

Quarterly Newsletter

July - September 2025

MCA Office Hours **Mondays - Thursdays**

9AM - 5PM

Fridays

(by appointment only)

MCA Office Closures

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Monday, August 4, 2025

Monday, September 1, 2025

Tuesday, September 30, 2025



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**"Cultural differences
should not separate us from
each other, but rather
cultural diversity brings a
collective strength that can
benefit all of humanity"**

Robert Alan Aurthur





Upcoming Events

You are cordially invited!
Canada Day Pancake & Bannock Breakfast

The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo is pleased to invite you to our 2025 Pancake and Bannock Breakfast in celebration of Canada Day 158!

When? July 1st from 8 - 10 AM

Where? Kiyām Community Park

Learn more on the **Facebook event page!**



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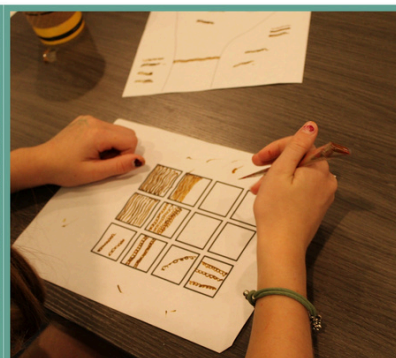
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ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS

World Meets in Wood Buffalo

Free Multicultural Workshops throughout the month of September

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to be among the first to know about this year's workshop lineup!





MCA Programs and Services

NOTARY CLINIC for Immigrants

Upcoming Dates:

July 26, 2025

August 23, 2025

September 27, 2025

**Syncrude Sport & Wellness
Centre (Room 1312)**



Notary Clinic

The MCA offers a free Notary Clinic on the last Saturday of every month to help immigrants and newcomers notarize their documents.

The Clinic helps with documents such as

- Travel document applications
- Police record certifications
- Commissioning documents

And more!

For more details, please call us at **(780) 791-5186** or email us at welcome@mcawb.org. You can also check out our website at mcawb.org/notary-clinic for information on what to bring, what we can notarize, and other details.

Translation Services



The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo offers translations of documents for **Individuals & businesses in over 45 languages**



Translate documents for **Legal, Medical, Business, Personal, Technical, Education, Material** and more!

Interpretation Services



Community Interpreters assisting individuals and businesses through cross-cultural communication in **over 25 languages**



Face-to-face or over-the-phone interpretation available



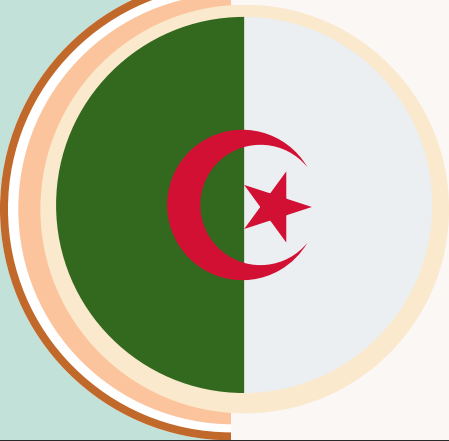
24 Hour Availability*



Certified Interpreters Available



Visit mcawb.org/language-services for more information!



Cultural Awareness: The Country of Algeria

Algeria: as presented by students Adam and Zaid Moulay

“My name is Algeria”

I am a country located on the north coast
of Africa between Morocco and Tunisia.

I am the largest country in Africa.

90% of my land is covered by the Sahara
Desert.

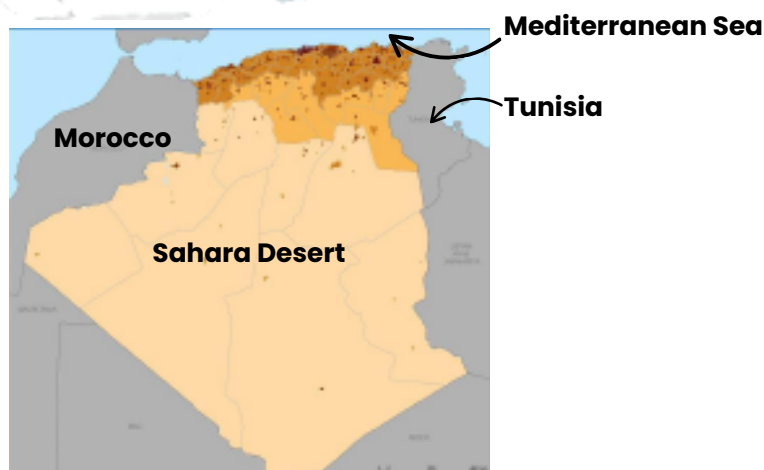


Brothers Adam and Zaid Moulay, presenting on their home country of Algeria at Walter and Gladys Hill School's Multiculturalism Day Showcase.

“Am I an Arab or African Country?”

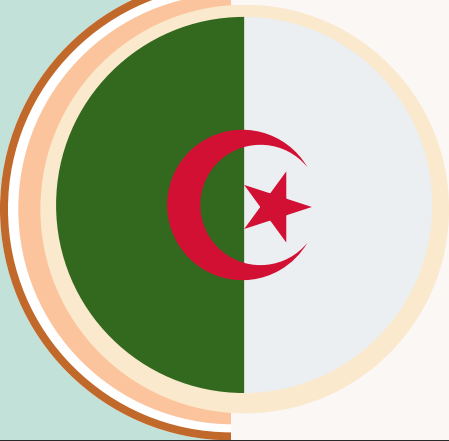
The Indigenous people of Algeria are the Berber people.

More than three-fourths of the country is ethnically Arab, although most Algerians are descendants of ancient Amazigh groups who mixed with various peoples from the Arab, Southern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.



Indigenous Algerian clothing





Cultural Awareness: The Country of Algeria

Algeria's National animal is the **Fennec Fox**. This animal is often associated with intelligence and is also known for its quick thinking and problem solving abilities.



Algeria is also home to the **Saharan Cheetah**, a native species that is currently listed as endangered.

What is Algeria's Cultural Heritage?

With a rich history and cultural heritage, Algeria offers a unique blend of ancient ruins, as well as a great Berber heritage.

Algeria counts 7 UNESCO world heritage sites.



Casbah of Algiers
City founded in the 10th century



M'zab
Located in the Sahara Valley



Djemila
Roman Ruins



Tassili
Prehistoric Cave

What sport is Algeria known for?



Football (or Soccer) is the convenient and most popular sport in Algeria.

'Les Fennecs' is the nickname of Algeria's national team.

The Algerian national team has won the Africa Cup of Nations twice.



The Algerian War of Independence

In 1830, the French had invaded Algeria.

The Algerian revolution came to an end of 130 years of French colonial rule in Algeria on the 5th of July, 1962.



Monument Martyrs

During the 7 years war, up to 1.5 million Algerians were killed, leading to the country being named as the 'Country of a Million Martyrs'



Do you want to see your culture or country represented in MCA's next Quarterly newsletter?

Contact communications@mcawb.org for more information!



Community Events

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CHIPLEWYAN PRAIRIE FIRST NATION TREATY DAYS July 4 - 6, 2025

Get ready for this year's Treaty Days celebration—a time to come together in community, culture, and connection. There will be family-friendly events, food, games, live entertainment, traditional activities, and more!

Location: Chipewyan Prairie First Nation

Stay tuned for the full schedule, which will be shared on the Chipewyan Prairie First Nation Facebook page.



ANZAC DAZE August 8 - 10, 2025

Kick things off with a FREE Community Barbecue at the Anzac Day Use Area put on by the WLCA! Come out for good food and music to kick off the weekend fun!

The fun really heats up with:

Pony Cycles | Ride-On Mechanical Bull | Mini Golf | Foam Pit | GIGANTIC Pool Table (with oversized balls!) | 10-Person Twister Game AND MORE...

Now's the time to start planting, growing, and baking! You've got all summer to perfect those cookies, grow that giant zucchini, and get your flowers blooming.

Wrap up the weekend with community favorites like BINGO, Desperado Dunks, horse shoe toss and the one and only ANIMAL TALENT SHOW! Whether your dog can dance, your cat can high-five, or your chicken can ride a scooter — we want to see it!



VOLUNTEER FEST & EMPTY BOWLS August 17, 2025

Get ready for a day of fun and community spirit! The Wood Buffalo Food Bank's 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff is teaming up with FuseSocial's Volunteer Fest for one exciting event you won't want to miss! Sample delicious chili, connect with local nonprofits, and discover how you can make a difference through volunteering. Plus, enjoy games, prizes, and live entertainment for the whole family!



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ELL Conversation Group

Every Wednesday

The weekly English Language Learners (ELL) Conversation Group at the Wood Buffalo Regional Library is geared towards TFWs and other non-permanent residents (18+) who want the opportunity to practice and improve their English.

The focus is on speaking, reading, and writing, with a different topic covered at each relaxed and informal session.

No registration required.

PEER SUPPORT IN PRACTICE INTENTIONS

Spring is a time of setting new intentions, the time for planting new seeds in your life. Like the New Year, the Spring Equinox is a time of new beginnings. Your spirit feels alive with new life, new inspirations, new things you want to grow and do in your life.

Intentional Peer Support is built on mutual learning, growth and social change.

Peer support demonstrates warmth, openness, curiosity and interest in others' experiences, stories and perspectives

Pays attention to where we connect and what we have in common and strives to reconnect with authenticity, owning one's own part

**JUNE
2-3**

Ribbon Skirt Project

In Partnership with Wood Buffalo Arts Council and Canadian Red Cross

**JUNE
23-25**

Community Connections

RCMP Bike Rodeo
Connection with NUNEE Wellness

**JULY
7**

Peer Project Session

Therese Tuccaco Secondary School in partnership with Canadian Red Cross

**JULY
8**

Knowledge is Power Connection Series

Sessions in Partnership with ATC
2 options available
1:00-3:00 pm OR 4:00-6:00pm

**JULY
29-31**

Community Connections

Collaboration conversations



ACoordinator@woodbuffalo.cmha.ab.ca

[@CMHA Fort Chipewyan](https://www.facebook.com/CMHAFortChipewyan)



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Wood Buffalo
Mental health for all



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CAR SEAT CLINIC

July 8th

11pm - 2pm

Fort McKay Band Hall Parking Lot

Have your car seat checked by a technician

Learn how to properly use and install your car seat. Ask questions about the next stage of car seat. Learn what fits in your vehicle.



Car Seat Clinic

July 8, 2025

11 am - 2 pm at the Fort McKay Band Hall

A free clinic to learn how to properly use and install your car seat. Ask questions about the next stage of car seat and learn what fits in your vehicle.

WISP Employer Session

September 3, 2025

The WISP supports local employers' experiencing ongoing labour shortages by providing a fast-track to permanent residency combined with newcomer support services. The program's goal is to attract and retain newcomers to become long-term residents of Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo.










































Multicultural Calendar

July 2025

You can also find our Multicultural Calendar on our website at any time by visiting mcawb.org/multicultural-calendar/

Monthly Observances

- July-August Sun Dance Ritual (Indigenous/Cree/Arapaho/Cheyenne/Sioux/Plains Peoples)
- July-August Green Corn Ceremony (Oklahoma Indigenous)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <div>✓  Canada Day Canada</div> <div> HKSAR Establishment Day Hong Kong</div> <div> Independence Day Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia</div> <div> Constitution Day Cayman Islands</div>	2	3	4 <div>✓  Independence Day USA</div>	5 <div>✓  Ashura Islam</div> <div> Independence Day Venezuela</div>
6 <div> NAIDOC Australia</div> <div> Dalai Lama's Birthday (Tibet) Buddhist</div> <div> Int'l Day of Cooperatives UN</div>	7 <div> Tanabata Japan</div>	8	9 <div> Martyrdom of the Báb Bahá'í</div> <div> Independence Day Argentina</div>	10 <div> Guru Purnima Jain</div> <div> Wassana/Dhamma Day Buddhist</div> <div> Independence Day Bahamas</div>	11 <div>✓  Imamat Day Islam</div> <div> Nadaam Festival (July 11 - 15) Mongolia</div> <div> World Population Day UN</div>	12 <div> Katimát (7th Month) Bahá'í</div>
13	14 <div> Battle of Boyne Ireland</div> <div> Bastille Day France</div> <div> Republic Day Iraq</div>	15	16	17	18 <div> Nelson Mandela's Birthday South Africa</div> <div> Munoz-Rivera Day Puerto Rico</div>	19
20 <div> Independence Day Colombia</div>	21 <div> Umi no hi Japan</div> <div> Independence Day Belgium</div>	22	23	24 <div> Pioneer Day Christian - Mormon</div> <div> Simon Bolivar Day Ecuador, Venezuela</div>	25 <div> Constitution Day Puerto Rico</div>	26 <div> Day of National Rebellion Cuba</div> <div> Independence Day Liberia</div>
27	28 <div> Independence Day Peru</div>	29	30 <div> Oh-Harai-Tasai Shinto</div>	31 <div> Kamál (8th Month) Bahá'í</div> <div> Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola Spain</div>		



Multicultural Calendar

August 2025

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Monthly Observances

- August Native Wild Rice Harvest (Northern Cree/Ojibwa/Akgonkian Indigenous)
- August Hopi Snake Dance (Hopi Indigenous)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ▲ Lughnasadh Pagan, Wicca ■ Emancipation Day Bermuda, Caicos Islands, Turks ■ Confederation Day Switzerland	2 ▲ Tish'a B'Av Jewish ▲ Ilinden Macedonia
3	4 ✓ ■ Civic Holiday / Heritage Day Canada ■ Summer Bank Holiday Ireland, Scotland	5	6 ■ Hiroshima Day Canada, Japan, USA ■ Independence Day Bolivia, Jamaica	7	8 ▲ Fravardeghan Zoroastrian	9 ▲ Raksha Bandham Hindu ■ National Women's Day South Africa ■ National Day Singapore ● Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous People UN
10 ■ Independence Day Ecuador	11	12 ● International Youth Day UN	13	14 ■ Independence Day Pakistan	15 ✓ ▲ Janmashtami Hindu ▲ Assumption Christian ■ Korean Liberation Day Korea ■ Independence Day India	16
17 ■ Independence Day Indonesia	18	19 ▲ Asmá (9th Month) Bahá'í ■ Independence Day Afghanistan ● World Humanitarian Day UN	20	21 ✓ ▲ Paryushna-Parva (Aug 21 - 29) Jain	22	23 ● Int'l Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade & its Abolition UN
24 ▲ Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Shenshai) Hindu ▲ Samvatsari Jain ■ Notting Hill Festival England, UK ■ Independence Day Ukraine	25 ■ Summer Bank Holiday UK ■ Independence Day Uruguay	26 ■ Onam (Aug 26 - Sept 7) India	27 ▲ Ganesh Chaturthi Hindu ■ Independence Day Moldova	28 ■ Ksmavani Jain	29	30 ■ St. Rosa of Lima Peru ■ Victory Day Turkey
31 ■ Merdeka (Freedom Day) Malaysia ■ Independence Day Trinidad & Tobago						



Multicultural Calendar

September 2025

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Monthly Observances

- National Hispanic Heritage Month (USA)
- September Sunrise Dance (Indigenous Apache)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ✓ Labour Day Canada, USA	2 Independence Day Vietnam	3	4 ✓ Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi Islam	5 International Day of Charity UN	6 ▲ Dashalakshani-Parva Jain ▲ Ananta-Chaturdasi Jain ■ Defense Day Pakistan
7 ▲ Īzzat (10th Month) Bahá'í ■ Father's Day Australia, New Zealand ■ Independence Day Brazil	8 International Literacy Day UN	9	10	11 ■ Day of Remembrance USA ■ Meskerem (New Year) Ethiopia	12 ▲ Gahambar Paitishahem (Sept 12 - 16) Zoroastrian	13
14	15 ■ Hispanic Heritage Month USA ■ Independence Day Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua ■ Kiero No Hi Japan	16 ■ Dia de la Independencia Mexico ● Int'l Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer UN	17 ■ Constitution Day USA	18 ■ Independence Day Chile	19 ■ Independence Day Saint Kitts, Nevis	20 ■ Oktoberfest Germany
21 ■ Independence Day Armenia, Malta ● International Day of Peace UN	22 AUTUMN EQUINOX International ✓ ▲ Rosh Hashana Jewish ▲ Navratri Hindu ▲ Mabon Pagan, Wicca ■ Chichen Itza Festival Mexico ■ Independence Day Bulgaria, Mali	23 ■ Shuki sorei sai Japan, Shinto ■ Unification Day Saudi Arabia	24 ■ Our Lady of Las Mercedes Dominican Republic, Peru ■ Heritage Day South Africa ■ Republic Day Trinidad & Tobago	25	26 ▲ Mashiyvat (11th Month) Bahá'í ● World Maritime Day UN	27
28 ▲ Durga Puja Hindu	29 ■ Fiesta San Miguel Mexico	30 ✓ ■ National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Canada ■ San Geronimo Day Indigenous, USAo				



Member Marketplace

Community Resources and Organizations



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Fort McMurray &
Wood Buffalo**
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RMWB Pulse Line
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780.750.9888



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ea@woodbuffalofoodbank.com
780.743.1125



**Wood Buffalo
Housing**
wbhousing.ca
info@wbhousing.ca
780.799.4050



**Fort McMurray Public
School District**
www.fmpsdschools.ca
info@fmpsdschools.ca
780.799.7900



**The Hub Family
Resource Centre**
thehubfrc.ca
inquiries@thehubfrc.ca
780.743.9225



**Canadian International Immigrant
& Refugee Support Association
(C.I.I.R.S.A.)**
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780.429.4553



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woodbuffalo@kidsport.ab.ca
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Justin Slade Youth Foundation
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780.791.9333



Mandla's Foundation
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Member Marketplace

Local Member Cultural Organizations and Artisan Marketplace



**Fort McMurray
Botswana Association**



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**Colombians in
Fort McMurray**



Tobacco & Tulips



**Bangladeshi Society
of Wood Buffalo**



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