

July / August 2015 Newsletter

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Things To Do:



A day at Wasaga!

Click the logo for info on the longest freshwater beach in the world, and a popular tourist spot



Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre 日系文化会館

夏祭りと御盆

Click on the logo above to see all the events taking place at the JCCC.

Grand River Rafting Company

Try a unique Canadian paddling experience by going rafting on the Grand River. Click on their logo above to go to their website.



The Beaches International Jazz Festival July 10-26

Click on their logo for the website



The Canadian National Exhibition Over 1 million people will attend. There is something for everyone. Click on their logo to go to their website.

6 Common Words of Aboriginal Origins

Canada is home to many indigenous (native Canadian), languages. It is not a surprise then, that there are many words we use in English that come from these indigenous languages. Here are just a few:

CHIPMUNK

This animal's name comes from the Oiibwa word adiidamoo, which means "one who descends trees head-first".



TOBOGGAN

This word comes from the Mi'kmag word tobakun, ("sled"), and the French Canadian word tabagane, ("long, flatbottomed sled").



KAYAK

This comes from the Inuktitut word gayaq which means "man's boat".



CARIBOU

This is another word from a Mi'kmag word, (caleboo), and a French Canadian word, (caribou). "Caribou" meant "snow pawer" or shoveller which refers to the animal's habit of scraping at the snow to eat the grass underneath.



MUSKIE

The word muskie comes from the Oiibwa maashkmoozh which means "ugly pike".



IGLOO

This word was taken from the Inuktitut word iglu which means "house".





チャイルド&ファミリーサービス に関する法律 (CFSA)

オンタリオ州では、親から子供への 虐待/ネグレクトがある場合など、 親以外の大人からの救いの手を必要 としている子供たちを守るための法律 が定められています。

オンタリオ州だけでなくカナダ 全域で、親が子供に

体罰及びいかなる身体的危害を 加えることは許されておりません。 教師は、身体的危害または ネグレクトを受けている可能性が あると思われる子供がいれば、 それを報告する法的義務を有します。 社会的な弱者である子供たちを守る ことは我々すべての大人の責任です。 英語になりますが、次のリンクから この問題に関する記事を 読むことができます:

CanLII - Child and Family Services Act, RSO 1990, c C.11

And read about Positive Parenting:

Prepared with the help of JSS - http://jss.ca/

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DID YOU KNOW ...?

Level 1 (Beginner)

Moccasins are First Nations' shoes made of deer skin. They have pretty beads on them.



Click the Moccasin & Watch a Dance

Level 2 (Intermediate)

The First Nations make plain moccasins for everyday use and for ceremonies they use porcupine guills or beads to embroider into the tops. Sometimes, the sole was embroidered so that when they sat, the person across from them could admire the pattern.

Level 3 (Advanced)

The First Nations women make soft leather moccasins to permit the wearer to feel Mother Earth through their feet. The sacredness of Mother Earth requires the yielding, gentle step afforded by the moccasins. It allows life-giving energy and the spirit of nature to be soaked up through the soles of the shoes. The pattern on the top of the shoe faces the wearer to remind them of sacred teachings.



Have you ever had difficulty understanding a neighbour, a customer service agent, a child's teacher, etc.?

Sometimes, it helps to have the person give you the information you are asking for in writing. Ask:

- "Do you have a flyer or pamphlet I can look at with all of the information?"
- "Would you please send me an email with that information?"
- "Is there a website to find this information?"

PLEASE NOTE

Monday August 3rd

is a Statutory Holiday in Ontario. Many businesses and government offices will be closed.



is now on Facebook. Be sure to "like" us!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?



English Matters

- Held a second Zentangle Workshop for its students Thank you, Janet-sensei!
- Helped a student prepare for the TOEIC test on July 11th – Good Luck!
- Held a picture contest. Please see page 3 of the Newsletter to see the winners and their prizes

What can we do for you?

Morimoto of

'Iron Chef'

To open

Toronto Restaurant!



The Globe and Mail Newspaper has reported that Japan's own *Iron Chef* will open a restaurant in Toronto.

He has a unique culinary style which melds Japanese and Western cuisine.

Look for his restaurant at Theatre Park Building 224 King St. W. in late 2015.



The Pan Am Games will be taking place in Toronto July 10-26.
The Parapan Am Games will follow on August 7-15. Click on the logo to go to the website.

Pan American Games

Do you enjoy sports? The Pan American Games are the world's 3rd largest international multi-sport games. The first Pan American Games were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1951, and the first Parapan American Games were held in Mexico City in 1999.

The games are held every 4 years for the athletes of the 41 PASO member nations. The teams come from the countries that make up North and South America and their associated islands. The games are held in the year prior to the Olympic Games.

Canada has hosted the Games 2 times before 2015, in 1967 and 1999. Both times they were hosted in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Some changes to driving and parking rules, will occur during the games. For example, the HOV lanes will be restricted to vehicles with 3 or more occupants, (it is normally 2 or more occupants), during the games. There may be restrictions on parking and where you can make turns on the roads near the venues where the events are taking place.

Pan Am events are taking place all over Southern Ontario....Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara and the Regions of York, Durham, Peel, Halton, Simcoe and Haliburton. Tickets start at \$20. Click on the logo for more info.

CANADIAN HISTORY & CULTURE CORNER

WEDNESDAY JULY 1st, 2015 IS CANADA DAY!

On July 1, 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain. It was made up of four provinces: Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Ontario; and Quebec. The anniversary of this date was called Dominion Day until 1982. After 1982 July 1st has been officially known as **Canada Day**.

In many towns and cities, municipal governments organize a range of events, often outdoors. These include **pancake breakfasts, parades, concerts, carnivals, festivals, firework displays and citizenship ceremonies** for new Canadian citizens. Check your local municipality's website to find out what is going on near you.

Canada's national flag is widely displayed and a lot of people paint their faces red and white, which are Canada's national colours.

July 1^{st} is a statutory holiday in Canada which means many organizations, businesses and stores will be closed. All government offices will also be closed.

Some gas stations, pharmacies and specialty stores or malls will remain open.

Everyone will celebrate!



Click on the flag for an interactive map of events near you!

Congratulations to the winners of the



FUN CONTEST FOR ENGLISH MATTERS YOUTH

English Matters held a contest in our May-June Newsletter. Families with children under the age of 18 were invited to submit drawings of a time, or a situation where lessons from English Matters helped them. Here are our happy prize winners after being

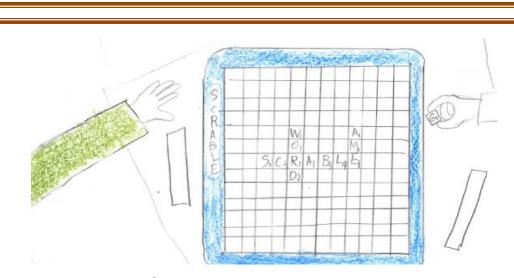




I want to play with my teacher because I don't know me or my teacher going to win. *Wakana*, 8

Congratulations to Wakana and Ryoga!





I want to know Scrabble because I can know the new words. Ryoga, 11