

# WIGWAM TO WIGWAM

YOUR HOUSE TO HOUSE NEWS

MARCH 2011

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

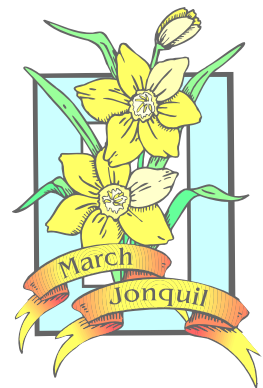
March 17th



*The first day of*

# Spring

*is March 20th*



## March Break 2011

All Toronto District School Board schools will be closed from  
*March 14th - March 18th.*

Check out page 2 for fun things to do in Toronto during the break.

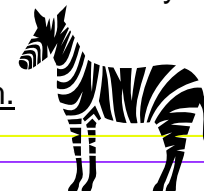
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### **March Break at the Toronto Zoo**

The Zoo will have its regularly scheduled Keeper Talks during March Break and invites guests to enjoy hot chocolate in the Tundra Trek exhibit. The zoo will also be celebrating The Year of the Forest by transforming the Education Auditorium into a "Playtime Forest" with special plant and animal exhibits and family activities. The Playtime Forest is a timed, ticketed event open twice daily from March 12th to 20th and pre-registration is recommended as space is limited.

For more information about the Toronto Zoo, visit their website at [www.torontozoo.com](http://www.torontozoo.com).



### **March Break at the AGO**

The Art Gallery of Ontario invites families who are visiting the gallery to join in for free drop-in activities tied into the *Maharaja: The Splendor of India's Royal Courts* exhibit. From March 14th - 18th you can try out Maharaja court games, take part in art-making workshops, enjoy music and dance, see a puppet performance and more.

For more information about the Art Gallery of Ontario, visit their website at [www.ago.net](http://www.ago.net).



### **Spring Fling at the Rogers Centre**

Spring Fling returns to the Rogers Centre for 2011. This indoor carnival will be open 10am to 6pm Friday March 11th to Friday March 18th and 10am to 6pm on Sunday March 21st. Tickets are \$20 for an all-day ride ticket or \$10 without rides.

For more information about Spring Fling, visit [www.rogerscentre.com](http://www.rogerscentre.com).

### **Be a Rockstar at the Bata Shoe Museum**

From March 14th to March 18th the Bata Shoe Museum invites kids to take part in rockstar themed activities to celebrate the unveiling of a "very special pair" of new shoes. Drop-in together between 11am and 4pm. Admission is \$8 for children and \$9 for adults accompanying children taking part in March Break activities. Groups need to register in advance.

For more information, visit their website at [www.batashoemuseum.ca](http://www.batashoemuseum.ca).



### **March Break at the Toronto Public Library**

Magic, music, movies and more will be on at branches across the city.

Visit their website at [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) to find out what is happening at a branch near you.



## Post-Secondary Education

(Reproduced from the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada website)

Are you a First Nations or Inuit student interested in post-secondary education? Are you registered for post-secondary studies? Are you trying to find ways to help support your studies?

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has two funding programs that could provide financial assistance for eligible Status Indian and Inuit students to help offset tuition, travel or living expenses.

### Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP):

If you are an eligible Status Indian or Inuit student and plan on doing post-secondary studies on a part-time or full-time basis and are registered with an eligible post-secondary institution, you may qualify for financial support.

#### Eligibility:

**First Nations:** Students must be Registered Status Indians (residing on or off-reserve) who have been residing in Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding. Students must be enrolled in a certificate, diploma or degree program in an eligible post-secondary education institution and must maintain continued satisfactory academic standing within that institution.

**Inuit:** Inuit students who have been residing outside of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut for 12 consecutive months could be eligible for funding through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. Inuit students residing in these territories are eligible for funding support from their respective territorial governments.

### University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEEP):

Are you taking courses to prepare yourself for post-secondary degree or diploma programs?

If you are an eligible Status Indian or Inuit student registered for university or college entrance programs to help you achieve the academic requirements necessary for entrance into a post-secondary degree or diploma program, you may qualify for financial assistance.

#### Eligibility:

**First Nations:** Students must be Registered Status Indians (residing on or off-reserve) who have been residing in Canada for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application for funding. Students are required to obtain a statement from the post-secondary institution offering the program which confirms that the UCEP program will provide the student with the necessary courses to attain the academic level for university or college entrance and the student will be eligible to be accepted as a student of a regular university or college credit program upon successful completion of the UCEP course of studies.

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**SOURCE:** Indian and Northern Affairs Canada website (<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/edu/ep/pse-eng.asp>)



## How to care for your new windows

Cleaning the frames and glass should only require a mild soap and water. After washing the window, simply rinse with clear water and wipe dry with a soft cloth.

- ⇒ Do not clean with harmful cleaning solutions and abrasive compounds. These cleaning solutions will scratch or discolour the vinyl.
- ⇒ Use exhaust fans regularly in rooms with high humidity (bathrooms, kitchens, etc.)
- ⇒ It is important to keep the sill or track clean of any dirt or debris.
- ⇒ Use only mild soap, water and a soft brush when cleaning your screens. When finished rinse clear with water and wipe dry.

### ZERO BALANCE CLUB

The winner for the month of December is:



**AGNES SAGETCHEWAY**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



If you want a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card, all you have to do is pay your rent on time every month and you will be automatically entered into the draw!

## New Mother Program



Congratulations to Alana Pitawanakwat who received a basket from the *New Mother Program*.



We wish her and her new baby all the best!



If you are pregnant or recently had a baby and would like to receive a basket through the New Mother Program, please contact **Danielle Powell** at **(416) 481-4451**

## Canada Post celebrates Daphne Odjig's contribution to Canadian art.

Art Canada series enriched by colourful palette of native artist

February 21, 2011

**Ottawa, ON** - Today, Canada Post issued three new stamps featuring the artwork of Canadian aboriginal artist Daphne Odjig. The stamps feature three of Odjig's acrylic pieces. Each painting, *Spiritual Renewal* (1984), *Pow-wow Dancer* (1978), and *Pow-wow* (1969), is a representation of Odjig's passion for the arts and love of her native heritage.

"Daphne' Odjig's colourful palette evokes strength and power," said Jim Philips, Canada Post's Director of Stamp Services. "Canada Post is proud to add the work of this respected Canadian artist to our Art Canada series. I am also thrilled that Ms. Odjig is scheduled to be present for the unveiling of the stamps in Kelowna on February 26."

Daphne Odjig's art has been influenced by her life experiences. Born in 1919, to a father of native descent and an English war bride mother, Odjig first realized her love of fine arts during her school years on the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island. In 1942, Odjig moved to Toronto where she fed her passion for art by visiting the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

In 1964, a series of ink and pencil sketches of the Cree people of Manitoba gained Odjig critical acclaim. The entire works of this exhibition were later purchased by the Federal Department of Cultural Affairs. From that point, the appreciation for, and popularity of, Odjig's work grew as did her recognition by the art world. Her achievements have been numerous over the years — including being the recipient of the Governor General's Laureate, Visual and Media Arts award in 2007. This award is Canada's highest honour in the field of Visual Arts.

*Pow-wow Dancer*  
*Le danseur de pow-wow, 1978*  
Daphne Odjig



**SOURCE: Canada Post website**

([http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/news/pr/2011/2011\\_feb\\_daphne\\_odjig\\_stamp.jsf](http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/news/pr/2011/2011_feb_daphne_odjig_stamp.jsf))

## Sign up to receive “Wigwam to Wigwam” by e-mail

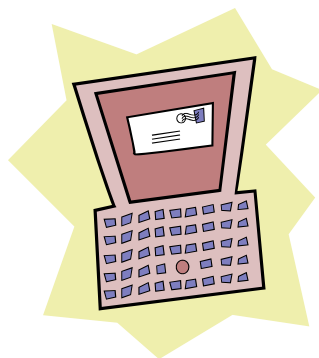
In October, the “Wigwam to Wigwam” newsletter was sent out to tenants by e-mail for the first time! Wigwamen is making an effort to reduce the amount of paper distributed by our office and you can do your part too by signing up to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

We had only a small number of tenants sign up last month and are hoping that eventually all or most of our tenants will receive “Wigwam to Wigwam” by e-mail.

We did not receive 25 e-mail addresses for the draw last month so we are extending the draw until March 31st. All tenants who signed up last month will be entered into this draw.

Anyone who signs up to receive the newsletter by e-mail will be automatically entered into the draw.

If you would like to sign up to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please e-mail Danielle Powell at [dpowell@wigwamen.com](mailto:dpowell@wigwamen.com).



## *Calling all young artists...*

Each month we would like to include a piece of artwork or writing (including poems, short stories, etc.) in our newsletter to highlight talent amongst our youngest tenants!

If you are between the ages 5 and 13 and would like to contribute your work to our monthly newsletter please contact Danielle Powell at (416) 481-4451.

**PLEASE NOTE: Submissions must be no bigger than 5 1/4" x 4 1/4" (approximately half a piece of paper) and should include your name, address and age on the back of your work.**

We look forward to seeing all of your wonderful submissions!



*Check back each month to see if your artwork or writing is printed in the newsletter!*



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