour orange has always reminded her of her experiences at residential school.

“There is a great deal of stories that the Residential School has left in its wake, and most are not pleasant. The problem we have today is not many people know about what it was like,” explains Nicole Crowe, Chief Payepot School Principal.

A partnership was developed between Chief Payepot School, Piapot Health Centre and QBOW, to create an event to bring the students and community together to honour this day. The event consisted of a grand entry with student dancers, speakers, honour song/dance, lunch and evening BBQ and family karaoke. Good job to everyone involved!

[See event photos pages 4 & 5]

NEWS

Interns Gaining Valuable Work Experience

Over the past couple of months Piapot First Nation hired 3 youth band members as part of the Housing Internship Initiative for First Nation and Inuit Youth (HIIFNIY) and the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment strategy (FNIYES) Skills Link Program.

Both programs assist youth in acquiring the essential skills that will help them gain employment, function well in the workplace, and learn about job and career options. “These internships help provide much-needed work experience and on-the-job training to youth,” explains Kristin Francis, Skills Link Coordinator. Welcome aboard!

Intern Name:	Reporting To
Shanikwa Noname (HIIFNIY)	Darius Delorme - Housing
Cailin Sugar (Skills Link)	John Whitestar - Chief Payepot Youth Centre
Daryan Crowe (Skills Link)	Dakota Obey - Cree Land Mini-Mart



Cailyn Sugar (top left), Daryan Crowe (right) and Shanikwa Noname (bottom left).



Piapot North Stars

The Piapot North Stars finished the season with 4 wins and 5 losses and 3 ties. “Our 15-year-old pitcher Thunder Smoker (from Piapot) was impressive! He had 4 starts this season and posted a 1-2-1 record,” explains Jeff Pambrun, Piapot North Stars Coach.

“We had a younger team this year and you could tell, we were faster,” chuckles Pambrun. “Also, it was awesome that we were able to play the first ever Rambler league game on-reserve. It took a lot of convincing with the league to do it, but we did it, and got to play against the Piapot Aces on July 5th. Not only were we able to play on our own “turf,” but this will most likely open the door for other FN teams to do the same.” Way to go Piapot North Stars Coaches and Players! ★★

Piapot Aces

The Piapot Aces had a great season this summer. “Our record was 6-6, six wins and six losses, so we broke even,” explains Coleman Kaiswatum, Piapot Aces Coach.

“The one thing I really like about this season was we all stuck together as a team. We used all of our own men from Piapot. Not too many teams in the league have the luxury of having all their players from the same band. I think it’s great that Piapot has lots of athletes, it keeps our young people busy and active. Not only does it give them something to look forward to, but it allows them to set goals for themselves.”

Great job Piapot Aces Coaches and Players! ♠♠♠

NEWS



Students Learn the Art of Taekwon-Do

Chief Payepot school offers Taekwon-Do classes to their students from Pre-K to Grade 5. “The students have an opportunity to develop their athletic and mental skills through a regular program of patterns and physical exercises,” explains Nicole, Chief Payepot School Principal.”

“Under Master Clint Norman’s supervision, his training programs have developed a reputation both nationally and internationally for producing some of the best Taekwon-Do students in the world.”



Piapot Health Services is Looking for Medical First Responders

Piapot Health Services along with the Saskatchewan Health Authority are in the process of re-establishing the Piapot First Nation Medical First Responders for the Piapot First Nation Community. Applications for the Medical First Responders program can be picked up at the Piapot First Nation Health Services.

What Is a First Responder?

Also known as emergency medical responders, first responders are the earliest healthcare workers to arrive at an accident or scene of a medical emergency. As a crucial part of the emergency medical assistance team, a first responder quickly assesses emergency situations, calls an ambulance, and administers first aid. They must be able to remain calm in the midst of life-or-death crisis situations.

To apply:
Contact Piapot Health Services Health Director Judy Sugar 306-781-4833 or by email at: judy.sugar@piapotfirstnation.com

- Are you having a hard time finding a job?
- Do you want to get back into school?

If you live on the reserve and have answered yes to one of the above questions, we can help!

Our new Learning & Development Coordinator, Sharman Fourhorns will be working with on-reserve residents to establish training needs in order to provide tailored programming that will suit client’s needs and employment goals.

“Our mission is to work with our residents to educate, train and assist in their job searches to help them find fulfilling employment opportunities,” explains Sharman Fourhorns, Learning & Development Coordinator.

To sign up for a consultation or for more information you can email Sharman at sharman.fourhorns@piapotfirstnation.com

ATTENTION:

The “piapotfirstnation.com” website is currently down. Our technical team is currently working on a new site. Stay tuned for more details and expected launch date.

Every Child Matters Event, Piapot Arbor (September 29, 2021) – To see more photos: <https://bit.ly/2Yttiig>



Jay's Care League Wind-Up, Piapot Band Hall (Oct. 2, 2021) – To see more photos: <https://bit.ly/3BBYU3W>



Opening Oct 5th

Chief Payepot Youth Centre

FOR AGES 12+

MUST BE VACCINATED

**50 people max.
COVID protocols
will be followed**

Hours of Operation:
Tues-Fri: 2:30-7:30pm
Saturday: 3:30-9pm
Sun-Mon: Closed

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For more details phone:

(639) 571-0927



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Chief Payepot Youth Centre



Message from Chief Mark Fox



Tân'si,

It's been a busy month with our Every Child Matters & Orange Shirt Day Commemoration event on September 29th. The event was hosted by Chief Payepot School, with the evening activities hosted by Piapot Health Services and QBOW. All the initiatives were a great success, a big thank goes out to all the organizers!

Our youth were busy this summer with sports, which included our little ones who had a great season with the Jay's Care League. Thanks to Matt & Katie for allowing us to have a team this year. Our fastball teams also wrapped up their season, the Piapot North Stars and Aces. Wonderful job to all those involved from the players, coaches, and sports fans!

We have another busy month ahead with the Chief Youth Centre now officially open to vaccinated youth 12 years and up. And lastly, congratulations to our new interns who just started their work terms in the last couple of months. We are proud of you for making it this far!

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Chief Mark Fox

COVID-19 UPDATE

- Get vaccinated to not only protect yourself but your loved ones as well.
- You are required to wear a mask in all public buildings including the band office, health center, daycare, Chief Payepot School, etc.
- Get tested if you feel even the slightest symptoms.

Indian Humor

This one First Nation school was having problems with lipstick. The girls would put it on and press their lips to the mirrors in the bathroom to blot it. They left lip prints every day.

The janitor would have to clean the mirrors every night. Finally, the principal decided to fix the problem. She brought the girls in and had the janitor show them how he cleaned the mirrors. He took his squeegee and dipped it in the toilet and then used it to clean the mirrors. There were no more mirror blots after that.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Ensure your dogs are not roaming the reserve, that they are properly fed, watered and have collars/ID tags.
- Do your part in keeping our community clean. Put garbage inside bins and pick up any garbage you see 😊

Upcoming Events

Mon, Oct 4	Ribbon Skirt Making, Piapot Health Ctr
Tues, Oct 5	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
Fri, Oct 8	COVID Vaccine Clinic, Band Hall
Mon, Oct 11	Thanksgiving Holiday – All Offices are Closed
Tues, Oct 12	Moss Bag Making (CPNP Clients Only)
Wed, Oct 13	Good Food Box (Elders & CPNP)
Wed, Oct 13	Groups Virtual Prenatal Class
Thurs, Oct 14	Influenza Vaccine Clinic, Piapot Health Ctr
Fri, Oct 15	Deadline for First Responders Sign Up
Mon, Oct 18	Ribbon Skirt Making, Piapot Health Ctr
Mon, Oct 18	Eye Exams – Dr. Patterson
Tues, Oct 19	Child Health Clinic (CHC), Piapot Health Ctr
Wed, Oct 20	Good Food Box (CPNP)
Mon, Oct 25	Moss Bag Making (CPNP Clients Only)
Thurs, Oct 28	Elder's Bingo, Band Hall, 6pm
Sat, Oct 30	Chief Payepot Youth Centre Haunted House
Sun, Oct 31	Halloween Day

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