



“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.

School Assignment Survey (2019-20)

To help build the ACYCW/AEA staff schedule for next year, please take a moment to complete the following survey. Let us know your preferences, and if there are any particular considerations we should be aware of. (Remember that the staffing level at each school will depend on the number of students registered at each site.)

<http://bit.ly/AEWpreferences>

Aboriginal Support Staff Conference – April 8th

Registration link is: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/strengthening-the-circle-aboriginal-staff-conference-2019-tickets-55954298814>

Here is an initial [Session Description List](#) for staff to choose from. Please note though, there will be an update to one session (Metis Culture session).

Invitation to Caregivers in Surrey - Skookum Lab April 11th & 23rd 5-8pm

On behalf of Skookum Lab, an invitation is extended to the **Caregivers of Indigenous children and youth in Surrey**. A Caregiver can be a parent, foster parent, or guardian of and Indigenous child. (see [poster](#))

What is the Skookum Lab initiative?

Skookum lab is an initiative of the Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee that is building solutions to the high rates of Indigenous child and youth poverty in Surrey. We recognize that solutions that are community-based are often more successful and have longer-lasting impacts than those that are

prescribed. Part of the process to build solutions is through the development of Guide Groups. Skookum Lab Guide Groups consist of four groups:

- **Elders**
- **Youth**
- **Care Givers**
- **Community Workers**

What is a Guide Group?

A Guide Group is a network of community members who can support each other and the Skookum Lab Process to find relevant and meaningful solutions to Indigenous child and youth poverty. We will have 2 – 3 meetings before May and after that 1 meet every 3-4 months for 2 years. For every meeting Guide Group Members will receive bus tickets, a meal and a gift card.

Why are we doing this?

Over the years, census data has revealed Indigenous demographics in Surrey such as:

- **Almost half of the Indigenous population is under the age of 25.**
- **The Surrey- Indigenous population is the fastest growing urban Indigenous population in BC.**

However, data also shows that:

- **45% of Indigenous children in Surrey live in poverty, which is higher than the poverty rate for off-reserve Indigenous children in Canada.**

Please register [here](#).

This is an issue that needs immediate attention. When the urban Indigenous community thrives, a ripple effect is felt throughout the community.

Native Education College Practicum Student

A former student of Kwantlen Park Secondary School needs to do a practicum of 200 hours starting in April/May going until July, 26/2019. The student said, “the Aboriginal workers there and counselor Nancy Arends, have really inspired me to get out there, and help others, the way they helped me while I was in high School. It took me a few years to get where I am today, but I made it and would love to do my practicum with a school in the surrey district”. Contact Lyn Daniels if you would like to have this practicum student by [email](#) or by phone (604-595-6109).

Métis Youth @ Thompson Rivers University May 2-3, 2019

On behalf of Métis Nation BC in partnership with Indigenous Education at TRU, Métis Youth ages 15-18 are invited to experience Post-secondary education and Métis Culture at MYTRUExperience on May 2 -3, 2019 at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC.

Attendees will get to:

- Tour the campus,
- Attend hands-on workshops,
- Plan their educational path and discuss funding options,
- Spend time with Métis Elders and the local Métis Community,
- Learn to jig with the Buffalo Gals,
- Listen to Keynote Speaker, Beverly Lambert as she speaks on Métis health & culture through storytelling
- Learn coping skills to help deal with school pressure and anxiety

For registration, please contact Paris at pgrover@mNBC.ca or at 604-557-5851.

Deadline: Friday, April 19th, 2019.

Please see attached event [poster](#).

SYRC's April 2019 Calendar of Events

Below you will find copies of the [NYRC](#) and [CCYH](#) calendar of events for April 2019 as well as the [food calendar](#) for CCYH and some special events we have happening this month. Please share the information.

- Youth help tax clinics ([flyer](#))
- Egg hunt event ([flyer](#))
- Meet and talk with the BC Lions ([flyer](#))
- Skateboarding weekly drop in and BBQ ([flyer](#))

SASET's Employment Prep Program – Postponed

SASET's Employment Prep Program has been postponed until April 15th – see [poster](#).

Aboriginal RunWalk program- “Warrior RunWalk this Way” will run for 8 weeks, three days a week at three different location (participants can come to one location or all locations). The program participants will be involved in weekly running-walking field trips in local community/neighborhoods, gain cultural teaching and having healthy snacks.

Warrior-Walk this Program days, locations and times:

- **Tuesdays @ Tamanawis Park 3:30-4:30pm (April 9- May 28)**
- **Wednesdays @ White Rock South Surrey Learning Centre 11:30am-12:30pm (April 2- May 21)**
- **Thursdays @ SOS Children's Village 3pm-4:15pm (April 9-May 28)**

Please see the attached [registration form](#), [Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire](#) and flyers ([Tamanawis](#), [WR/SL LC](#) and [SOS Children's Village](#)).

Contact Toni Burbridge for more information- Burbridge_t@surreyschools.ca

Plenty of Threads Project – For Youth in or from Care (ages 19-27)

The purpose of the Plenty of Threads program is to connect youth from care with people in the community who can act as resources, sources of information and connections for youth to build their networks in support of employment and education opportunities.

Plenty of Threads will provide a program structure and set up the conditions to enable one-on-one, 1-hour coffee meetings between youth from care and respected adults in the community. This project builds off the “human library” concept by providing youth with a variety of interesting people (ie. the “books”), that they can “check-out” to learn from the education and career experience of individuals they may not have otherwise met.

They're looking to recruit a small group of youth to participate in the project who will receive:

- Training/ Orientation (free food provided!)
- Coffee gift cards
- The chance to meet and chat with 3 different adults to chat about career/education experiences
- A wrap-up celebration for all participants (more free food!)

[Details and poster](#)

Contact tdulku@sfu.ca for more details and next steps!

List of FREE ISPARC Sports Camps and Coaching Clinics in the Fraser Region for April

Here is a list of all the upcoming **Youth Sports Camps, Coaching Clinics, and Provincial Camps** that are happening in the Fraser Region during the month of April, as well as their registration links.

Youth Sports Camps: All camps are free for self-identified Indigenous youth! Please check to see what attire is required, and whether the camp is intended for youth ages 6-12, 13-17, or all-inclusive. Finally, please Pre-Register your youth before the event:

Soccer with Tzeachten First Nation (April 2nd, 9th, 23rd) in Chilliwack ([poster](#))
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z4c10141hhchkd/>

Soccer with Skwah First Nation (April 5th, 12, 26) in Chilliwack ([poster](#))
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1a67duz04uy4es/>

Soccer with Kekinow Native Housing Society (April 8th) in Surrey ([poster](#))
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1x7frbg10gcsuv/>

Soccer with Tsawwassen First Nation (April 9, 16, 23, 30th) in Tsawwassen ([poster](#))
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zp2j4f91q2rt4n/>

Lacrosse with Abbotsford Aboriginal Education (April 15th) in Abbotsford ([poster](#))
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1xe579m11iz4jp/>

Football with Tzeachten First Nation (April 28th) in Chilliwack
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1yrc0z80arluoo/>

Softball with Tsawwassen First Nation (April) in Tsawwassen
TBA

Coaching Clinics: All coaching clinics are free for anyone age sixteen and older who is Indigenous or who works/coaches in an Indigenous community. Please Pre-Register before the event:

Archery Beginner Instructor with Fraser Valley Metis Association (April 13th-14th) in Abbotsford
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zf6yduf088iuxv/>

Canoe Racing Level 1-2 Officials Training with Scowlitz First Nation and CanoeKayak BC (May 3rd) in Lake Errock ([poster](#))
<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/z1qsxqlz0p923hn/>

Please note: Information about camps and other news (such as Team BC and NAIG updates) is also available on our website @

<http://isparc.ca/community-sport-development/fraser/fraser-region-programs-activities-calendar/>

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