



“The Feather”, our AbEd 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.

Cross Cultural Connections: Youth Symposium on Anti-racism 2020

Please select 3 student representatives from your school to attend the 4th annual Cross-Cultural Symposium on Anti-Racism to be held on March 4, 2020 at REC in Room 304, breakfast snacks and lunch included. The 3 students should be from culturally diverse backgrounds in grades 10 – 12 including one Aboriginal student and one who is an artist, to spend the day listening and discussing the presentations by speakers who have confronted racism and discrimination.

A smaller group of students (20 – 30) will be recruited to work with Roxanne Charles, Semiahmoo artist to create art pieces with anti-racism themes.

The proposal is for the art to be collected in an anthology and will include responses from teachers.

The anthology will serve as qualitative data as we engage in the equity scan process.

See [poster](#). [Registration form](#) should be returned to Lisa Kerins by no later than Friday, February 28th.

For more information contact daniels_lyn@surreyschools.ca

Dwight Ballantyne speaks about his experiences in Montreal Lake Cree Nation

Dwight offers a 40-minute presentation for grades 5 - 12. This educational and interactive session that will allow your students to gain a better understanding of

the traditions, distinctive life experiences and challenges faced by youth and young adults currently living in remote First Nations in Canada through Dwight's personal stories. It is also an inspirational example of how anyone's life can change if they take advantage of an opportunity as he also shares his accomplishments in the past four years since moving to BC at the age of 21 to take advantage of education, employment and hockey. See this preview of his Gr 5-12 presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeBHHPJzAX4> For more information, contact Denise Trottier (The Ballantyne Project) 604-375-5238
More information: [School Presentation #1](#); [School Presentation #2](#); [School Presentation #3](#)

Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish

Fort Langley is excited to announce that ten performances of Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish, a theatrical production, will take place in the Big House at Fort Langley National Historic Site from March 18 – 22, 2020. Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish is a play written by Tony Dandurand, a Kwantlen First Nation member. Watch the [video](#).

[Learn more](#) and reserve tickets. Site admission is included in the ticket prices, and the proceeds of the event go back into supporting the Coast Salish Arts and Cultural Society.

ISPARC 2020 BC Indigenous Provincial Wrestling Camp in Maple Ridge – March 28th

The Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC) is pleased to present this provincial athlete development camp in partnership with the Golden Ears Metis Society and the BC Wrestling Association. Come and join facilitator Rob Smyth - Team BC Coach 2020 North American Indigenous Games. Rob is the coach of the Xwemelch'stn Wrestling Program in North Vancouver and has 20 years coaching experience with elementary and high school wrestling programs. Sanctioned event by BC Wrestling. For all BC Indigenous Youth (all genders). All levels welcome from beginners to experienced wrestlers. Ages 10 – 18. Click [here](#) for more information.

13th Annual Coastal Dance Festival February 25 - March 1, 2020

The 13th annual Coastal Dance Festival (CDF) is produced by the Dancers of Damelahamid in partnership with the Anvil Centre and the Museum of Anthropology. The CDF is a celebration of Indigenous stories, songs, and dances, demonstrating that these practices are very much alive, vibrant, and relevant today. This year's festival presents the rich artistic practices of artists from BC, the Yukon, Nunavut, Alaska, Washington State, and New Zealand.

Venue: February 25: School performances at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC

For school bookings call 604-822-3825 or email bookings@moa.ubc.ca

February 26 - March 1 @ Anvil Centre, New Westminster – see [link](#)
For school bookings call 604-521-5050. For more information please contact margaret@damelahamid.ca

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