

May 2022 Newsletter



Taanishi kiiyawow? (How are you?),

Current Events

NIMA is proud to announce that the New Spaces grant we wrote with MNBC was successful. This grant provides funding to build a facility with 61 spaces for children 0-12 at our new property (834 Isl Hwy S). More details will be provided in the near future. For the media release from the BC Government, go to <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0027-000626>.

On Tuesday, May 24th from 10:00am – 1:00pm, NIMA families are invited to come to the NIMA office (Room A124 at the Robron Centre) to get some free seeds and/or free pots (small or large). As well, any families in financial need can come and get a small bag of groceries.

Future Events

On Sunday, June 12th, NIMA will be hosting an in-person Sashing Ceremony for 2022 Métis graduates. The event will take place in Campbell River. Families will be receiving invitations by mail. Please RSVP as soon as you can regarding the number of guests who will be attending. Each grad will receive a sash, a photo of the sashing (email required), information about the ceremony and an additional gift for NIMA member grads. There is also a chance to win a prize worth \$100. Masks are not required but are requested to be worn.

National Indigenous Peoples Day will be celebrated as a public event this year. NIMA will be at Spirit Square with our tipi, bannock for sale and new NIMA merchandise. We will also have free temporary tattoos with four different cool designs. More details will be available soon.

On Canada Day, NIMA will be downtown with our tipi. We will be located across from the legion in the kid's area. Free temporary tattoos will be available, as will NIMA merchandise.

Mamawi (the name of NIMA's new women's group) will meet on Sunday, July 11th at 1:00pm in the Robron Centre Conference Room. Mamawi is pronounced ma-ma-veyh, with emphasis on the last syllable. It is a Michif word that means 'together'. All Métis women and 2SLGBTQIAA+ individuals are welcome. The group will meet monthly on the second Sunday. We will be hosting activities at each event. July's event will be loom beading. Everyone who attends will receive a loom to use if they do not have one. This will be a working session, and if you have questions or need next steps help, we can assist. If you wish to attend but need childcare, let us know asap and we can arrange for childcare for this time.

To stay up-to-date on resources and future events by visiting our website and following our social media.

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