*"The Feather", our Aboriginal Learning memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted (kerins_l@surreyschools.ca) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

## Season's Greetings
https://abed2020seasonsgreetings.blogspot.com/
Best wishes for a relaxing and restoring break.
Wela'lioq (thank you all) for the challenging but important work you do every day!

## Ideas for Personal and group challenges
https://next150.indianhorse.ca/
Some ideas that can translate to the classroom, and others for personal growth.
From the webpage: *"Whether you're Indigenous or non-Indigenous, educated on the subject or new on this journey, we welcome you to the #Next150 challenge and we believe you will gain something through participating. Our challenges will be issued by respected community leaders and activists in Canada. We hope that you find value in taking on each challenge and if you do, we ask that you share your learning with your friends and your network."*

## Surrey Libraries' 2020 Online Indigenous Author Reading – online until Jan 20
Michael Hutchinson is a member of the Misipawistik Cree Nation, north of Winnipeg. He is the author of the *Mighty Muskrats Mystery* series for young readers and is one of this year's Reading Link Challenge authors. He spoke to some Surrey students earlier this year and his talk is posted here until Jan 20, 2021: https://youtu.be/2eMe9_Y7nEY

## UBC STEM programs coming to Surrey Public Library
UBC "Geering Up" will be offering online **Creative Coders** clubs and online **STEAM** (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) clubs for Surrey children in January and February 2021. It would be great to see this opportunity promoted to the Indigenous students you work with.  See poster.

Dates:

- **Creative Coders** clubs: Grades 4-5, 2 sessions: Jan 20 – Feb 10 & Feb 17 – Mar 10, Wednesdays 3:30-5pm (online)
- **STEAM clubs**: Grade 5-6, 2 sessions: Jan 19 – Feb 9 & Feb 16 – Mar 9, Tuesdays 3:30-5pm (online). In addition to oline work, Geering Up will be mailing packages of supplies to participants

**Registration and requirements:**

- Each of the programs has room for 16 participants: children must attend all 4 sessions in their program.
- To register, visit http://surreylibraries.ca/events  . (There is a link on the SPL calendar to the UBC Geering Up registration portal.)
- NOTE: Laptop or desktop computer needed. (iPads, tablets, Chromebooks etc. won't work)
- If patrons don't have access to a laptop or a desktop computer, UBC "Geering Up" has a laptop lending program. All queries relating to technology or registration can be directed to clubs@geeringup.ca

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