

January 2026

# CHIP CHAT

## YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada T9H 2K4  
Phone (780) 743-7000 Fax (780) 743-7999  
[www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca](http://www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca)

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE

**Hours:**

**Monday to Friday**

8:30am -4:30pm

**Closed:**

Saturday/Sunday & Stat  
Holidays

Regional Municipality of  
Wood Buffalo  
PO Box 370  
Fort Chipewyan, AB  
TOP 1B0

**Ph:** (780) 697-3600

**Fax:** (780) 697-3881

**Pulse Line:**

(780)743-7000

### ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA &

#### FITNESS ROOM

**Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

**Closed:**

Saturday/Sunday & Stat Holidays

#### Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Sunday

9:00am—10:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Regional Municipality of Wood  
Buffalo  
PO Box 343  
Fort Chipewyan, AB  
TOP 1B0

### Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday

1:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday 12:00 –8:00pm

CLOSED Sunday & Stat Holidays

**Ph:** (780) 697-3829

#### Aquatic Centre Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday-Saturday:

1:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday:

9:00am-4:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

**Ph:** 780-697-0196

Facility Bookings — 780-697-3600



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## **Attention: Mamawi Community Hall Planning in Progress**

The Mamawi Community Hall is a key community gathering space for Fort Chipewyan, bringing people together, celebrating culture, and building community spirit. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) is undertaking a feasibility study to look at future possibilities of Mamawi Hall, including expansion, costs, and opportunities.



### **Phase 1:**

One on One  
Meetings and  
Community Feast

**December  
16th/17th**



### **Phase 2:**

Community Survey  
**December 8th -  
January 1st**



### **Phase 3:**

Concept Design  
Presentation  
**February /  
March 2026**



### **Phase 4:**

What We Heard  
Report  
**April 2026**



**Help shape the future  
of Mamawi Hall!**

Scan the QR code to  
share **your** ideas.





## Rural Water & Sewer Service

### Hiring a certified contractor

A certified contractor must be selected from the [Alberta Municipal Affairs Private Sewage System Installer Certification List](#).

**The following local contractors have been certified by Alberta Municipal Affairs as of July 2024:**

Contractor	Contact information
B Mac Underground Services Ltd.	780-742-9848
Best Choice Plumbing, Heating and Wastewater Solutions	780-799-6267
Call First Plumbing & Heating	780-880-4726
Consun Contracting Ltd.	780-743-3163
H Wilson Industries (2010) Ltd.	780-743-1881
NC Transport & Equipment	780-713-1169
Parker Drainage and Waterproofing	780-799-0723
Qalipu Enterprises	780-598-4933
Rob Ryan Construction Inc.	780-799-6434
SENA Constructors Inc.	780-747-9664
Sureway Construction Management Ltd.	780-743-4788
Wellingdale Group Inc.	780-607-1431
Wood Buffalo Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	780-974-0521

*Please note, this list is for informational purposes only. The RMWB is not recommending or endorsing these businesses. Any contract you enter with a certified contractor is strictly at your own risk.*



## THIS & THAT...



The Northeast Alberta FASD Network enhances regional capacity to prevent FASD and support those impacted by it through coordinated planning, collaboration, education, and service delivery.

- **Assessment and diagnosis:** Diagnosis is the first step to getting the help that individuals with FASD need.
- **Rural outreach:** Our Outreach program is designed to assist and support individuals affected by FASD as well as their Families/caregivers. Through a strength-based approach clients are prepared to achieve greater success.

NEAFAN team is available:

**Janvier Multiplex Building – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**

**#468 Health Centre – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Fort McKay: Family Support Building – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Anzac: Recreation Centre – January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Fort Chipewyan: Nunee Health – January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Conklin: Multiplex Building – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

\*Please refer to the community Events and programs Calendar for date and time for information or to schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kenisha Boothe

9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

Phone: 780-799-1748

Email: [Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca](mailto:Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca)

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Alyssa Nicolle

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# CENSUS JOBS

Statistics Canada is hiring in your community for the 2026 Census!

- Use your local knowledge to help conduct the census.
- Gain skills employers are looking for.
- Learn how census data can be used to help plan services like employment, childcare, schools and healthcare.
- Contribute to the census to help your community plan and shape its future!

### Important to know

- We are hiring in selected northern and remote communities. Pay is **\$35.79 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$37.79 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is from January to April 2026, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings and weekends.



Apply now and tell a friend  
**[census.gc.ca/jobs-north](https://census.gc.ca/jobs-north)**

If you need assistance with your application, please call **1-833-830-3106**

Teletypewriter (TTY): **1-833-830-3109**



Statistics  
Canada

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# NOW HIRING FOR 2026 CENSUS JOBS!

The next Census of Population will take place in the spring of 2026. The census provides high-quality data that your community can use to help plan services like employment, childcare, education, and healthcare. Statistics Canada is hiring people to help communities complete their census questionnaires.



## Benefits of the 2026 Census for Indigenous Peoples

Data provided by First Nations people, Métis, and Inuit across Canada can help communities and all levels of government plan and evaluate programs related to Indigenous languages, education, housing, community health, and social services.



 Canada

## Join the 2026 Census team

You can use your local knowledge to help conduct the census and help ensure that all households are counted. Gain valuable experience and develop skills that employers are looking for. Your contribution to the census can help your community plan and shape its future.

## What types of jobs are available?

Census jobs are short-term positions focused on collecting census questionnaires from households in your community. The work takes place between **March and July 2026**, depending on the role and location.

### Enumerator (non-supervisory position):

As an enumerator, your primary responsibility will be to collect census data by completing questionnaires with members of the community.

### Crew Leader (supervisory position):

As a crew leader, you will train, supervise, and support a team of enumerators.

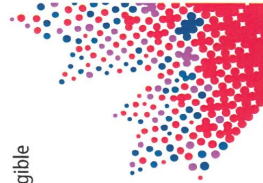
### Rates of pay

- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.

## Are you or is someone you know interested in a census job?

### To apply, you must be

- the age of majority in your current province or territory of residence:
  - Provinces where the age of majority is 18: Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.
  - Province and territories where the age of majority is 19: British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut and Yukon.
- a Canadian citizen or otherwise eligible to work in Canada.
- available to work flexible hours during days, evenings, and weekends.



**Apply now and  
tell a friend**  
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### CAREER PATHWAYS



**Wishing You a  
Wonderful Holiday Season,**

**We hope this season brings you a  
well-deserved pause.  
Time to rest, reflect, and enjoy special  
moments with family, friends,  
and loved ones.**

#### **INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SESSIONS – WOOD BUFFALO**

NOVEMBER-JANUARY, Presented Virtually at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

High School Students are invited to sign up and attend one virtual presentation to learn more about Internship opportunities in the Wood Buffalo region.

- **Health & ICT: JANUARY 7** (virtual), 15 (in-person)  
(Registration Link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-60584156-health>)
- **Aviation, Agriculture & Environment: JANUARY 8,9,12** (all virtual)
- (Registration Link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-60631759-aviation>)

#### **CO-OP INFORMATION SESSIONS – WOOD BUFFALO**

JANUARY 8,14,20,26

Wood Buffalo youth ages 18-25 who have graduated high school or are graduating by June 2026 are eligible to apply for the CAREERS Co-Op Apprenticeship Program. Information sessions are mandatory to be eligible to apply.

Youth in rural communities can contact Anika acampbell@nextgen.org for a virtual or in-person session.

Register CAREERS CO-OP Apprenticeship Program: Information Sessions ([signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-57644414-information#/)  
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**PLEASE REACH OUT ANYTIME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

**Sabrina Watson**

Program Coordinator, Northeast Region  
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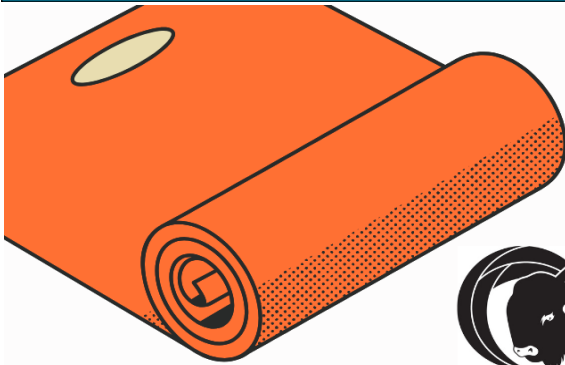




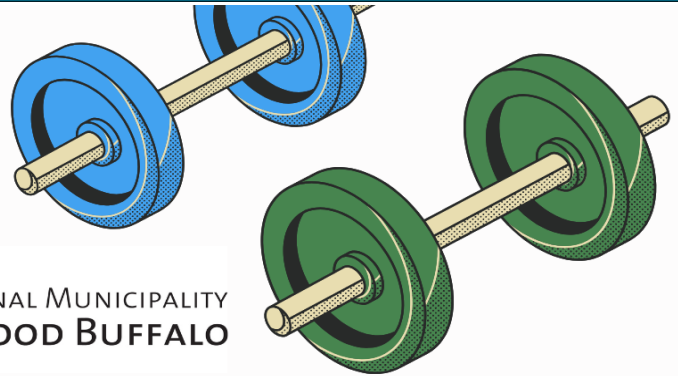


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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

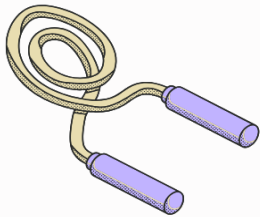
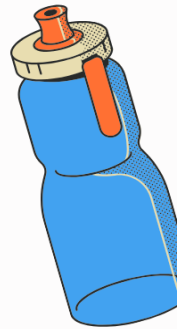


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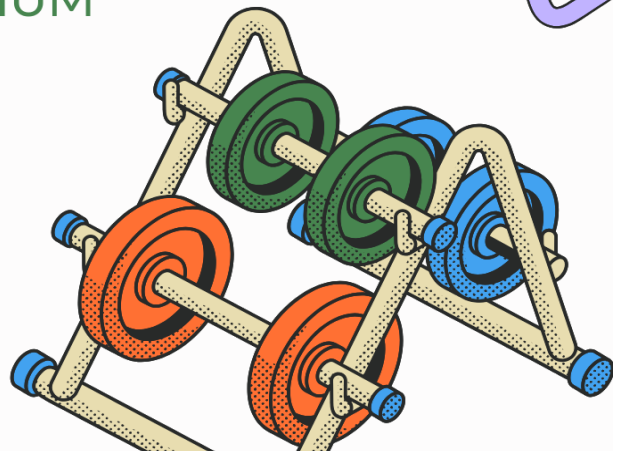
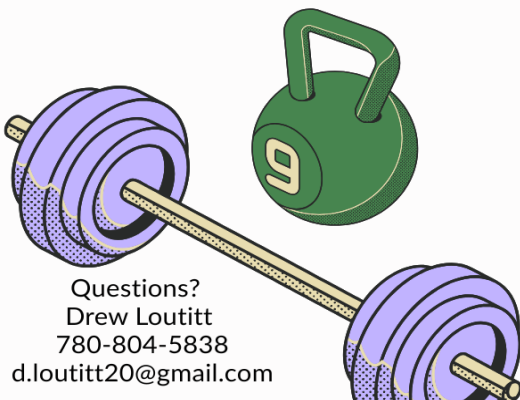
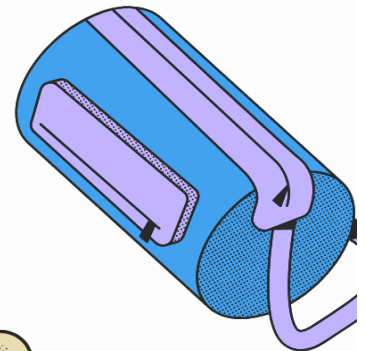
JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

# FITNESS CLASSES



Finish off your day, stay active,  
and have fun in a supportive  
environment!

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**TUESDAYS & THURS**  
YOUTH CENTRE  
GYMNASIUM



Questions?  
Drew Loutitt  
780-804-5838  
d.loutitt20@gmail.com



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**AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM

Sensory Friendly Swimming

Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sundays 3:00pm - 4:00pm

For those with sensory challenges and their  
families

Starting March 2025



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**AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# AQUAFIT WITH JONATHAN



## Starting February

Thursdays 6:00pm

Sundays 10:00am

Ages 16+



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## AQUATIC CENTRE...

SFAC

We Are All About Families and Healthier Families Start Here

# Sonny Flett Aquatic Centre

Admission Category	Drop In	Punch Cards	Monthly Pass
Youth & Teens (under 17 yrs)	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Elders	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Adults	\$2	\$9 (15 swims)	\$16
Family (2 Adults & 3 Youths)	\$5	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Flexible Family*	\$2	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Pay It Forward Swim Passes: Financial Assistance Opportunities**	\$1	\$12 (12 swims)	\$12
Aqua Fit Swim Pass	\$2	\$15 (12 swims)	n/a
Aquatics Training***			

**Drop In:** Enjoy the amenities this beautiful facility has too offer: Zero entry pool, access to tools for those with mobility issues, lazy river, large swim area with a designated swim lane, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna.

**Punch Cards:** Do not expire. They have no cash value and are non-refundable or transferable

**Monthly Pass:** Expires on last day of each month. No cash value and are non-refundable or transferable.

**\*Flexible Family:** Many community elders are actively involved with their grandchildren, whether it be acting as a custodial parent or living in a multi-generational household. This admission category was made specially in mind for elder's special circumstances and fixed budgets.

**\*\*Financial Assistance Opportunities:** Part of our mission is to keep this facility accessible to everyone in our community – no one should be denied access due to financial hardships. This is made possible through community donations and single or bulk purchases of Pay It Forward Swim Passes that are provided those who need a helping hand.

**\*\*\*Aquatics Training:** Aquatics training is offered free of charge courtesy of Syncrude. Please come to our facility and we will provide you with a registration form and training schedule.

HOURS	
Public Swim	
Wednesday - Friday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Swimming Lessons	
Saturday	More info to come
School Lessons	More info to come
Aqua Fit	
Wednesday & Friday	More info to come
Aquatic Training	
Wednesday - Saturday	7:00pm – 8:00pm
CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday





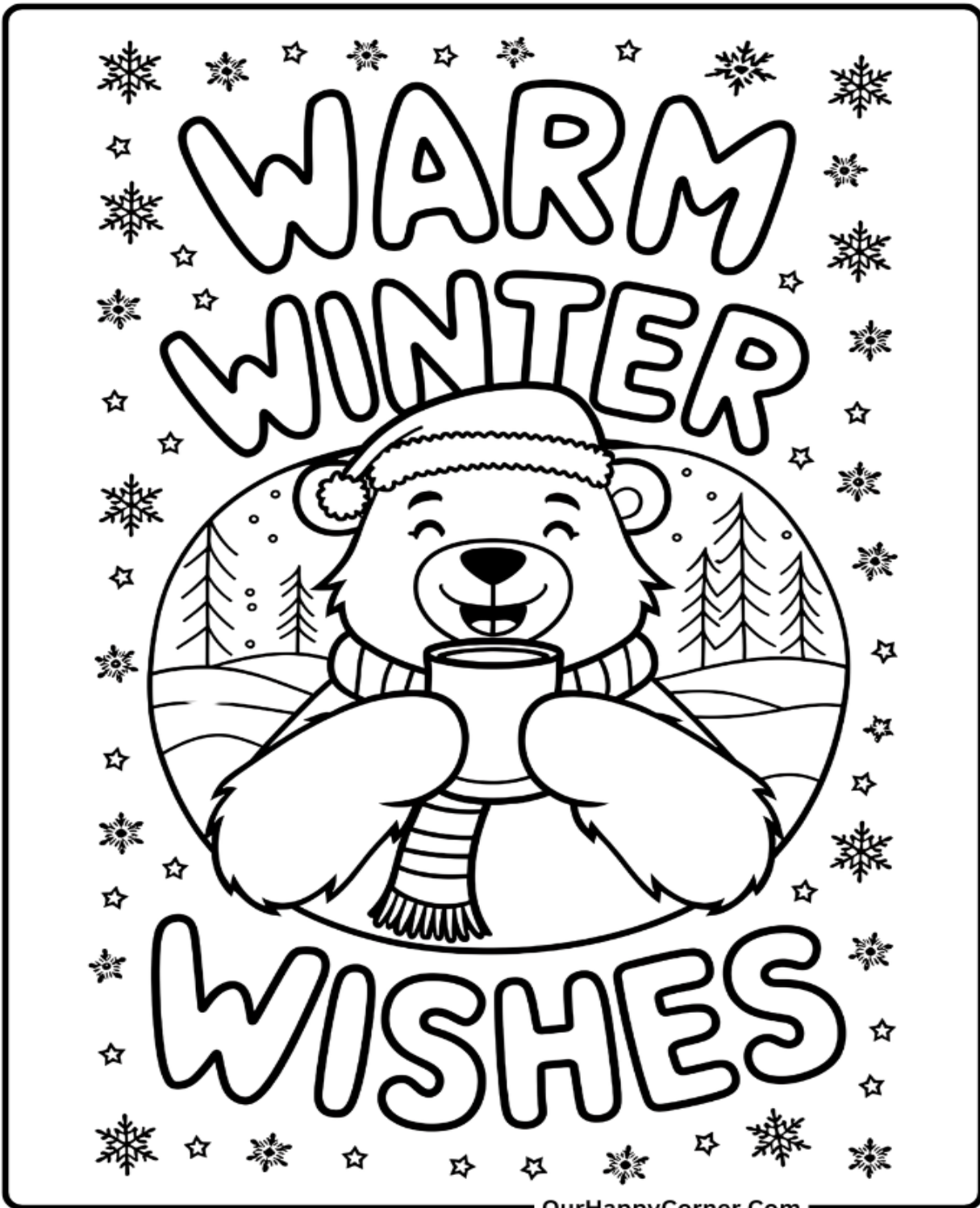
## YOUTH CENTRE...

January 2026													
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
			<b>3:05-5:00pm Programming for 6-11 yr olds</b> <b>6:00-8:00pm Programming for 12-17 yr olds</b> <b>Saturdays 1:00-8:00 —All ages are welcome</b>										
4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Painting 6-8 Dream Catchers	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Crafts 6-8 Swimming	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	1-8 Free Time (All Ages)							
11	12	13	14	15	16	17							
	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Random Crafts 6-8 Lanyard Making	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Swimming	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8Floor Hockey	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	1-8 Free Time (All Ages)							
18	19	20	21	22	23	24							
	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Modeling Clay 6-8 Wii/ Gym	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Badminton 6-8 Swimming	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8Floor Hockey	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	1-8 Free Time (All Ages)							
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
	1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Board games 6-8 Dodgeball	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Swimming	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8Floor Hockey	1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	1-8 Free Time (All Ages)							



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## COLOURING FUN...



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## WORD SEARCH FUN...

# Winter Word Search

S K I I N G S N O W B O O H T  
S F I R E P L A C E I N G E O  
L I E A R M U F F S C N Y T S  
E W S B C O L T R A E S T A C  
D I M L R O W S N O U G H E A  
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I T O R H A F R O T A S U I E  
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O A D H J K T C E S H O V E L  
W J A N U A R Y O E S A H S T  
M I T T E N S W E A T E R E L

BLIZZARD  
BOOTS  
COAT  
COCOA  
COLD  
DECEMBER  
EARMUFFS  
FEBRUARY

FIREPLACE  
FROSTY  
HAT  
ICE  
ICICLES  
JANUARY  
MARCH  
MITTENS

PLOW  
SCARF  
SHOVEL  
SKIING  
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SWEATER  
WINTER



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2	3
4	5 Back to School	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Nunee AGM	14	15	16 Improv Comedy @ TTSS	17 Hockey Camp
18 Hockey Camp	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Community Round Dance

**HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...**

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