



“The Feather”, our AbEd memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted (kerins.1@surreyschools.ca) up to noon on the previous Friday.

Superintendent’s video message – Week 4

The superintendent’s office has put out another message about the current school situation, with particular emphasis on secondary students and parents.

The link is here: <https://vimeo.com/409645152>

Virtual Cultural Presentations – SD36

While there are only a couple of videos uploaded at the moment, check back often to see new clips as they are added. From the site: *“Our district cultural facilitators have missed you and your students. They’ve been busy making videos that you can share with your students as we all navigate this new way of learning. We will add videos as they become available. Some background knowledge will be included to help you unpack these videos with your students. We hope you enjoy them and please feel free to share this page with other teachers in your school.”*

<http://bit.ly/sd36culturalvideos>

Live Story Time at “Anishinabek Nation Youth” on Facebook (April 22-24)

<https://www.facebook.com/AnishinabekNationYouth/>

Every day, from 11am (Ontario time), Sarah Blackwell offers a live story time and discussion.

Wednesday is “The Rough Faced Girl”, Friday is “Dream Catchers”. See past readings on the site as well.

For Families Asking About Federal Benefits

If you have questions about how parents might access Federal benefits, you can direct them as follows: If an individual that you support requires assistance, they can complete a service request form at: [Canada.ca/service-canada-e-service](https://www.canada.ca/service-canada-e-service). Once the service request is submitted, a Service Canada representative will contact the individual within 2 business days at the phone number they indicate. The outreach support center can also be accessed by calling **Western Region: 1-877-631-2657**. Outreach workers are available to assist from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. (See linked [poster](#))

- **The Canada Emergency Response Benefit** is now available and can be accessed [here](#)
- **Employment Insurance and Pension applications** can be made online at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/portfolio/service-canada.html>.

Metro Vancouver Resource Guide – April 2020

See the linked [10p document](#) for some useful contact numbers and emails for agencies located in and around the Metro Vancouver region. Many are offering virtual support to Indigenous families. (Thanks to VSB AbEd department for the list - some services are only available in the City of Vancouver, but most have online resources accessible from anywhere.)

This resource guide is divided into the following categories:

- Counselling (virtual, phone, and text)
- Food Banks and Meals
- Financial Assistance
- Housing & Homelessness
- Medical & Wellness
- Multiple Services (Food, Financial, Counselling, Medical, etc.)
- Resources

Virtual Life Skills for students

The youth worker from SOS Children’s village (Simi Mann) is offering a virtual life skills series for youth – contact her for more information on upcoming sessions. See info [poster](#) - Simi: simimann@sosbc.org

COVID-19 Education Funding Grant of \$500 to Métis families

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is providing COVID-19 Education Funding Grant of \$500 to qualifying Métis families. Submit your application and receive your benefit!

For more information, please contact MNBC at:

Toll-Free: 1-800-940-1150

Email: emergencysupport@mNBC.ca

Rental Support for Métis families

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is providing COVID-19 Emergency Rental Supplemental Fund of \$250 per month for up to three months (May, June, and July 2020) to Métis Nation renters who are directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, please contact MNBC at:

Toll-Free: 1-800-940-1150

Email: emergencysupport@mNBC.ca

8-year-old participates in the Social Distance Powwow

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/832568190487520/?ref=share>

Carter Moar from Little Black River FN (8 years old), looks forward to Pow Wow season every year. Because dancing has been postponed this year, Carter is dancing for the "Social Distance Powwow". Take a look.

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