

# Around Town



**Don't forget!**

- **April 14**  
Office closed
- **April 17**  
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- **April 19**  
Job Fair

## Brooks Unity Walk

March 21 marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and included the fifth annual Unity Walk in Brooks. BCIS partnered with the City of Brooks, the SPEC Association, Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus and the Francophone Association; and were joined by over 50 people who walked to the JBS Canada Centre from City Hall, to encourage unity within our community. Unity was celebrated at the JBS Canada Centre with our youth leading us in "Oh, Canada" followed by two performances by the Francophone Integration Program, Children and Youth.



The festivities included pizza and donuts as well as the unveiling of the unity banner. The unity banner is titled "Many Faces of Brooks, Our Youth, Our Future" and will be displayed at various locations throughout the community.

*Maddyx & Myah unveil the new banner.*

Thank you to all who joined us and supported a united City of Brooks.

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS by Naomi Mukadi



**Naomi Mukadi**  
A member of the BCIS youth group.

My name is **Naomi Mukadi** and I'm part of the BCIS youth group. Being part of such a diverse group with people from so many different parts of the globe has taught me so much, and influenced me in different ways. There are meetings that are held at least once a week, and our youth group leader talks to us about all aspects of life and how to progress as individuals. The meetings are very informative for all members that attend and the topics vary from day to day. The latest meeting was held on March 23, after school, and the topic was leadership. Joseph Octavious, our youth group lead, talked about

all the qualities that one should have in order to qualify as a good and influential leader. Qualities such as reliability, trustworthiness, and responsibility.

Reliability is an important quality of a leader, because all the members of the group look up to the leader to be able to show up when it's time, and to do their job. Trustworthiness is also important because, without trust, there is no foundation for a strong group, nor is there any trust amongst group members, if the leader can't be trusted. Being responsible is arguably the

most important quality of a leader. A responsible leader ensures that there is trust and respect among the group and they do their job as it should be done, without delays or errors.

When the leader of the group is a responsible one, it transfers to the rest of the group and it cultivates a respectable and safe environment for everyone.

It also helps to shape the rest of the group members to be respectful and productive members of society.



BCIS volunteers are guided through the fire hall by members of the Brooks Fire Department.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

Recently the BCIS volunteers toured the Brooks Fire Department.

The volunteers had the opportunity to check out the trucks, try on the equipment and even try out the fire pole!

They also had the opportunity to learn about the requirements for becoming a volunteer fire department member for the City of Brooks.

Thank you to the Brooks Fire department for the tour!



## WHAT'S GOING ON!



### Mortgages for First Time Home Buyers

Find out all the information you need to get your first mortgage.

**Sunday, April 9 @ 1 pm**

### Newcomers Workshop

Important information for newcomers to the community.

**Wednesday, April 19**

**TWO Sessions 11am-12pm or 5-6pm**

### Job Fair

Meet with employers one-on-one. Don't forget your resumé!

**Wednesday, April 19**

**12-6pm**

### Newell Tourism

Interested in what to do this summer in the County of Newell? Find out what amazing things the county has to offer.

**Time and Day TBA.**

### Lunch & Learn Series

Held on the last Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday, April 26**

**12-1 pm**



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### Office Hours

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