



*“The Feather”, Aboriginal Learning memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted ([kerins\\_l@surreyschools.ca](mailto:kerins_l@surreyschools.ca)) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

**Is the COVID vaccine safe? Campaign from B.C. Assembly of First Nations aims to reduce hesitancy**

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/is-the-covid-vaccine-safe-campaign-from-b-c-assembly-of-first-nations-aims-to-reduce-hesitancy-1.5341367#.YHMEo1rQTQ0.gmail>

**Indigenous Math Symposium Registration NOW OPEN**

Registration for the 10th Indigenous Math Symposium is now [OPEN](#). Please see the [poster](#).

**Session 1: Tuesday May 11 3:30 – 4:30**

Looking to the Past to Change the Future: Artist [Nico Williams](#), Anishinaabe beadwork artist of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation, shares his beadwork so that we explore mathwork.

**Session 2: Tuesday May 18 3:30 – 4:30**

Sharing Projects Circle: Teaching mathematics with Indigenous perspectives and practices: What are we learning?

For more information visit the: [Indigenous Math Symposium](#)

Register [here](#). Please direct questions about the symposium to: Cynthia Nicol [cynthia.nicol@ubc.ca](mailto:cynthia.nicol@ubc.ca)

**School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy project**

[The School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy project](#) is a multicomponent, school-based health promotion initiative for B.C. elementary schools. The project supports B.C. K–7 educators in building their capacity, knowledge, and confidence in delivering the B.C. Physical

and Health Education Curriculum in the areas of physical activity and physical literacy, and their links to mental well-being.

Educators in your region have access to the following professional development opportunities and resources:

- Virtual Workshops
- Webinars
- PLAYBuilder (a digital learning resource that provides educators with 700+ games and 100+ lesson plans for Grades K- 7, aligned with the B.C. Physical and Health Education Curriculum.)
- Downloadable Resources
- eLearning Courses

There are also Indigenous-specific opportunities being developed and offered. Currently, the virtual workshop “[Holistic Model for Educators](#)” is available, and focuses on the physical, mental, spiritual, and cultural needs of Indigenous students as a part of their physical literacy journey, as well as collaborative development of strategies that create culturally safe, supportive and engaging learning environments that meet the needs of Indigenous students.

This 90-minute workshop is currently scheduled on April 26 and May 7 free and open to all educators. See [poster](#).

Currently, we are working on an Indigenous Approach to Getting Started with Physical Literacy Virtual Workshop, Indigenous Cultural Activity Card set and a Métis Instructional Jigging video and print resource. We are excited to share these resources with you as they become available.

If you are interested in learning more about the School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy project, please visit [www.schoolpapl.ca](http://www.schoolpapl.ca).

### **Popular free workshops return – JigFit and Powwow**

I-SPARC, in partnership with [Madelaine McCallum](#), is pleased to present another six weeks of free virtual JigFit and Powwow Impact classes.

In the Jig Fit workshops you will learn Métis dance steps, sequenced through choreography in fun, upbeat classes. McCallum said you will gain knowledge of dances such as the Red Jig, belt dance, broom dance and orange blossom special – all the while getting in a workout without even knowing it. The workshops take place on Thursday’s starting April 15 and take place each week until May 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom.

In the Powwow Impact workshops, McCallum will teach a form of dance that not only connects you to culture, but also provides the benefits of a physical workshop. Learn the basics of powwow with two or three steps each class that are sequenced through choreography. McCallum said by the last workshop you will have the knowledge of 10 or more powwow steps

and will have an opportunity to dance freely and share your own style. The workshops take place on Tuesday's starting April 20 and take place each week until May 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Both of the workshops are free and people of all ages and abilities are welcome to join.

**JigFit Workshop:** Register in advance [here](#).

**Powwow Impact:** Register in advance [here](#).

### **Inuit Game Resource**

Inuit game resource that schools may wish to purchase for their schools. [YouTube video](#)  
[Link](#) to purchase.

### **Metis Bev Virtual Teachings**

[Bio](#)

[Poster](#)

[Registration Form](#) to Book

[Agenda](#) - Can be adjusted - just call

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