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## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day has been officially celebrated since June 19, 1910. It all started with Sonora Smart Dodd, a woman who wanted to celebrate her widower father for his love and care of his six children.



June 5th was the date established to celebrate this holiday. It had been chosen by Smart Dodd was chosen mainly because she wanted to honour her dad on the day of his birthday. She also wanted to honour the fathers of the community where her family lived. Having secured the support of the YMCA, church Ministers, storekeepers and politicians, her request for the creation of a celebration day for fathers was accepted. With little time to organize the event for the chosen day, the decision was made to postpone it until the third Sunday in June of that year. The third Sunday in June has become a day of celebration of fathers around the world.

On this day, we honour the importance of fathers and father-figures in their children's lives, and the unique bond between father and child. We honour our fathers' gift of memories, experiences and teachings that stay with us forever. Father's Day is a Worldwide holiday, which is celebrated mainly in June. Most countries celebrate this day on the third Sunday of June. To all our friends and supporters, Happy Father's Day!

<https://www.eluniversal.com.mx/mundo/dia-del-padre-sonora-smart-dodd-la-multifacetica-mujer-que-creo-lacelebracion-hace-110-anos>

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

In the month of June, we celebrate National Indigenous History Month. This is a time Canadians take a moment to recognize and reflect on the unique histories, culture, contributions, strengths, resilience, heritage and diversity of our First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples. While this celebration encourages Indigenous Peoples to celebrate their history with a sense of pride and joy, non-Indigenous Canadians join in the celebrations by recognizing and learning more about the important role Indigenous Peoples have played and continue to play in our country. We owe a great deal to Indigenous Canadians beginning with their wise stewardship of the land.

While 'National Indigenous History Month' became an official celebration in 2009, the origins of this celebration go back to much earlier times. To find out more about this celebration, we invite you to visit the official Government of Canada's web page (<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512>) and watch the CNB Kids News YouTube video on the topic (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tfpswUBezM>).

"Only by understanding our past can we hope to create a brighter future."

-Government of Canada.

# CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK

We hear so much about how important it is for us to take care of the environment... Despite this, it seems that we have stopped listening. As citizens of our planet, it is our duty to protect and maintain our common home for ourselves and for others. Protection of the earth and everything in it, is the only way that we can ensure our own survival. Action is required now if we are to stem the environmental changes that threaten the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe.

"The Canadian Commons created Canadian Environment Week in 1971 to increase awareness among Canadians about pollution issues. The first observances took place in October each year. Then, in 1982, the celebration was moved to the week of June 5. The date corresponds with the United Nations proclamation of World Environment Day."

(<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environment-week.html>).



# CANADIAN MULTICULTURALISM DAY

*Multiculturalism is defined as the act accepting all the cultures present in a society. This act of genuine humanity is fundamental in guiding us to a place where differences can be set aside, and enough common ground is found to continue to build on our diverse strengths. Canadians feel encouraged to take pride, honour and share their individual identities while embracing and respecting others.*

*Multicultural societies have a natural curiosity for each other's values and welcome and grow through genuine dialogue, that is at once intellectually expansive and soul enriching. Canada's diverse cultural communities represent Canada's greatest strength. Diversity in Canada strives for tolerance and acceptance of one another's unique abilities and contributions. The principles of acceptance and respect for our differences are threaded through the fabric of Canada's progressive, vibrant and thriving society. As we celebrate Multiculturalism Day in Canada on June 27, 2022, let us continue to celebrate one another's gifts and contributions as we honour the many cultures that englobe us as a society.*

[https://www.thestar.com/opinion/2007/01/01/the\\_value\\_of\\_multiculturalism.htm](https://www.thestar.com/opinion/2007/01/01/the_value_of_multiculturalism.htm)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/celebrate-canada/multiculturalism-day.html>



# PRIDE MONTH

As you may know, Pride Month is a very important celebration of acceptance and respect of one another, that lasts the entire month of June. This celebration began to honor and commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising is viewed by many as the tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.

As a way of celebrating the LGBTQ+ community, major cities around the world organize a month-long series of events that include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, concerts, etc. Let us all celebrate our differences. Look for local celebrations in your area.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

As Summer officially makes its arrival and we welcome those warm summer days, we are pleased to bring you this month's newsletter which focusses on some of the June celebrations and some recent and important developments.

Among these important developments, I briefly discuss here the release of the Right to Read Inquiry report, which has serious implications for students and families in Ontario.

Back in October of 2019, it was announced by the Ontario Human Rights Commission that they were launching the Right to Read Inquiry, a "public inquiry into the human rights issues affecting students with reading disabilities in Ontario's public education system". The inquiry's focus would be on early reading skills within the public education system and its ability to meet the needs of students with learning disabilities including dyslexia, through the failure of the education system, to use evidence-based approaches when teaching them how to read.

The Right to Read Inquiry report, released in February 2022 confirms that learning to read constitutes a basic human right. There are 157 recommendations being made to the Ministry of Education, faculties of education and school boards, on ways to address 'systemic issues' that affect students' right to learn to read.'

This ground-breaking report's recommendations combine "research, human rights expertise, student's, parents' and educators' life experiences", as it focuses on curriculum, instruction, early screening and assessment for reading difficulties, accommodations, early reading interventions and a focus on the correction of systemic issues.

The expectation is that implementing the OHRC's recommendations "will ensure more equitable opportunities and outcomes for students in Ontario's public education system."

To read the full report, visit <https://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-to-read-inquiry-report>.

I take this opportunity to wish you a healthy, restful and enjoyable Summer.

Warm regards,  
Monique Forster  
President

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## CHC UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fuerza Latina VAUGHAN LATIN FESTIVAL 2022**  
**JULY 16**  
**11AM-10PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
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 Adapted by Aida Munkelberg

**SAW THE GIBBET OR THE GALLOWS**  
 Written by Lopez Sanchez

**MASKED**  
 Adapted by Guillermo Galante

Rehearsal Dates: Saturday, June 25th, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
 English Show: Sunday, June 26th, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: Main Practice Theatre, 3000 Steeles Rd. West, Unit 101, Markham, ON L3R 9Y7  
 Tickets available on [www.mississauga.theatre.com](http://www.mississauga.theatre.com) & [www.mississaugatheatre.com](http://www.mississaugatheatre.com)

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