



*“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](mailto:hummel_lisa@surreyschools.ca)) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

## **FRAFCA – February Youth Calendar**

Please share the [February calendar](#).

## **BC First Nations Forestry Council Career Fairs**

The BC First Nations Forestry Council will be hosting 3 upcoming career fairs. Both indigenous and non-indigenous people of all ages are welcome. There will be free food, great door prizes, presentations, and an opportunity to connect with various forest industry related companies. Admittance is free. Please share the [poster](#).

## **First Directions: FREE Filmmaking Retreat for Indigenous Youth, March 24-30, 2019 - Langley**

(Selections will be starting Feb. 15, 2019.) Develop short videos on topics related to Indigenous youth health and wellness.

This year, a group of 15-25 Indigenous youth will:

- Meet at a retreat centre in Langley, BC, supervised by the Yúusnewas staff team
- Receive training on HIV, sexual health, harm reduction, and how colonization has affected our health—and what we can do about it
- Learn how to create a video, including how to use film equipment, create a storyboard, etc.

YouthCO will cover travel costs to and from the workshop as well as meals and accommodations during the training to participants whose applications are accepted. We will work with families and communities to ensure safe transportation for all youth. You can go to [http://www.youthco.org/first\\_directions\\_2019](http://www.youthco.org/first_directions_2019) for more info, and how to apply or contact Larissa at [firstdirections@youthco.org](mailto:firstdirections@youthco.org) or by phone: 604-688-1441

## ISPARC Spring 2019 Host Applications

Fill in the [application](#) to apply for sports camps or coaching clinics to be held between April 1st and June 30th 2019. More [information](#). Deadline for application is 5PM on Thursday, February 28th!

## Legacy Schools Program - The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund

Justin Boehringer (former Teacher Advocate at Panorama Ridge Secondary and Johnston Heights Secondary ) is currently taking a 12-month leave of absence to work as the Education Associate for The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund. The main goal of the fund is to promote and encourage reconciliation across Canada, through the Legacy Schools Program. They have currently partnered with over 400 schools across the country, but no schools in Surrey yet. View the linked [PDF](#) for more details about the program. For more information, contact the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund - toll free 1-844-944-4545 · [legacyschools@downiewenjack.ca](mailto:legacyschools@downiewenjack.ca)

## Hands up to former Surrey student

Violet Nelson graduated from Frank Hurt last year (2018). She is currently in Berlin, Germany for the Berlin International Film Festival, and the premier of “The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open” by Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers and Kathleen Hepburn. Violet had a break-out role in the film.

(See [link](#) for pictures) You may remember Violet from her participation in the N’we Jinan project where she and other Aboriginal students from Surrey created a song about the experience of living as an Indigenous youth in an urban environment. (here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4JFaB0b4bg>). )

## Cross Cultural Connections: Youth Symposium on Anti-racism – March 6<sup>th</sup>

A celebration of **Equity**, Truth and Reconciliation and Black History Month – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 8:30 am to 2:45 pm @ REC

The intent of the day is to build cultural awareness and sensitivity within the student community. Facilitators will provide a safe environment to discuss issues of race with respect and positivity. Speakers and activities will instill students’ racial and cultural heritages. In the face of current social tensions, dialogue will be relevant and meaningful. Each secondary school can register up to seven students and each learning centre up to four students. **Please choose students that have not attended in the past.** Deadline for registration is February 28, 2019.

[Poster](#)

[Permission Form](#)

[Registration Form](#) (to be submitted by school contact)

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