



Mark Your Calendar For These Cowichan VIU Events



~ Human Services Programs Information Session - Cowichan

Monday, February 20; 7pm; Room 225

Learn how you can make a difference one person at a time!

- ~ Early Childhood Education & Care (ECEC)
- ~ Child & Youth Care (CYC)
- ~ School and Community Support Worker (SCSW)
- ~ Social Services Diploma (SSER)
- ~ Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Cowichan Staff Bulletin

Please share with those not using email.

Next Submission Deadline:

March 9; 9:00am

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Campus Facilities

A reminder that if you wish to have some work done by Serge, our Facilities support person, then you MUST complete a *Maintenance Work Order, Material Handling Form, Janitorial Request* (or use the log in the mailroom on first floor), etc.

Here is the link to these forms: http://www.viu.ca/facilities/Facilities_Services/ServiceRequest.asp.

Urgent or safety-related issues (i.e. spills that require immediate cleanup or containment) should be directed to the Cowichan Campus Welcome Centre (3500).

Out of Order signs are available from the Welcome Centre if you need to post one, e.g. bathroom stall with no toilet paper.

Support staff in your area should be able to assist you if you need help submitting a work request. Thank you for your cooperation.

Campus Tours

If you are providing tours of the campus for your students please note there is a Tour Guide document on the Cowichan Shared Drive with information about the new Cowichan Campus. This is to be used as a guide during the tour not as a printed handout. The document title is: ***"Tour directions for new campus"***. This tour will take approximately one hour.

Café Menu

The Cowichan Café Menu can be found on the Cowichan shared Drive: S:\Cowichan\Cafe.

You can call Renee or her staff at local 3560 to pre-order your food.

Current hours of operation are:

Mon-Thurs: 8am-8pm

Fri: 8am-2pm

A Message From Jackie Agostinis

Hi everyone,

Unfortunately I won't be returning to work in July as I was hoping. I really wanted to come back to work with you and be part of the new campus, but my health hasn't improved as quickly as I thought it would. I want to thank all of you for the support and help that you gave to the NITEP students and me over the years. The Duncan centre wouldn't have been nearly as successful as it was without you. Hopefully I'll get over to Duncan sometime to thank you in person. I miss all of you!

~ Hugs, Jackie



Photo: Jim Cooper and Helene Demers

Cowichan Campus "You Are Beautiful" installation included in San Francisco exhibition

In 2009, Jim Cooper (Carpentry Instructor, Faculty of Trades & Applied Technology) and I collaborated on a Cowichan Campus "You are Beautiful" interactive installation. The development of the installation was actively supported by Maureen McGillivray, Credit Programs' Office Manager. Below is a description of the international *You Are Beautiful* movement and a link to their website:

The *You Are Beautiful* message has spread throughout the world, dispersing hundreds of thousands of stickers, and generating countless community based projects to beautify neighborhoods in cities globally. The project itself is made up of an anonymous collective keeping the focus on the message rather than the participants. The project and the message are completely open. Anyone can participate, engage, and act. Empowering each of us, to choose optimism with clarity, and remind ourselves, that you are beautiful. <http://you-are-beautiful.com/NEWS.htm>

The piece was "beautifully" executed by the carpentry students and installed in the cafeteria at our old Cowichan Campus until our move to the new campus when it was put in storage. The tiles were made of different types of wood which symbolize diversity. Viewers were invited to rearrange the letters to create new messages. I recently submitted the installation to an exhibition at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco (see link to a video of the opening below) where it was enthusiastically accepted.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6A4QqU8J>

A collaboration of Trades and University Programs yielding public art is unusual and it is exciting to have VIU represented at this exhibition. Unfortunately, I missed the reception due to flight cancellations and will be going at a later date. I look forward to seeing the exhibition and will take some photos for our Cowichan Campus archives. After discussion with Jim, Maureen and the administration, we have decided to donate the project as a permanent installation in San Francisco. Jim and his students will create a smaller version (with a larger selection of tiles) for our new campus which will better suit the available wall space.

Thank you Darrel, Jim and Maureen for assisting with the shipping and supporting the donation.

~ Helene Demers, Department of Anthropology