



“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.

Bannock and Books

FYI - B&B is a go for this year. Admin and Elementary Indigenous Lead Teachers have been contacted with planning documents. The following schools are participating: AJ McLellan, Bear Creek, Beaver Creek, Betty Huff, Bothwell, Frost Road, Georges Vanier, James Ardiel, KB Woodward, Kirkbride, Lena Shaw, MJ Shannon, Old Yale, Panorama Park, Prince Charles, Simon Cunningham and WE Kinvig. Click [here](#) for information.

Seeking Aboriginal presenters from the community

Do you know of a presenter from the community who would be interested in sharing their time and talents with an Elementary school? It could be a kookum or an auntie, a singer or a dancer, someone from the local community or from further afield. If you have a name and contact information, send it to Lisa K. We will compile a list. (JD at Katzie Elem is looking for someone!)

Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada

Last spring, every school received a set of this 4-volume collection for their library. The essays and articles in this resource offer a wide sampling of the rich array of voices in the Indigenous communities here in Canada. Much of the content

is available online. Here is an example of one of the articles, on the meaning of Métis Identity:

<https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/article/identity/>

Free Métis Youth Event - January 18, 2020

The Ministry of Youth has a free Métis event coming up in the new year aimed at youth ages 15 -30 to experience their culture as well as meet other Métis youth. Please share the [poster](#) with your community and any Métis youth. There is space for 60 attendees.

Operators Certificate and Workplace Safety Program – January 20, 2020

SASET is hosting a OCWS (Operators Certificate and Workplace Safety) Program. Please see the [flyer](#) for distribution.

REMINDER - SFU University Preview Day 2020 – January 29, 2020 – Register Now!

On **Wednesday, January 29th 2020**, Simon Fraser University will be hosting University Preview Day for Aboriginal high school students at our Burnaby campus. The goal of this one-day event is to encourage Aboriginal high school students in grades 10-12 to consider post-secondary studies by showcasing SFU programs and opportunities. Registration for the event is now open!

Registration Details

At this time, we are asking your Aboriginal support team to reserve a seat for their students and chaperones. See [poster](#).

Registration is a 2-part process:

1. Complete the WebSurvey found at:
<http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/359108751>
2. Complete the [Excel spreadsheet](#) with the participant details. Please email the completed form to indigenous_students@sfu.ca. Please note the excel spreadsheet has 2 tabs (1 tab for students, 1 tab for chaperones).

The registration deadline to submit both the WebSurvey and the Excel spreadsheet is Friday, December 6, 2019.

Aboriginal Experience UBC 2020 – February 26, 2020

Aboriginal Experience UBC, 2020 will be held on **February 26th, 2020**. Lunch will be provided and a bussing subsidy will be available as well.

This event is for all Indigenous High school students, grades 8-12, to participate in a fun day on campus. Students will choose two workshops to attend; one in the morning, one in the afternoon. There will be collaboration with UBC's Aboriginal Academic Advisors and Faculties to provide students with a wide range of workshops to attend. UBC will also be hosting an information session for teachers and counsellors who wish to ask more about UBC, applying to UBC, scholarships, etc. See the [poster](#) and [registration form](#) for distribution. Registration will be open until **December 23rd, 2019**.

Also, please distribute as you wish the [Key Information](#) from the Grade 12 Day presentation held at UBC on October 30th.

Skills Canada National Competition - May 28 – 29, 2020

Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC- Free Admission

Over 50 Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities: visitors put their skills to the test and get a feel for the trades, such as bricklaying, electrical wiring and cooking.

Online Registration available here: <https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/scnc-school-field-trip-travel-assistance/> (Travel Subsidies will be available on a first-come first-serve basis.)

Questions: schooltours@skillscanada.com or contact your school's Career facilitator.

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