



MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU



YKACL BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM

member Joey Oonga may break out his stormtrooper costume again in celebration of this year's suggested Gumboot team theme: **STAR WARS!** Squads of five friends, family members, co-workers, neighbours or classmates are encouraged to raise funds for YKACL from Feb. 16 to May 4.

Gumboot Rally team registration opens Feb. 16!

by YKACL staff

REGISTRATION OPENS soon for the 2019 Gumboot Rally!

This year's rally will be held on the morning of Saturday, May 4th. The sug-

gested team name-and-costume theme is **STAR WARS!**

To register your five-person squadron, contact our protocol droid at 920-2644 or email info@ykacl.ca and join the rebellion.

Online team registration is also available on our team fundraising page. Visit our base at YKACL.CA or follow YKACL on Facebook for the online registration link and ongoing rally updates!

This year's fundraising goal is \$25,000!



FURRY HUGS

CHANTELLE BEAUCHAMP loves caring for the pets at the NWT SPCA during her volunteer shift, as part of her role as a client of YKACL Employment Services. Cashmere the tabby (at left) enjoyed some TLC from Chantelle last week!

Chantelle also works a custodial shift at Northern Images art gallery, surrounded by art and colour.

For information about hiring our clients, contact Junn at 920-2644.

Audury Carmody/YKACL photo

YKACL news

Literacy Outreach Centre celebrates Year of the Pig



LITERACY OUTREACH student Emma Moorhouse and instructor Thomas Gagnon-van Leeuwen participated in Chinese New Year Celebrations on Feb. 3.

by Thomas Gagnon van-Leeuwen

MORE THAN 200 people braved the cold on a sunny Feb. 3rd afternoon and gathered at the Legislative Assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year.

The celebration was organized by the Literacy Outreach Centre, the NWT Literacy Council, the Integration Office and Yellowknife's Chinese community.

Many clients of the Literacy Outreach Centre's programs attended, including Emma Moorhouse from the morning classroom and many families from the Family Literacy program and Computer Levels I and II classes. Yellowknife Mayor Rebecca Alty opened the celebration and MLA Julie Green was in attendance. Families enjoyed the delicious food and cultural activities.

Canada Caregiver Credit may save you money this tax year!

from Transition Magazine

THE YEAR OF THE PIG brings good fortune, according to the Chinese Zodiac. There are many benefits, tax credits and deductions that may be available to people with disabilities and their families to help make that come true.

Some of these benefits are non-refundable (they reduce the amount of tax you pay) and others are refundable (you receive money back). We will share some of these benefits (with amounts for the 2017 tax year) in the YK-ACL Newsletter, as compiled by our friends at Disability Alliance BC:

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Canada Caregiver Credit

(line 303, 304, 305, 367)

This tax credit replaces the Caregiver Credit, the Family Caregiver Credit and the Credit for Infirm Dependents aged 18+ years.

If you support a spouse of common-law partner, or a dependent with a "physical or mental impairment," the non-refundable Canada Caregiver Credit (CCC) may be available to you.

- For your spouse or common-law partner, you may be entitled to claim an amount of \$2,150 in the calculation



The Canada Caregiver Credit may reduce the amount of tax you need to pay in 2018, among other financial benefits!

of line 303. You could also claim an amount up to a maximum of \$6,883 on line 304.

- For an eligible dependent who is under 18 years of age at the end of the year, you may be entitled to claim an amount of \$2,150 in the calculation of line 305 or on line 367 for your child.

Check out next month's newsletter for more tax tips or, if you don't want to wait, visit disabilityalliancebc.org



Invitations have been delivered for the annual YKACL Pancake Breakfast!

In celebration of Chinese New Year 2019 Year of the Pig!

9:30am-11am Saturday, Feb. 16th



Wish to attend? RSVP ASAP: 920-2644



Enjoy a Little
Heart

**\$1 from every
heart-shaped
pizza sold
at BP'S
on Feb. 14
will be
donated
to YKACL!**

LOVE

**YKACL
Parent Night!**
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019
7 PM – 9 PM

For parents and caregivers
of individuals with disabilities
to drop in for casual conversation
with other family members.
Childcare is provided on site.
Please RSVP:
920-2644

YKACL news

**Odd Job Squad
working hard**



SUNIL SRIRAM and
Pierre Lafond picked up
numerous Xmas trees
with the Odd Job Squad
last month.

THE ODD JOB SQUAD
picked up more than 50
Christmas trees as part
of the curbside service
offered this past month.

The trees are being
composted by the City of
Yellowknife.

The Odd Job Squad
is available for short-
term or one-time
tasks, such as yard
work, housecleaning,
shoveling, construction
assistance, sweeping,
mopping, alphabetizing
and furniture deliveries.

**To hire the Odd Job
Squad, call or text the
hotline at 445-6967**

YOUTH GROUP EVENT: Valentine's Skate & Lantern Festival!

Wednesday, Feb. 13th Please RSVP to Michael at 920-2644
Meet at 6 p.m. @ Multiplex (pick up at 8:30 p.m. at Abe Miller Bldg.)

YAY FUSION!

Yellowknife Youth Fusion Group



Young ADULTS

GROUP

