

From the Tap: The Safe Drinking Water Foundation Newsletter

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From the Executive Director's Desk...

We have had a busy September – but that is what we expect of September! On Thursday, September 5, I was on Saskatoon CTV Morning Live talking about our organization and the Human Condition Comedy Tour's stop in Saskatoon the following night in support of Safe Drinking Water Foundation. Then, of course, Friday, September 6, was the Human Condition Comedy Tour's stop in Saskatoon and the show at the Capitol was wonderful! I also presented a World Water Day webinar for Streamable Learning/Live Learning Canada on Friday, September 20, 2019.

Additionally, I was on the Planning Committee for the World Rivers Day event in Saskatoon

(Celebrate Our River!). On Thursday, September 26, I travelled to Pike Lake for their Community Barbecue, since Pike Lake School won our Student Action on Saskatchewan Water Attitudes Competition last school year. We also launched our Fall 2019 Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition! Of course, being the start of the school year also meant that hundreds of teachers requested sponsored kits. It has been good – we like being busy!



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Thank You S. M. Blair Family Foundation!

S. M. Blair Family Foundation provided us with \$3,400 to extend our Summer Youth Employee's employment with us for six weeks, enabling her to finish creating the curriculum connections document for the redeveloped Operation Water Spirit program, and for us to create videos that are helpful to teachers.



S.M. Blair
Family Foundation

Thank You Affinity Credit Union!

North West District of Affinity Credit Union provided us with \$2,805 to send sponsored water testing kits to schools in their area.



Thank You Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation!

Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation approved our grant request for \$2,295 to send sponsored water testing kits to schools in their catchment area.



Thank You Rotary Club of Saskatoon North!

Rotary Club of Saskatoon North provided us with \$2,000 to continue to educate students about drinking water quality issues and solutions.



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Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/safedrinkingwaterfoundation/> to like our Facebook Page!

Follow us on Twitter [@SafeDrinkingWa1](https://twitter.com/SafeDrinkingWa1)!

The Human Condition Comedy Tour Performance in Saskatoon in Support of SDWF

Friday, September 6, 2019, The Human Condition Comedy Tour performed at The Capitol in Saskatoon in support of SDWF. Frank Russo, Shawn Gramiak and Scott Porteous entertained the crowd of approximately 40 people with their stand-up comedy performances.



Request Sponsored Kits to Use with Your Students!

It is the beginning of the school year! It is a great time to request sponsored kits!

Visit www.safewater.org/sponsored-kit-request-form and request sponsored kits to use with your students. The form only takes about three minutes to complete!



World Rivers Day Webinar and Saskatoon Event

World Rivers Day always takes place the fourth Sunday in September. It is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the value of rivers, strives to increase public awareness, and encourages the improved stewardship of all rivers around the world. Rivers face a large number of threats and we need to ensure their health. It began in British Columbia, Canada, as BC Rivers Day, in 1980. Mark Angelo is an internationally celebrated river conservationist and he started BC Rivers Day and proposed a World Rivers Day Event. The United Nations saw the event as a good fit for the aims of the Water for Life Decade and approved the proposal. The first World Rivers Day took place in 2005; it was a great success and was celebrated across dozens of countries.

SDWF participated in two events for World Rivers Day 2019.

We held a webinar on Friday, September 20 for Streamable Learning/Live Learning Canada. If you are an educator who receives our email messages, you had the opportunity to be one of our guests at this webinar. The webinar was about what World Rivers Day is, what we know about Canadian rivers, what we know about American rivers, and how rivers are related to our drinking water.

We also had a booth at the Saskatoon Farmers' Market for the World Rivers Day event in Saskatoon that we organized with Meewasin, South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards, and Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin – Celebrate Our River! Approximately 500 people visited our booth and learned about our organization, the educational programs we offer, and had the opportunity to do some hands-on water testing.



Celebration at Pike Lake

Pike Lake School won the Student Action on Saskatchewan Water Attitudes Competition that we held last school year. We were invited to their Community Barbecue that took place on Thursday, September 26. We were able to see the unveiling of their water bottle cap art project and present them with their plaque.

We learned that the water bottle filling station is already proving to be a very exciting and useful addition to their school!



Compete in the Fall 2019 Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition!

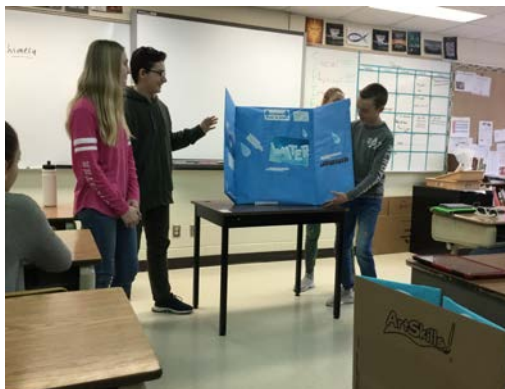
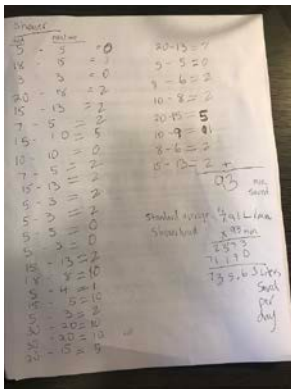
Thanks to funding from The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and RBC, we are holding a Fall 2019 Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition.

This competition is open to all students, in kindergarten to grade 12, in Canada. Students will investigate water issues in their community/area. The competition will involve students surveying their community to get an understanding of knowledge and attitudes on a topic of their choice and presenting their findings in a report. The grand prize will be for the top school in Canada. It is valued at \$3,000 and includes a water bottle filling station, a commemorative plaque, and possibly some reusable water bottles and/or water testing kits! There will also be a prize package for the top school in Saskatchewan. It is valued at \$2,200 and includes a water bottle filling station and a commemorative plaque. (Note: If the top school in Canada is located in Saskatchewan then the second place school in Saskatchewan will win the prize package valued at \$2,200.)

We will hold webinars that will explain every step of the project. We will be there to support the teachers and their students every step of the way! We will always be available to answer questions, help with tech issues, or just to discuss ideas!

By joining us in changing attitudes on water issues facing Canadian residents, your students not only will have a chance to win an amazing water themed prize package but will also be proactive in positive change in their community and environment!

Visit www.safewater.org/student-action-competition to register today!






Purchase Kits to Be Guaranteed to Have Valuable Hands-on Resources to Use with Your Students!

The beginning of the school year is a wonderful time to use relevant, authentic, hands-on materials with your students to motivate them!

An Operation Water Pollution kit costs \$170 and is guaranteed to be reusable for at least two years – so all of the students in your school can use it! Each Elementary Operation Water Drop kit, High School Operation Water Drop kit, or Operation Water Biology kit can be used with a classroom of approximately 30 eager learners! Each Elementary Operation Water Drop kit costs \$85 (total, shipping & handling included!), and each High School Operation Water Drop kit or Operation Water Biology kit costs \$170 (again, shipping & handling included!).

To purchase kits:

-  Purchase kits on our website (www.safewater.org/order-kits)
-  Or phone us at 1-306-934-0389 and provide us with your Visa or MasterCard information.
-  Or mail a cheque payable to Safe Drinking Water Foundation to #1-912 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 0Z6. We accept purchase orders too.

State of Drinking Water Quality in Canada

According to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1506514143353/1533317130660) as of September 3, 2019 there were 56 long-term (meaning the advisory has been in place for more than a year) drinking water advisories in effect in First Nations communities. In addition, according to Health Canada (<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1562856509704/1562856530304>) as of October 2, 2019, there were 47 short-term Drinking Water Advisories in place in First Nations communities. These numbers include public water systems financially supported by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) but not systems in British Columbia and within the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

In total, across Canada, according to watertoday.ca (www.watertoday.ca) as of October 3, 2019 there were 879 Boil Water Advisories and 43 Do Not Consume Orders.

Sign Up to Receive Drinking Water Quality News from Safe Drinking Water Team (SDWT)

The goal of SDWT is safe drinking water from every tap. The team members are First Nations water treatment operators and scientific advisors who help First Nations water treatment operators and rural water treatment operators with their water treatment challenges. SDWT also promotes the best available technology for water treatment and advocates for stricter guidelines and regulations for drinking water.

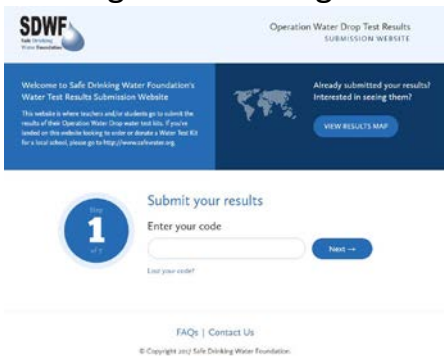
SDWT emails information about drinking water quality issues and solutions once a month. To receive this valuable information please visit www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org and enter your name and email address at the bottom of the homepage to subscribe to their mailing list or send an email with the subject "Subscribe" to safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com.



Reminder to Teachers: Please Don't Forget to Submit Your Students' Results to the Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website!

Please submit your students' Operation Water Drop (OWD) test results! Not only will you be involving your students in citizen science, but you will also receive a token of our appreciation! If you have used one or more OWD kits with your students, please go to testresults.safewater.org in order to enter their results. If you have lost your code(s) click on the Lost your code? link, enter your email address, and your code(s) will be emailed to you.

If you received a sponsored kit thanks to Lush, then you agreed to submit your students' OWD results after having used the kit; this was a condition of receiving a sponsored kit through this funding.



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Operation Water Drop Test Results
SUBMISSION WEBSITE

Welcome to Safe Drinking Water Foundation's
Water Test Results Submission Website

This website is where teachers and/or students go to submit the
results of their Operation Water Drop water test kits. (You're
looking on this website looking to order or donate a Water Test Kit
for a local school, please go to <http://www.safewater.org>.)

Already submitted your results?
Interested in seeing them?

VIEW RESULTS MAP

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Submit your results

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As Little as \$85 Can Put Authentic Water Testing Materials in the Hands of 30 Elementary Students in Your Community!

There are hundreds of Canadian schools on the waiting list for sponsored kits - we are certain that at least one of the schools is near you! You can make it possible for a classroom of students to learn about water quality issues and solutions, be supported and encouraged in sharing knowledge with others and in taking action to alleviate drinking water quality issues, to participate in citizen science, and to test the water they drink every day, for as little as \$85. Please phone us at 1-306-934-0389 to find out more about how you can sponsor a kit for a school near you, or visit our homepage (www.safewater.org) where you will find an interactive map of all of the Canadian schools that are waiting for sponsored kits. Click on the school for which you would like to buy a kit and use our easy, online system to sponsor a kit for that school! You can make a difference in the lives of students!

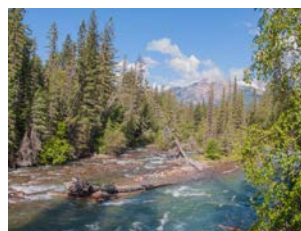


What is The Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association Inc.?

The Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association Inc. is a non-profit organization whose focus is to assist First Nations water systems operators. Its mission is to provide an opportunity for education, training, networking and skills enhancement to the staff involved in the day-to-day operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems.

Find out more by visiting www.fnwa.ca!

First Nations Water Association Inc.






Please Do One of the Smartest Things You Can Do to Improve the Drinking Water Quality Situation in Canada: Donate to Safe Drinking Water Foundation

You can make it possible for us to educate the leaders of today and tomorrow about drinking water quality issues and solutions by making a donation. Donors can choose to make one-time, monthly or annual donations. If organizations donate \$1,000 or more they will receive recognition in SDWF's quarterly newsletters twice, and if they donate \$10,000 or more they will also receive recognition on SDWF's website for one year (the SDWF website receives over 554,000 unique visitors per year) and their logo will include a hyperlink to their website. All donors are also thanked on our Facebook page and in our Facebook group. For more information, please visit:

www.safewater.org/donate

Thanks to everyone who has made a donation!

Donations can be made:

-  On our website (www.safewater.org/donate)
-  By phoning us at 1-306-934-0389 with your Visa or MasterCard information.
-  By mailing a cheque payable to Safe Drinking Water Foundation to #1-912 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 0Z6.

Receipts for income tax purposes are issued for all donations of \$20 or more. If you have any questions or would like to simply phone us and make a donation with a Visa or MasterCard please do not hesitate to call us at 1-306-934-0389. Thank you!



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