

## Mi'kmaw Language Classes

April 14 - June 30

at the cookhouse and online

Community language classes are re-starting. Classes will be hybrid, both **in-person** (at the cookhouse) as well as **online** (sign-up with shalan for zoom link).

The language teacher will be Maynard Marshall.

*Note for parents/guardians: if in-person, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.)*

### **Beginner Classes Mondays 6:00-7:00pm**

This class will be good for beginners of all stages. We will start with pronunciations and how to read the written language and build into basic conversation.



### **Special Topics Classes Mondays 7:30-8:30pm**

These sessions will each have a theme so that community members can pick which session/s they would like to attend. Here are the list of themes or sessions:

<b>April 14 7:30pm</b>	<b>Walking the Talk</b> (words/phrases about going walking)
<b>April 21 7:30pm</b>	<b>Prayers</b> (review pronunciation for a few common prayers)
<b>April 28 7:30pm</b>	<b>Fishing and Canoeing</b> (words/phrases around fishing and canoeing theme)
<b>May 5 7:30pm</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> (words/phrases about mothers and family; and preparing for Mi'kmaw Language Day coming up)
<b>May 12 7:30pm</b> Mi'kmaw Language Day!	<b>Commands</b> (phrases for families such as "come here", "hand me that", etc.)
<b>May 19 7:30pm</b>	<b>Songs</b> (review words and pronunciation to a few common Mi'kmaw songs such as the Honour Song)
<b>May 26 7:30pm</b>	<b>Gardening and flowers</b> (words/phrases about gardening, common plants and flowers)
<b>Thursday May 29</b> <b>6:00-8:30pm</b>	Games in-person (Maynard online)
<b>June 2 7:30pm</b>	<b>Swimming and Camping</b> (learn to talk about swimming and other camping-related phrases)
<b>June 9 7:30pm</b>	<b>Father's Day</b> (words/phrases about fathers, uncles and other family; and cooking phrases)
<b>June 16 7:30pm</b>	<b>Solstice / Indigenous People's Day</b> (words/phrases surrounding this day; and meanings/roots behind certain cultural terms and phrases)
<b>June 23 7:30pm</b>	Review
<b>June 30 7:30pm</b>	BINGO (play language BINGO)

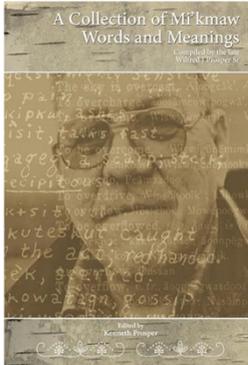
**News from the Language and Culture Coordinator (shalan):**

If you have questions about language planning or ideas please email me anytime:

[Lnuisimk@bearriverfirstnation.ca](mailto:Lnuisimk@bearriverfirstnation.ca)

\* And sign-up for language classes to participate online. Send me an email.

I will hold another drop-in session at the BRFN Health Centre community room  
**Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm and 6-8pm**



\* And community can pick up a copy of Kenny Prosper's new Mi'kmaw lexicon  
(One per household for now.)

We have more binders from the 2022-2023 adult language program. If you did not receive one and would like one, please contact me.

There are also a few games that the 2022-2023 program participants turned into language games. To borrow a game, please contact me.



The Monday following Mother's Day is now being recognized as the official ***Mi'kmaw Language Day*** in Nova Scotia. This year it will be Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>.



Celebrate in your household by saying Mi'kmaw words that you know and share with others!  
*(More information about the day will come soon.)*

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