



“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) up to noon on the previous Friday.

REMINDER - Honouring Ceremony for Indigenous Grads

To: ACYCWs and IGAs

From: The Honouring Ceremony Grad Committee: Lyn, Paula, Dawne, Cathy, Sierra Rai.

The Honouring Ceremony will be held on May 26th, 5 – 6pm (PT). After the Welcome and Land Acknowledgment and Greetings from the Superintendent, we will have a short keynote inspirational message from the Notorious Cree (tentative). Then we will have a slide show of the photos of each grad. Paula has (tentatively) agreed to read the names of each grad during the honouring ceremony. We are going to pre-record the messages so everything will go smoothly.

We ask that you acquire photographs of each of the grads from your school and send them with the correct spelling of their names to go in the slide show, to Paula before the end of the day (4 pm) on May 14, 2021. The pendants will be put in the courier the first week of June.

2021 Summer Mathematics Program (for Indigenous students entering Grade 8 to 12)

The 2021 Summer Mathematics Program (for Indigenous students entering Grade 8 to 12) – Student [information poster](#) and [application form](#). Please return the completed application form to kerins_l@surreyschools.ca by no later than June 11th. Thank you.

News Release – New Foundry BC App for accessing mental health services

A recent [news release](#) about a new Foundry BC App for accessing mental health services (news release also attached). Co-created by youth for youth, the Foundry BC app offers young people aged 12 to 24 and their caregivers access to integrated health and wellness services through their mobile device or an online web portal: www.foundrybc.ca/virtual

Cindy Blackstock: Bringing Justice to Indigenous Communities

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKV3_6fQJkl

A Conversation about Equity with Dr. Cindy Blackstock and Dr. Barbara Fallon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HgopurJ-Sc>

2021 YVRAF Aspiring Artist Awards

YVR Art Foundation is now accepting applications for Aspiring Artist Awards! This year, we have removed the deadline to apply and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout 2021 with up to ten awards to be distributed this year. Awards are for \$500 and are for BC and Yukon First Nations youth age 15-20 to support their self-directed work in the visual arts. Previous recipients have used the award to purchase extra supplies, attend workshops or dedicate the time to work on their artwork. Program information and eligibility requirements can be found online [here](#). Applicants can also apply online or submit a paper application, and if they need any assistance with the application form, they can contact programs@yvraf.com.

UBC Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop - July 2021

The UBC Faculty of Medicine is excited to announce that they are holding their 18th annual **Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop** this summer, from **July 28-30, 2021**. The workshop will take place **virtually** via Zoom, and will provide Indigenous students with the tools and supports to be successful in their application to and completion of the MD Program. Workshop presentations will be given by Indigenous and non-Indigenous physicians, medical students, and university staff and faculty members.

Please see the [brochure](#). The online application can be found on the second page of the brochure. Please pass this information on to any Indigenous students who are **interested in a career in medicine**. The workshop is open to students completing grade 11 or 12, as well as post-secondary students. Interested students will need to submit the online application form by June 28, 2021.

June is National Indigenous History Month

In honour of National Indigenous History Month, DWF is pleased to present live virtual events featuring Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, artists and allies from communities coast to coast.

SAVE THE DATE :

British Columbia – June 9

James Bay Region – June 16

Quebec (French subtitles) – June 23

Canada (French subtitles) – June 30

All events at 3PM AST | 2PM EST | 1PM CST | 12PM MST | 11AM PST

Stay tuned for more details on May 12!