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Learn Kirundi

Practice these Greetings & Phrases

Welcome > Kaze

Hello > Gute

Thank you > Urakoze


How are you? > Urakomeye?

Good Morning > Mwakeye

Have a nice day > ugire umusi mwiza

Translated by Elias Sindaikengera, interpreter and translator at MCC. If you are in need of our interpreter services, contact us at 605-367-7401.

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Last year the Festival of Cultures provided over 35,000 people with cultural education, diversity, and community involvement.

This is a free event to the public. The education provided through the display of customs, color, music, art, food, and dance is inclusive of, and welcoming to, all cultural communities. In 2015, Festival of Cultures had over 40 countries represented as vendors and entertainment, and many more as attendees. We encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to attend and participate in Festival of Cultures.

This year will mark the 20th Annual Festival of Cultures. The goal is for participants to learn something new. We want diversity to be prevalent and valued, and to be seen as an asset to our community. Festival of Cultures is a cohesive interaction of people from all backgrounds, and our hope is that

participants embrace the opportunity to see the world from a different point of view.

With awesome entertainment, fabulous food, and outstanding shopping, there is fun to be had by all. Oh, did I mention the kid's world? We wouldn't forget the children. The recreation is off the charts!

An event of this magnitude requires many partners. From volunteers to sponsorships we appreciate and encourage involvement from the community. We still are in need of both, volunteers and sponsorships. If you are interested in sponsorship contact: michelle@sfmcc.org and to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.volunteerspot.com/group/101929453006>

Rent the Coliseum

Unique Historic Event Venue

Rent the Coliseum for:

- ✓ Weddings
- ✓ Seminars & Luncheons
- ✓ Fundraising Events
- ✓ Reunions & Anniversaries
- ✓ Plays or Musicals
- ✓ Corporate Retreats & Events
- ✓ Graduations
- ✓ Dances
- + More

The Coliseum is more popular than ever before. The commercial kitchen is a big draw for many events and is included in the rental price. The Coliseum is larger than most banquet facilities in the area boasting 9,400 sq. ft. of space on the main floor: enough for 1000+ theater seating and 400+ banquet seating!

Contact rentals@sfmcc.org for pricing & availability

(605) 367-7401



C.A.R.E. Camp

Summer Camp



It is time to sign up for C.A.R.E. Camp! C.A.R.E. is cultural appreciation, respect, and education. This is a science and math (STEM) focused camp while offering unique cultural experiences, recreational opportunities, nutritional education, and much more. Students of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

During summer vacation, many students lose some knowledge learned during the school year. According to research done by RAND Education, by the end of summer, students perform, on average, one month behind where they left off in the spring. MCC is helping to combat this by offering educational based summer camps for free.

Each camp offers different activities. Some activities in past years have included science exploration, Outdoor Campus, the forensics lab at the Sioux Falls Police Department, 4-H, field trips, community gardening, picnics, Sioux Falls Fire and

Rescue, and activities at the Washington Pavilion.

Each session is two weeks long, Monday through Friday, from 9am to 3pm. Transportation is available within bus boundaries. Registration is FREE, but you must register. Sign up early! Sessions are limited to just 60 children (K through 5th grade) per camp.

For more information on C.A.R.E. see our website <http://www.sfmcc.org/C-A-R-E-Camp-s/1826.htm> or stop by the Multi-Cultural Center and pick up our C.A.R.E. Camp brochure

Job Skills Program

Training & Work Connections

- ✓ Training in Basic Job Skills
- ✓ Get Help Searching For Jobs
- ✓ Learn How to Fill Out a Job Application
- ✓ Practice Interview Techniques
- ✓ Understand U.S. Work Rules & Culture

Schedule Your Appointment to Register

Call (605) 367-7401



Meet the Staff

Gihan Ismael

Meet Gihan. She works with the children in our After-School Program, and helps to transport them from school to MCC. Gihan is one of our much utilized Arabic interpreters. When she is not with the kids after school, she is generally on assignment for interpreting.

Gihan is from Egypt and Libya. She moved to Sioux Falls in 2010 and she has four children that keep her very busy. In her spare time she volunteers at the Muslim Community Center teaching Arabic.



After-School Program



Nearly 80% of future careers will require a solid foundation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) areas. However, many students never develop the basic analytical, problem-solving skills important to academic achievement and subsequently, high school graduation. As a result, many students drop out of high school and then have difficulty competing in the current workforce. The After-School Program helps these children achieve the success they deserve.

Career Closet

Dress to Impress

The Career Closet at the Multi-Cultural Center offers career and work wear free-of-charge to anyone in need.

Hours

Mon: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Tue: Closed

Wed - Fri: 9:00am – 2:00pm

**The Career Closet relies on the community for donations of clothing. Please consider donating clean, gently-worn men's and women's clothing and accessories.*

Donations accepted Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Education

First-time Homebuyers Class



Home ownership is on most people's list as a priority in life. These great people are from the Congolese community are no different. They are getting all their questions answered and more about first time home buying in South Dakota. Providing education and diversity training is a priority for Multi-Cultural Center and it is how we make this great community stronger.

For more information on C.A.R.E . Camp: <http://www.sfmcc.org/C-A-R-E-Camp-s/1826.htm>



Pictured are some of our awesome kids that are involved in the Judo class at MCC. The instructor, Brad Walker is also the owner and head instructor at Dakota Budokan. Judo is known as “the gentle art” or “the gentle way”. The techniques are based on timing, leverage and knowledge. Judo is free at MCC, it is every Tuesday night, and everyone is invited to participate.

Language Classes

Its official! The next Spanish class will begin May 10th. It will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7pm for six weeks. If you're a beginner or even intermediate you will learn valuable information in this class.

Some of the benefits of knowing a second language are being a better job prospect, brain health, opening up opportunities for better travel experiences, improving your

understanding of the world, and personal achievement. Learning a second language is certainly something to be proud of.

We would also like to start an Arabic language class. If you are interested in learning any language, contact michelle@sfmcc.org.

Job Opportunities

Join our Hard-Working Team

Bus Driver – Part Time

Make an impact with the children in our community! The bus driver would provide bus transportation to students from assigned schools to MCC and then home. Other responsibilities include: document bus attendance, perform daily bus inspection, provide appropriate supervision to students utilizing MCC transportation, and more. Hours: M – F 1:30pm – 6pm. [Learn more.](#)

Native Youth Club Teacher – Part Time

Make a difference with children in our After-School Programs as the Native Youth Club teacher. We are seeking an individual who has the cultural capability, knowledge, and experience to teach elementary students basic cultural skills outlined in the South Dakota Office of Indian Education Essential Understandings and Standards. Job duties include program operation, assistant

No phone calls. Please email resume and cover letter to Christy Nicolaisen at Christy@sfmcc.org

assignments, maintaining complete and accurate records and databases, working with other office activities/events, as well as administrative support services.

Interpreter or Translator – Part-time, On Call Assignments

We are currently looking for interpreters and translators for the following languages; Arabic, Spanish, Kunama, Bosnian, Amharic, Somali (female), Nepali (male & female), and Lao, although, all languages are encouraged to apply. [Learn more.](#)

Asst. Teacher/Van Driver & C.A.R.E. Camp Asst.

Perfect for education majors and other college students who love children. Year-round opportunity to make a difference with children in our After-School Programs. This individual will document daily attendance, assist assigned students in the designated After-School Program; assist in the implementation of diversity and inclusion initiatives; provides appropriate guidance and supervision to program participants.