

## Family Literacy Outreach Program Newsletter



Welcome to the new program year! (make some nooooooise!)

If you are a volunteer in **Family Literacy Outreach**, you received the email shouting out about our collective accomplishments for the last program year - including the fact **that 40 of us delivered over 1100 volunteer hours in total to newcomer families and their children!** Just think about that for a second - it takes a community - as the saying goes,

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and all 40 of us had an important role to play in developing the literacy skills of the immigrants and refugees in this program!

Thank YOU!

Now we start fresh with more to improve, learn, and of course, to deliver by connecting with the learners in this program. I can't wait to share with you information about what is planned for this upcoming program year. Soooooo let's get started!

This newsletter contains info about a **Virtual Tutor Chat** session for you to join to get the latest scoop, a poster to share with your community about our need for more volunteer tutors, updates about **bus tickets for kids**, and some info about the **covid vaccine passports**.

We have some lessons ideas, which are easy to implement for focusing on **cooking**. Most importantly, take a look at the fantastic videos here for you to use as jumping off points for sessions about **Orange Shirt Day** - which commemorates a NEW Statutory holiday on **Thursday, Sept 30!**

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## **Tutor Chat Session**

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Join with your fellow **Family Literacy Outreach** volunteer tutors to start the program year off with a virtual check in!

On **Monday, October 4, at 6:30pm**, join the Zoom session to hear:

- Cool, interactive lesson tips and ideas
- Have fun trying out Jamboard! (tool for using in your sessions)
- Info about community resources
- Give your feedback about improvements or resources needed
- Real stories from other tutors

**When:** Monday, October 4, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

**Where:** Lounging chair in your own living room with tea and cookies

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**How:** Email Morie at [mford@mpnh.org](mailto:mford@mpnh.org)

**Why:** Because you will learn something new, and hear updates about the FLO program

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## Cook UP a Storm

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Everyone loves talking about food, right? Here's a few ideas to get you thinking about creating sessions around that topic. We bet the end result is that your session goes off into all sorts of great conversations with some of these lesson ideas!

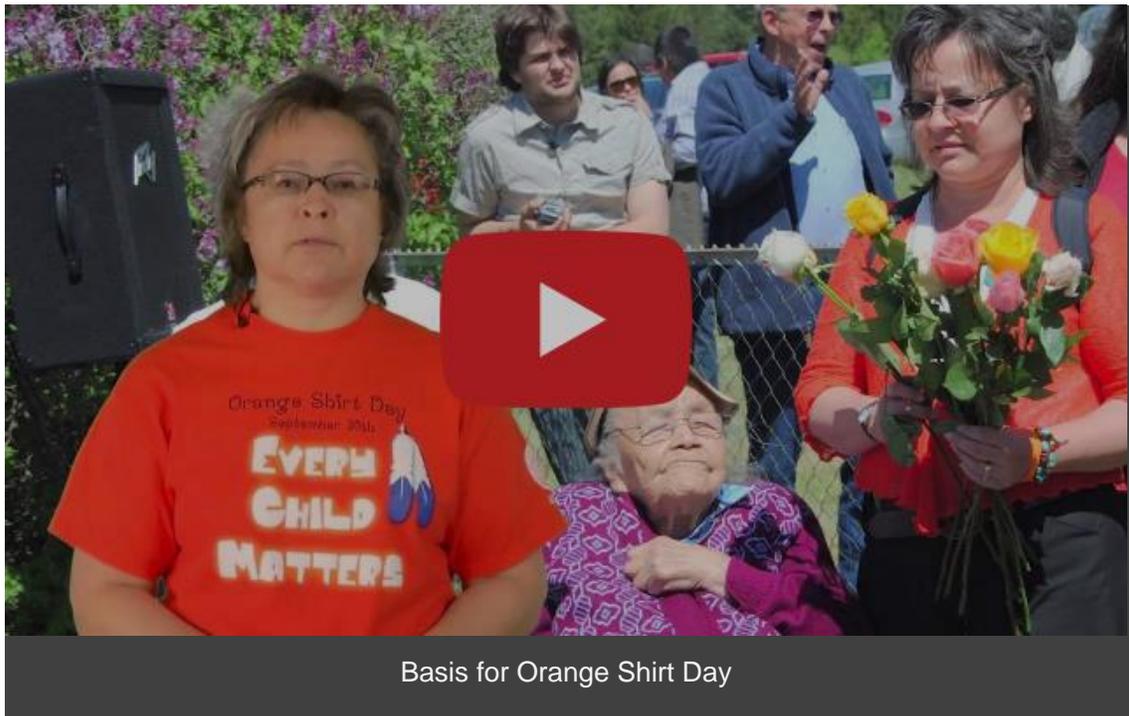
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- Great level 2-3 video with introductory vocabulary, role play and discussion about the differences between much and many. [Fun English Lesson - Cooking](#).
- OneStopEnglish has a [recipe writing worksheet](#) where students can fill in the blanks and practice using sequence words correctly.
- [LinguaHouse offers a worksheet](#) on cooking, drinking and eating, which comes with an audio clip which can be used as an extra listening activity. However, you'll have to create an account on the site to get access to it.

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## Lesson Ideas: Orange Shirt Day

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Orange Shirt Day on **September 30th** opens the door to having a discussion

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with FLO learners and even our own communities about the effects of residential schools and the legacy they have left. If you want to approach this topic with your learner, here are two videos to get you started.

The first one (above) features Phyllis Webstad, whose **story is the basis for Orange Shirt Day**. She speaks slowly and clearly, so it works well for your sessions!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3vUqr01kAk>

This second video is a first person narrative that answers the question: **what can we do today** as we learn more about the treatment of Indigenous peoples in Canada? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1E-3Hb1-WA>

Reach out to me for more information, or if you just want to talk through feelings about this topic. I am happy to chat with you!

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## Tidbits for Tutors

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**1. Explaining "Proof of Vaccination":** you might create two lists for your session on Things You Can Do and then Things You Can't Do to discuss in an interactive way the new BC Health Regulations which came into effect September 13, requiring proof of vaccination for many settings. More info can be found here: [BC Government Proof of Vaccination Info](#)

**2. Drop In Clinics:** many drop in clinics are still open for vaccinations, most often by appointment. [Click here for info.](#)

**3. [MPNH Shop](#) is Open!** Support the programs at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House by shopping on line. Our favourite artist, Iman Al-Sallal's has done the

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artwork for the bags and tshirts. All the funds raised through this shop will be used to run the programs at our House. [Shop now](#).

**4. Buses for 12 and older are FREE now:** Yippee, it is about time, but all children under the age of 12 can now ride the bus free - without ID, compass pass or even an adult. [More Info](#)

**5. Workshop: UNCONSCIOUS BIAS:**

**A VOLUNTEER CONVERSATION** 🗣️ What is unconscious bias and how does it arise in our work as volunteers? Join us for an interactive workshop, facilitated by the amazing Thanh Lam, MPNH's Manager, on Monday, **September 27, 4:30-6pm** on Zoom. Email [ashostak@mpnh.org](mailto:ashostak@mpnh.org) to attend.

**6 Professional Development:** Penn State's College of Education (World Campus) is offering training for online certificates in [adult basic education and family literacy](#).

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**New FLO Tutors Needed Now**

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**VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED**

# DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE?

*In the lives of immigrant newcomers and their children*



## Family Literacy Outreach Virtual Tutor

Put your welcoming spirit and your keen interest in tutoring to good use by working with immigrant and refugee families and their children to help them fully experience Vancouver.

You will offer one-to-one virtual sessions to help strengthen their language skills and to help them make connections to community resources.

### Training & Support

You will:

- Provide weekly 1- hour virtual tutoring sessions for minimum of 6 months
- Receive a free 5-hour tutor training course
- Receive ongoing guidance from the Family Literacy Coordinator
- Have access to free resources to build tutoring skills
- Obtain a Statement of Completion upon finishing

**Virtual Training on  
October 15 OR October  
22, 2021\***

\*Trainees need to complete training before being placed with a newcomer family.

**For more information and  
to register, contact:**

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This program is offered by Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, in partnership with Vancouver Community College and the Ministry of Advanced Education



# Tracking Sheet Reminder

Send Morie your August tracking sheet!

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**Thank you for your efforts as a tutor. We really appreciate you for all you do.**

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Yours truly,

**Morie Ford**

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