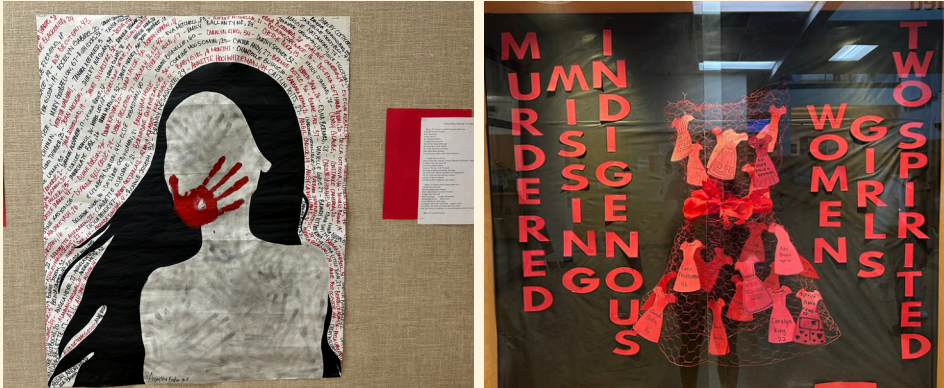


Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District



Displays and Art at Carson Graham Secondary

What's happening

North Vancouver schools honour and raise awareness of MMIWG2S+ and Red Dress Day. Initiatives involving student art and displays help start important and necessary conversations. We have a responsibility to change how Canadian society responds to the safety and protection of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people.



Grade 12 student, Julia La'O stands beside Seycove Secondary's Red Dress Day and Moosehide Campaign display.

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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səlilwətaŋ (Tseil-Waututh) Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

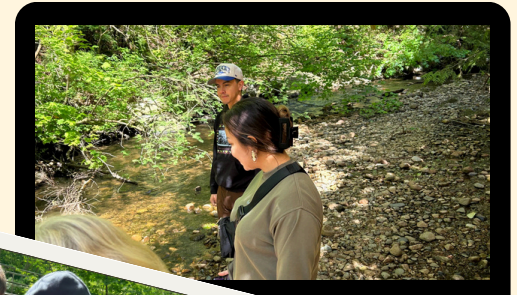
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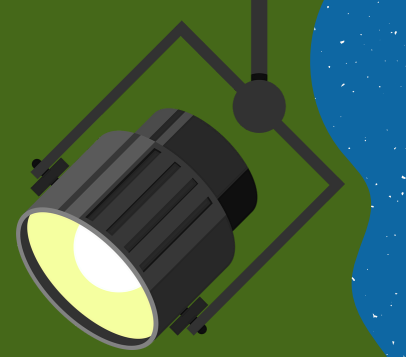
Argyle Secondary displays Red Dress Day information, and names of loved one.



EsIha7an school outings: Salmon release & Squamish Trades Program

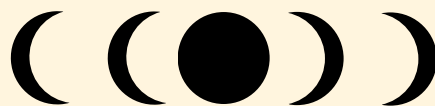
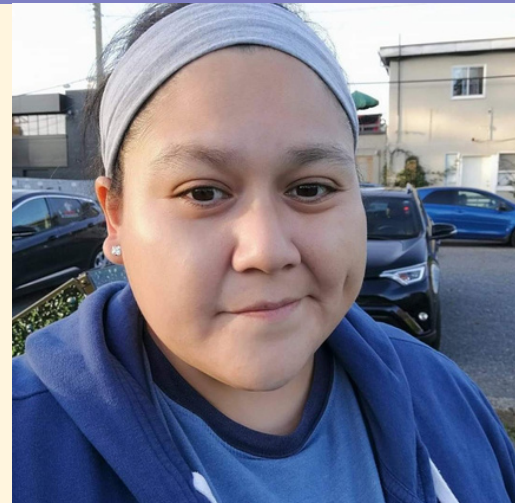


Indigenous Education Staff Spotlight



Staff at Norgate Xwemelch'stn Community Elementary

Nu Chexw men wa hal7lh , Sonja Nahanee Kwi en sna. Hello are you doing good? Sonja Nahanee is my name. I am a member of the Squamish Nation, I also have ancestors from Tulalip and Nanaimo. My family lives on the Reserve Xwemelch'stn and I currently support at Norgate Xwemelch'stn Community Elementary school. I have grown my knowledge considerably since starting this position from making Salves to stretching deer hide. I teach the children about Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing and being from the seasonal round to plants uses and medicines. I am grateful to live, learn and teach on this beautiful land of the Skwxw7umesh, tsleil-waututh peoples. Wa chexw yuu, take care.



Staff at Argyle Secondary

Heather Reid was born and raised in the Williams Lake area and moved to North Vancouver to attend and play soccer for Capilano College. Heather completed a BSc in Honours Geology and BEd at UBC, and later a MEd Practice with a focus on Indigenous Education at SFU. Heather has taught science, including Geology and Physics, at Argyle Secondary since 2006. From a very young age, Heather knew she loved teaching and geology, and knew she wanted to play some role in reconciliation. Heather is proud to be Metis and to bring culture and experiences to the Indigenous students she supports and the children she fosters through VACFSS.

Announcements

Upcoming Days of Significance of 2024

- May 10th - Jordan's Principle: Bear Witness Day ([link](#))
- May 10th-12th-Annual Mother's Day Powow
- May 11th-Nisga'a Day
- May 15th - Michif Collective for Environmental Action
- May 16th - Moose Hide Campaign Day
- June 1-30th- Indigenous People's Month



Michif Collective for Environmental Action Info Session Wed, May 15 2024, 6 - 7pm --> Location: Online

ECO ∞ COLLECTIVE

EMPOWERING MICHIF CLIMATE ADVOCATES

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

May 15, 2024

6:00 PM



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Taaniishi!

Join us for a virtual information session on Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm PST, as we introduce our Eco Collective! A program dedicated to empowering Métis youth and young adults to explore their environmental passions and drive climate action. Meet other like-minded Michif climate change makers and be a part of an inspiring collective!

Eligibility:

Between the ages of 15-30, living in BC
Self-identifying as Métis or MNBC citizen

REGISTER



Please contact youth@mNBC.ca if you have any questions!

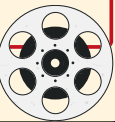
Announcements: Nisga'a Day

Nisga'a Lisims announcements:

Saturday, May 11 is Nisga'a Day, the anniversary of the Nisga'a Treaty and a day to commemorate and celebrate that accomplishment. This year, there are two events recognizing Nisga'a Day:

Thursday, May 9, the B.C. government is hosting a short ceremony at the Legislature in Victoria to recognize the 19th anniversary of the treaty from 12:45 - 1:30pm. Members of the Nisga'a Lisims Government will be in attendance, President Clayton will offer remarks, and the Kwhlii Gibaygum Nisga'a Dancers will perform.

Saturday, May 11, during the Emergency Preparedness Conference at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Rec Centre, there will be a short ceremony and refreshments to recognize Nisga'a Day between 12 - 1pm.



May ALL Be One-May 11th Nisga'a day Film:



What is the Nisga'a Treaty



Dr. Frank Calder

Fight for Sovereignty

"We don't like what the Government is saying: that we will give you this much land. How can they give it when it is our own? We cannot understand it. They never bought it from us or our forefathers. They never fought and conquered our people and took the land that way. How can they say now that they will give us so much land—our land?"

(Nisga'a Chief, David MacKay, 1887)

Announcements: Annual Mother's Day Powow

May 10th, 2024 - May 12th, 2024

Location: Trout Lake Community Centre, Vancouver



40TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY POWWOW HONOURING OUR MATRIARCHS MAY 10 - 12 2024 | TROUT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

HOST DRUM:
BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY

ARENA DIRECTOR:
MELEM-ST'YE E. WHITE

GRAND ENTRY:

FRIDAY, MAY 10: 5PM
SATURDAY, MAY 11: 12PM & 6PM
SUNDAY, MAY 12: 12PM

DRUM GROUP & DANCERS:

FIRST REGISTERED 10 DRUM GROUPS WITH 6 PEOPLE MIN TO RECEIVE DAY PAY
REGISTRATION CLOSED SATURDAY 1PM

FOR MORE INFO, TO HOST A SPECIAL AND TO VOLUNTEER:

CONTACT CHENCHENSTWAY@GMAIL.COM

VENDORS APPLY NOW:



SCAN ME!

HOST AGENCY



Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



3360 VICTORIA DR, YVR, BC

We are honoured to be hosting our PowWow on the unceded traditional territories of the of the x^mməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations

HONOURING OUR MATRIARCHS

Especially those affected by MMIWGT2S+ and the Opioid Epidemic



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Announcements: Moose Hide Campaign

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN



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MOOSE HIDE

Thursday, May 16th

*Wear a moose hide pin
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



ORDER NOW



Moose Hide Campaign®

The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children.

Wearing this moose hide signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and to work together with other men and boys to end violence against women and children. Help spread the Moose Hide Campaign by sharing with your family, communities and organizations.

To order pins, pledge your support, register to fast or to donate visit us at: <https://moosehidecampaign.ca> or follow us on:

@moosehidecampaign.ca @moosehidecampaign.ca @moose_hide_campaign

Moose Hide Campaign acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada

Announcements: Hope and Health Community Camp



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



BC Place
777 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver
V6B 4Y8



**REGISTER
NOW**



EVERYONE AND ALL AGES WELCOME!

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

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!

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!

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

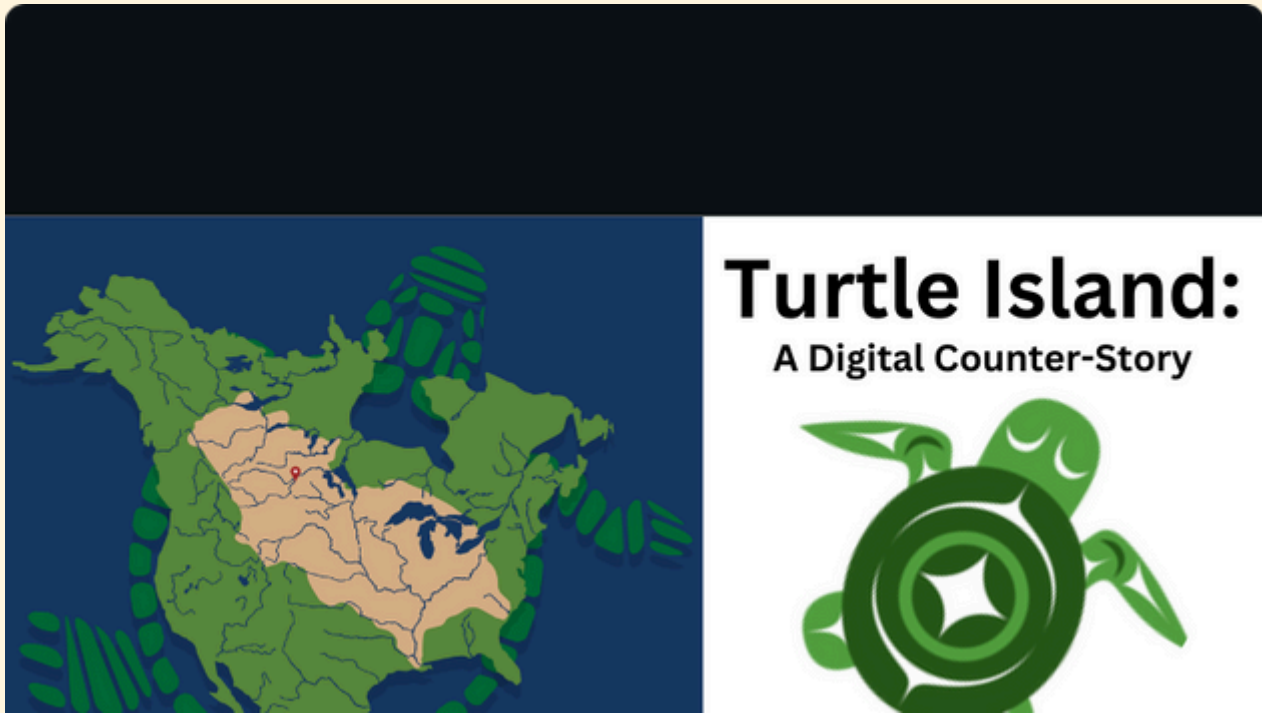
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Inquiries/Program Info:
If you would like more information or require support through the registration process, please connect with:

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

Educational Resource: Turtle Island: A digital Counter Story

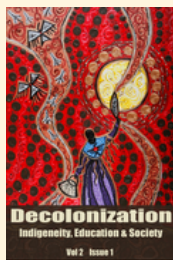


“Stories in Indigenous epistemologies are disruptive, sustaining, knowledge producing, and theory-in-action” (Sium & Ritskes, p. II)

About Turtle Island digital story

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.



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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



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Francois Paulette talks climate change @ the 2015 Parliament



Innu writer Melissa Mollen Dupuis

Inuk author, Ashley Qilavaq-Savard



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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



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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

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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

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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



Educational Resource: Your Voice is Power



Contest submissions are **now** open for the 2023-24 contest, through **May 31, 2024**.

YOUR VOICE IS POWER

**REMIX BEATS.
LEARN CODE.**

Ready to compete for awesome prizes while learning new skills and inspiring action towards social justice? Time to get creative, code, and put your entrepreneurial spirit to the test.

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EarSketch

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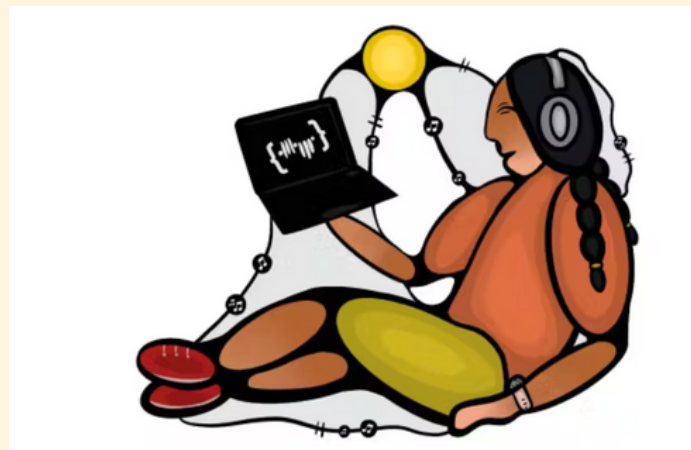
Your Voice is Power is a national competition for middle and high school students designed to teach the fundamentals of computer science, entrepreneurship, and social justice. Using the EarSketch platform, students get creative to remix songs from Indigenous artists and use what they have learned from the provided course outline.

HOW IT WORKS

The Your Voice Is Power competition is an opportunity to remix beats while learning to code. Yes, code! Your students will use EarSketch, a free online code editor, to compose a unique song while learning computer science. No experience is necessary to participate. Students can also participate in the curriculum experience to develop an understanding of social justice themes to include in their song.

Links:

- [Website](#)
- [Teacher Checklist](#)
- [Teacher Training](#)
- [Course Module Overview](#)
- [Competition Requirements](#)



BRING THIS TO MY CLASSROOM

Encourage your students' creativity by bringing together music, computer science, entrepreneurship, and social justice. Engage them with an immersive experience on a national scale.

WIN PRIZES



First Place

Two students will win \$5,000 to go towards college or to start a business.



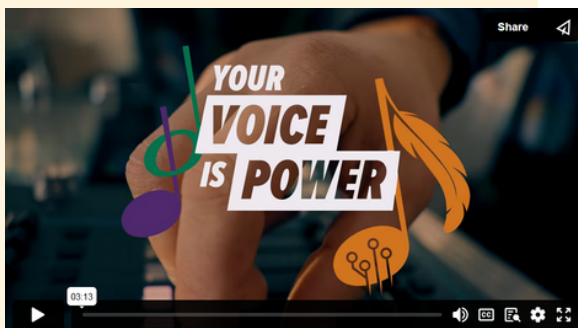
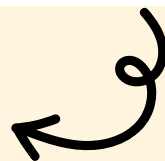
Runners up

Runners up will win \$200 Amazon gift cards and \$25 for honourable mentions!



Teachers

One excellent teacher will receive \$1,000 for their remarkable instruction.



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Métis Courses & Resources: including a Michif language course!

Métis Courses for Educators:

(Click the links to learn more)

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2. [Connecting to the Land, the Métis Way Summer Course](#) - Early Bird Registration Open



Métis Resources for Learners:

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



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