



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

Cultural Event April 17th 2019 Cedar Weaving – tomorrow!

ICFC is offering a Traditional Coast Salish Cedar Weaving session with elder Margaret Pierre from Katzie First Nation. Event will be held Wednesday April 17th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Columbia office in New West. A light dinner will be provided. If folks arrive past 430pm please have them call Olivia’s cell at 604 220 7736 so they can be let into the building. Please RSVP to her today (April 16th) if you are thinking of attending so she can have enough food.

Contact: Olivia Reynolds - Roots Practitioner, BCYC - Indigenous Child and Family Services - 201-768 Columbia St New Westminster BC

ACYCW/ AEA drumming workshop – May 6 & 7 – sign up now

<http://bit.ly/r2rdrumming>

On May 6 and 7, (9am to 4pm both days), at Beecher Place in Crescent Beach, the department is sponsoring a drumming workshop using the “Rhythm2Recovery” method, a culturally neutral approach to drumming that allows session leaders to build trust, and open communication with students. The cost of the 2-day workshop and lunches will be covered by the department. We have space for 24 participants - please register now - first come, first served. While the workshop is given using djembes, the strategies and techniques you will learn work with any drum form factor and are adaptable to a variety of drumming traditions. (You will be able to lead drumming circles even if you have no prior drumming experience.)

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Traditional Knowledge Art Contest for BC's Aboriginal Youth with Cash Prizes

FORED BC Society is offering its annual artwork contest for aboriginal youth grades K-12 in BC, with \$50 cash prizes. Please circulate the [contest information](#) to any and all teachers/schools/students in the district.

The contest is open to all **youths ages 5-18 with Aboriginal, Métis or any self-declared First Nations ancestry**. This contest is a wonderful opportunity to find a **mentor in the Elder community** to pass down this important traditional knowledge to First Nations youth.

Deadline for entry is May 4, 2019. Website link to download contest rules: <http://www.foredbc.org/common/main.cfm?ind=0&sin=0&ssi=0>

Skookum Lab Notice

The Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Council is investigating poverty in Surrey by organizing guide groups and campfire sessions.

The ACYCWs are invited to attend the next Guide Group for support workers on April 26th 12 – 2 at City Hall. On April 26th, there will be a discussion about who wishes to come to the Campfire. (Representatives from each Guide Group will attend the Skookum Lab Campfire to be held on May 3 and 6 at REC).

For more information about the Campfire and Skookum Lab use this link:

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Navigate the presentation by using the arrows at the bottom of the Prezi.

Indigenous Strand of Convention for Enhancement Workers (registration fee covered)

On Friday, May 3rd, STA's Indigenous Education Committee will be hosting its Indigenous Strand of Convention, which is a pro-d day of Indigenous everything... food, teachings, hands-on workshops, speakers, dancers, drummers, vendors, etc. Registration for this cultural experience is now open.

If you are wanting to learn about BC's Indigenous Peoples, histories, cultures, etc., plan to attend our Indigenous, pro-d day event (read cultural experience) taking place down in beautiful, sunny White Rock, on Friday, May 3rd, at Earl Marriott Secondary. All educators welcome. Registration fees for out-of-district teachers is \$100.00 and for CUPE Enhancement Workers \$25.00 (registration includes lunch).

Lyn Daniels has agreed to reimburse all CUPE Enhancement Workers for their \$25.00 registration fee.

For our keynote, we have UBC professor, Dr. Bruce Miller, one of Canada's most respected experts on the Coast Salish, who is often called upon by Canada's legal system to give expert testimony.

Like other years, we'll have hands-on, experiential workshops, such as Salish weaving, drum-making, pony bead headdress, and Indigenous fine beading. We also have sessions on reconciliation, First Nations 101, powwow dancing, residential schools, history of the Semiahmoo First Nation, etc. Additionally, we have 4 published authors confirmed to facilitate sessions that will interest teachers of all levels (primary to secondary). Heads up -- our hands-on, experiential sessions (drum making, Salish weaving, beading, etc.) sell out fast as registration is limited.

For anyone looking to learn more about Aboriginal worldviews & perspectives, histories, cultures, issues, etc., this is the pro-d day experience you will want to attend. Registration for our big day (Friday, May 3rd) is open and sessions are filling up fast, so be sure to register ASAP. Any questions, feel free to email me at sousa_c@surreyschools.ca

6th Annual MOA Shop “Emerging Indigenous Artist” Contest – May 5th

MOA is seeking artwork submissions for the 6th Annual MOA Shop Emerging Indigenous Artist Contest. The winning artwork will be printed on a t-shirt and sold and promoted exclusively through the MOA Shop for one year. The contest is open to any individual 15–25 years of age who identifies as Indigenous, Aboriginal, First Nations, Inuit or Métis. They accept existing artworks, and artists retain full copyright over any submissions. The entry deadline is May 5, 2019. Winner receives a \$250 cash prize. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/HFKs30oiMjX>

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