



*“The Feather”, Aboriginal Learning memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted ([kerins\\_l@surreyschools.ca](mailto:kerins_l@surreyschools.ca)) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

**MNBC: Construction and Equipment Safety Programs – Starts March 1, 2021**

This program is a jump start for anyone entering or currently in introductory positions in the booming construction industry. Two week program. Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Click [here](#) for more information or email [kgarces@mNBC.ca](mailto:kgarces@mNBC.ca)

**National Indigenous Scholarship Program - Deadline Extended! – March 14, 2021**

The National Indigenous Scholarship Program at Western University has extended the deadline for the scholarship program to **March 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 (11:59pm EST)**. Below is some more information about the scholarship program.

For more information or to apply please visit [here](#). Please share this [poster](#).

**Indigenous Perspectives Education Guide**

Click [here](#).

**Youth- Focused Mental Health Theme: Understanding Anxiety**

I-SPARC and Pacific Sport Okanagan are presenting a free webinar for youth athletes led by Dr. Shauna Taylor called Youth-Focused Mental Health Theme: Understanding Anxiety. See [poster](#). To register, click [here](#).

Event Details:

- A session dedicated to the youth
- Although adults may attend as supporters or to get ideas on how to promote them with their youth (since some expressed challenges getting their youths to do additional Zooming)
- The focus will be on ANXIETY - different ways it manifests in youth; when some is normal and important, why too much / too often can be detrimental to long-term health

- Anxiety-reduction strategies
- Where does sport fit in?

### **Caldecott Medal Winner**

The 2021 Caldecott Medal Winner is **We Are Water Protectors** written by Carole Lindstrom, Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe and illustrated by Michaela Goade, Tlingit and Haida. Goade is the first illustrator of Indigenous ancestry to win the Randolph Caldecott Medal. Read more [here](#).

### **Ribbon Skits**

When you put your skirt on, you're showing Mother Earth who you are." - Myra Laramee (Fisher River Cree Nation.

Want to learn more about Ribbon Skirts click [here](#) to read a resource from the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center.

### **Senator Murray Sinclair Urges Canadians to Reckon with Systemic Racism**

As he was preparing to retire from the senate on Jan. 31, 2021, **Senator Murray Sinclair** agreed to be interviewed by CBC Reporter, **Matt Galloway**, on the impact of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission since it released its final report in 2015. Although he acknowledged that there has been some progress on implementing the 94 calls to action, in [this 23-minute podcast](#), he once again shared the importance of leadership starting at the top, creating a sense of urgency, the importance of educating all children to mutually respect one other, and for all Canadians to build genuine, respectful relationships with Indigenous peoples. He also outlined his belief that system education leaders should lead reconciliation in Canada for all generations now and into the future. In retirement, Sinclair outlined plans to spend time mentoring Indigenous lawyers and writing his memoirs to answer these empowering questions "Where am I from?", "Where am I going?", "Why am I hear?" and "Who am I?" An interview not to miss!

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