

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District



IF THERE ARE ANY INDIGENOUS STUDENTS, TEACHING, ACTIVITIES, OR HIGHLIGHTS FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE SCHOOLS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE BE INCLUDED, PLEASE FORWARD TO BRANDI OR JOHANNE.



What's happening

Canada's largest collection of Indigenous Studies videos plus over 21,000 titles correlated to all areas of the K-12 curriculum!



Fully bilingual streaming platform

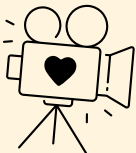
Create and save playlists for teaching and student use

NEW content added weekly

Can-Core can be accessed on the school internet simply by going to can-core.ca.

Can-Core can be accessed from home by logging in with the following shared account:

User Name: **sd44guest** Password: **LionsGate**



Additional help resources are available here:

Help - Canadian Core Curriculum On-Demand - www.can-core.ca



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What's happening: Track & Field Day @ Swangard

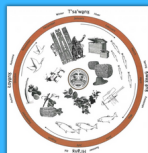


CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ATHLETES! ALSO, GREAT JOB TO OUR YOUNG INDIGENOUS LEADER LOGAN S. FROM WESTVIEW, FOR PROVIDING THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

What's Happening: Student's Connecting with the Land



Kwakwaka'wakw Seasons

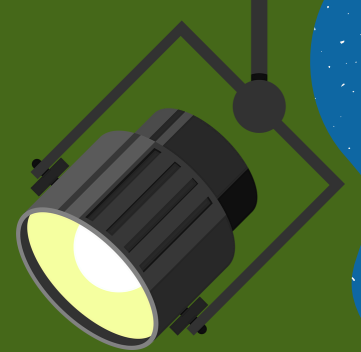


Spring is an important time of year for harvesting for Indigenous Peoples.



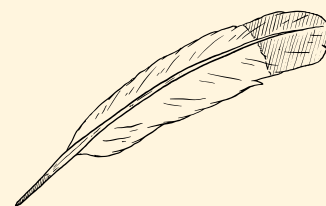
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Indigenous Education Staff Spotlight



Staff at Windsor Secondary

My great great great grandfather was Chief Ongpatonga (“Big Elk”) of the Omaha Nation from approximately 1810-1850. His daughter Meumbane (“Bright Sun”) was my great great grandmother. Meumbane’s granddaughter was my Grandma Grace who attended Haskell Institute, a residential school which is now Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. Her daughter and my mother, Joyce, a professor emeritus, was the Director of American Indian projects at the University of Minnesota, Duluth where I did my Masters Degree. My Masters thesis focused on interviewing Omaha Elders about their ideas for representing Omaha history at an Omaha cultural centre. I currently have the privilege of teaching English First Peoples 11 and Indigenous Support at Windsor Secondary. It was a true honour to be blanketed with other NVSD teachers when the First Peoples requirement was introduced in our Province. I am committed to environmental sustainability and social justice. I live and play in Deep Cove with my husband Ryan, our son Kai, our daughter Sierra, and our dog Tanner. I value the opportunity to live and teach on the unceded traditional territory of the *səlilwətał Nation and the Skwxwú7mesh Nation*.



Staff at Windsor Secondary

My name is Nancy Deminger and I have been an Indigenous Support Teacher (enrolling) at Windsor Secondary since 2000. I am now teaching 2nd generation students! It has been a highlight of my career having this class. I have learned so much from all my students. I am grateful for the trust and support that I have received from both the Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Announcements

Upcoming Days of Significance of 2024

- June 1st-30th- Indigenous People's Month
- June 1st-30th-Pride Month
- June 16-18th-Fathers Day Powwow
- June 21st - National Indigenous Peoples Day
- July 9th-Nunavut Day
- July 10th- Huron Tract Treaty of 1827 Anniversary
- Aug 9th-International Day of World Indigenous People's



Announcements: Father's Day Powwow



Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society
Updates and more details at facebook.com/vanabhealthsociety

FIRST ANNUAL Honouring our Fathers, Grandfathers, and Sons

POW WOW

JUNE 16, 17, 18

AKA **AHO!-CHELLA**

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

6:00 PM Field Opens
7:00 PM Grand Entry
8:00 PM Run All Categories
9:30 PM Closing

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 AM Field Opens
11:00 AM Open Floor for Singing
1:00 PM Grand Entry #1
2:00 PM Tiny Tot Special & Junior Categories
4:00 PM VAHS Coming Out Ceremony
5:00 PM Traditional Supper
6:30 PM Grand Entry #2
7:00 PM Golden Age & Adult Categories
9:00 PM Ladies Fancy Shawl Special
9:30 PM Closing

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

9:00 AM Field Opens
11:00 AM Open Floor for Singing
12:00 PM Father's Day Honour Walk @ Commercial-Broadway
1:00 PM Grand Entry
2:00 PM All Dance Categories (Junior to Golden Age)
5:30 PM Mens, Teens, Junior Boys Special
6:00 PM Final Closing Ceremony & Payouts

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE
SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Qaqā-wam (Young Wolf) Chris Wells

ARENA DIRECTOR
Meleme-st'ye Everett White

HOST DRUMS
Blackstone Singers
Young Spirit

Drum groups are welcome!

DAILY FIELD PARKING
available by donation
(suggested \$5-10/day)

PUBLIC TRANSIT
#20 or #22 @ Parker St.
via Commercial or Clark

Britannia Soccer Field
1661 Napier St. Vancouver, BC



Announcements: Indigenous People's Month

About National Indigenous People's Month

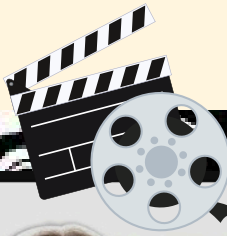
In 2009, the House of Commons designated the month of June as National Aboriginal People's History month, later changed to National Indigenous People's month in 2017. June is a time to honour, celebrate and recognize Indigenous cultures, languages, stories, achievements and resiliency that continue to positively impact Canada today.

June 21st marks summer solstice, which is an important time of year for cultural ceremonies in many Indigenous communities.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PUBLIC ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

There are many cultural events happening across the lower mainland. Click the links below for more info.

- [Indigenous Tourism BC](#)
- [CBC-What's Happening in BC](#)
- [Vancouver's best places](#)
- [MOA-Reopening June 13 @5pm](#)



Announcements: Indigenous People's Day

It is with gratitude and honour that we are on the Unceded Territories of the
xʷməθkʷəy̓əm | Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh | Squamish & səliłwətaʔ | Tseil-Waututh Nations

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATION

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES  **INDIGENOUS MARKET**

HOSTED BY JOSIAH AMAYA
WELCOME BY NICHOLAS KOFI
LIVE ART BY JESSE GOUCHEY



**21
JUNE**

**HAYLEY WALLIS
ZACH SAUNDERS**  **ONE WAY SKY**

**GRANDVIEW PARK
1657 CHARLES ST, VANCOUVER BC**

12-4PM

11:00AM CELEBRATION WALK STARTING FROM VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE SOCIETY
1719 FRANKLIN STREET - REFRESHMENTS - WEAR YOUR REGALIA, BRING YOUR DRUM



Announcements: Indigenous People's Day

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

HOSTED BY SPIRIT OF THE CHILDREN SOCIETY

AMPLIFYING INDIGENOUS
VOICES THROUGH

STORIES OF
STRENGTH

SONGS OF
RESILIENCE

FEATURING
GEORGE LEACH

STAR CHILD • WILD MOCCASIN DANCERS • WILLIAM NAHANE
GALGAPOŁA DANCERS • WACEYA METIS SOCIETY • JANE WILEY
FLORESIN INFERNO • TAWAHUM • FRANCIS BAPTISTE

Let's come together as a community
and ignite conversations, share stories,
and uplift Indigenous voices.

JUNE 21, 2024
MOODY PARK
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

WWW.NEWWESTCITY.CA/NATIONAL-INDIGENOUS-PEOPLES-DAY



Spirit
OF THE CHILDREN SOCIETY

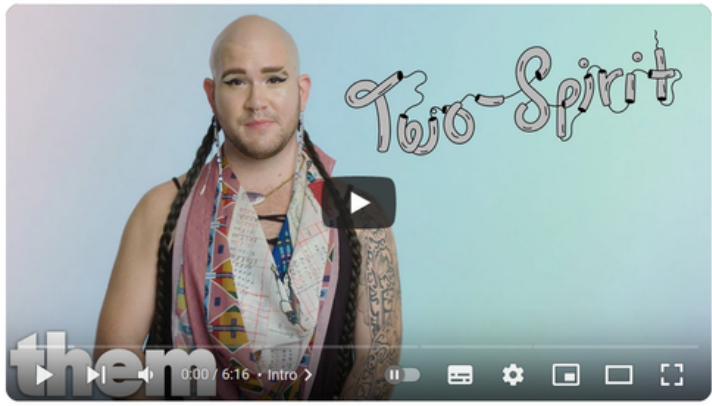



NEW WESTMINSTER

June is Pride Month



"Hey what does the '2S' mean in LGBTQIA2S+?"



What Does "Two-Spirit" Mean? | InQuery | them.

Two-Spirit Identity

Click Here!



First Stories - Two Spirited
Sharon A. Desjarlais | 2007 | 6 min | CC
This short documentary presents the empowering story of Rodney Geeyo Poucette's struggle against prejudice in the Indigenous community as a two-spirited person...



Indigenous Change Makers: Kent Monkman



Monkman often includes his gender-fluid, Two-Spirit persona Miss Chief Eagle Testickle in his work. In most painting we see them adorned with rainbow earrings, flowing sheer and glossy red fabric, and Louboutins.



Listen to CBC Radio Podcast



READ MORE



"I created Miss Chief Eagle Testickle to offer an Indigenous perspective on the European settlers and to also present a very empowered point of view of Indigenous sexuality pre-contact. We had our own traditions of gender and sexuality that didn't fit the male/female binary. Miss Chief is a legendary being, she comes from the stars."

Kent Monkman

mistikôsiwak (Wooden Boat People): Resurgence of the People

Announcement: Team BC NAIG

Calling all First Nations, Métis Chartered Communities, Friendship Centres, and Indigenous organizations. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to host Provincial Athlete Camps in your communities!

Applications must be received before **4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 11 2024.**

SCAN TO APPLY

BC INDIGENOUS
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
& ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

CALL FOR HOST APPLICATIONS

2024/25 Provincial Athlete Camps

First Nations, Métis Chartered Communities, Friendship Centres, and Indigenous Organizations

TEAM BC

1 or 2 day athlete camps for:
Artic Sports · Archery · Athletics (Track & Field)
Badminton · Basketball · Canoe/Kayak · Golf
Lacrosse (Box) · Rifle Shooting · Soccer · Softball
Swimming · Volleyball · Wrestling

www.ISPARC.ca

Announcements: Nunavut Land Claims Agreement & Nunavut Day

May 25th, 2024 marks the 31st anniversary of the signing of Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

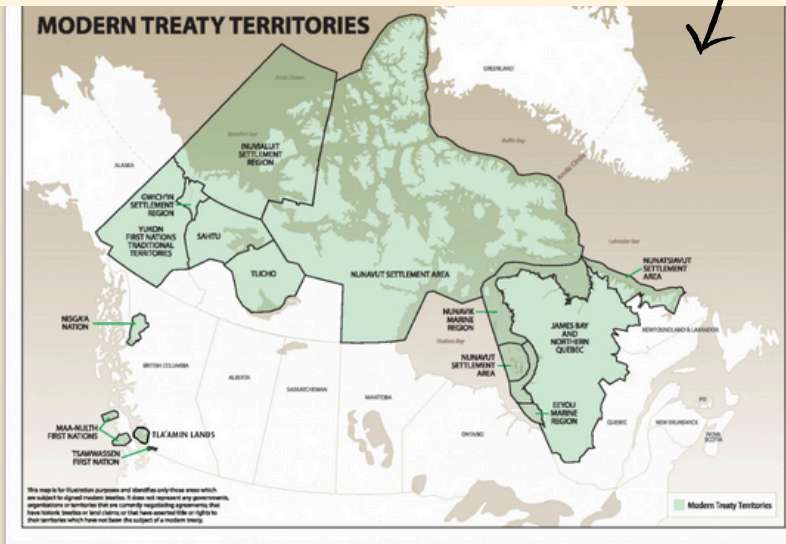
July 9th is *Nunavut day*, which commemorates passing of two Nunavut acts. The Canadian Parliament passed the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act and the Nunavut Act on July 9, 1993. Nunavut officially split from the Northwest Territories and became a Canadian territory on April 1, 1999.



Teaching & Learning
Ch. 13 & 14



'It's high time': Nunavut officially takes over land, resource responsibilities from feds" Article



"The significance of the NCLA is this is the first time that a majority of Indigenous populations have been granted considerable self-government within a modern state".



The Creation of Nunavut - Welcome To Canadian Politics!

Nunavut is the largest and newest territory of Canada, located in the northernmost part of the country. Nunavut was officially created on April 1, 1999, when the Northwest Territories were divided into two territories...

||| Welcome To Canadian Politics |



Announcements: Hope and Health Community Camp



July 18th, 2024 -- 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



BC Place
777 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver
V6B 4Y8



Held in partnership with BC Place and BC Soccer, Hope and Health is very excited to announce our 11th Annual Community Camp at BC Place.

Come join us for a day of incredible family and community fun and kicking it with UBC Thunderbirds, Hope and Health community coaches and other special friends such as the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, All My Relations Basketball, Golf Canada's First Tee, EA SPORTS and MORE!



The day will include: a traditional opening, cultural activities, crafts, bouncy castle, face painting and LOTS of opportunity to be active, build our soccer and sports skills - along with a champion's mindset!

EVERYONE AND ALL AGES WELCOME!

ALL participants will receive a jersey and soccer ball. Lunch and hydration provided.

Come as one, with your family or as a community!

The Hope and Health cleat table will be set up to pick out a new pair of cleats- on a first come, first select basis. We have a limited supply and a variety of sizes- so get there early to make the most of this opportunity!



Inquiries/Program Info:
If you would like more information or require support through the registration process, please connect with:

Sabrina Anderson
Coach, Provincial Coordinator
e: sabrina@hopeandhealth.org

Resources: Moose Hide Campaign-May 16th



CLICK HERE

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN
CAMPAGNE MOOSE HIDE

Wear a moose hide pin on any day of the year to show your commitment to end violence against Indigenous women and children



Join the virtual keynote speaker:

REGISTER NOW

Raven
Lacerte



What Can You Do?

- Learn about the issue: Domestic violence against Indigenous women & girls
- In class discussion about the moose hide campaign
- Host a school neighbourhood walk
- Explore the free & accessible lesson plans



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Educational Resource: Turtle Island: A digital Counter Story



Turtle Island: A Digital Counter-Story



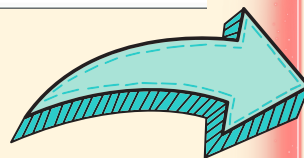
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Literacy students



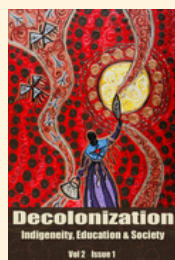
STORY
SCAN ME



“Stories in Indigenous epistemologies are disruptive, sustaining, knowledge producing, and theory-in-action” (Sium & Ritskes, p. II)



About Turtle Island
digital story



Click Here

Indigenous Counter Stories in Truth & Reconciliation Article

This article delves into the significance of Indigenous storytelling as a powerful tool for decolonization and resistance against Western norms. It emphasizes the transformative nature of storytelling, highlighting its role in reclaiming Indigenous identities and challenging colonial narratives. The authors stress the importance of engaging with these stories with honesty and openness, allowing them to inspire action and promote dialogue. Indigenous storytelling is portrayed as a form of ceremony that seeks to undo colonial influences and reimagine Indigenous experiences. The article underscores the complexity and richness of Indigenous storytelling, positioning it as a vital component of decolonization theory and Indigenous resurgence.



Eric Ritskes, University of Toronto.



Aman Sium, University of Toronto.

References:

Sium and Ritskes. (2013). Speaking truth to power: Indigenous storytelling as an act of living resistance. *Decolonization: Indigeneity, education & society*, 2(1) X-II.

Educational Resource: Indigenous Earth Day



CLICK HERE

Francois Paulette talks climate change @ the 2015 Parliament



Innu writer Melissa Mollen Dupuis

Inuk author, Ashley Qilavaq-Savard



Click Here

Everyday is Earth Day for Indigenous People Article

This two page article discusses the vital role of Indigenous Peoples and their knowledge in promoting planetary health. It emphasizes the historical and ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous communities, such as colonialism, racism, and marginalization, and how they are disproportionately affected by poverty and reduced life expectancy. Despite these challenges, Indigenous Peoples continue to protect and steward about 80% of Earth's remaining biodiversity. The article calls for the recognition and incorporation of Indigenous knowledge systems in climate change and health-related initiatives to ensure a holistic approach to planetary health. It also highlights the need for Indigenous leadership in shaping research, policy, and practice to address environmental issues effectively



References:

Redvers, N., Warbrick, I., Kokunda, S. Porokwa, A., Taylor, J., Bingham. B. & Roth, G. (2024). Every day is Earth Day: Indigenous peoples and their knowledges for planetary health. In *The Lancet*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(24\)00704-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(24)00704-9)

Educational Resource: Reel Canada Recorded Event

Rctv: Honouring Truth and Reconciliation

[CLICK HERE](#)

Couldn't make the livestream date? You can still watch an interactive recording any time afterwards.

Rctv livestream: Honouring Truth and Reconciliation

Join us for a nationwide conversation reflecting on Canada's legacy of Indian Residential Schools and pathways towards reconciliation. This FREE recorded event will showcase the powerful short documentary, Honour to Senator Murray Sinclair, by legendary Abenaki filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin.



After watching the film, students engaged in a live, virtual Q&A discussion with our moderator and special guests, and students across the country. While watching the broadcast, youth used our online platform to submit their questions for our special guests and participate in discussion boards, polls, chat, and more. As always, teachers will receive lesson plans and support resources geared specifically toward this event to enrich student learning.

This recorded livestream is suitable for Grades 9-12, for both in-class or virtual learning. It's presented as part of our annual National Canadian Film Day on April 17th, at 9am. But even if the live date doesn't work for teachers' schedules, they **can still watch an interactive recording afterwards**. We will also be providing a French-subtitled recording of the livestream in the weeks following the event.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)

For any questions, more information, or want to preview the film, here's how to connect:

- email: contactus@reelcanada.ca
- call at: 1-888-508-0881, ext. 229

Métis Courses & Resources: including a Michif language course!

Métis Courses for Educators:
(Click the links to learn more)

1. [Connecting to the Land, the Métis Way Summer Course](#) - Early Bird Registration Open until May 31st.

Métis Resources for Learners:

1. [Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use](#)
2. [Metis 'Connecting to the Land' Children's Book Bundle](#)



A banner for the Summer 2024 Outdoor Learning Course. It features the Outdoor Learning School logo, a photo of two children, a book cover for 'Relatives With Roots', and a portrait of the course facilitator, Leah Marie Dorion. Text includes 'SUMMER 2024 OUTDOOR LEARNING COURSE', 'CONNECTING TO THE LAND, THE METIS WAY', 'COURSE FACILITATOR LEAH MARIE DORION', '4 Part Learning Series', 'course resource', and a 'REGISTER' button with the URL 'OUTDOORLEARNINGSTORE.COM'. A yellow callout bubble says 'Early Bird Ends May 31st!' and a mouse cursor points to the register button.

A banner for Métis Courses & Resources. It features a colorful floral pattern, the book cover for 'Relatives With Roots', the book cover for 'Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use' by Christi Belcourt, and the Outdoor Learning logo. The text 'Métis Courses & Resources' is prominently displayed in purple.

With 100% of proceeds going back into outdoor learning non-profit initiatives, [The Outdoor Learning Store](#) is a charitable social enterprise grown in the homelands of the Secwepemc and Ktunaxa, and flourishing across Turtle Island (North America). We understand that Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives are foundational to Outdoor Learning.