



“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.

Honouring Ceremony for Indigenous Grads

Correction - the Honouring Ceremony will be held on May 26th starting at 6:00 pm (not 5:00 pm).

Please continue to send grad photos to Paula James.

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.

Canadian Red Cross-Resources

Click [here](#).

Parent message on vaccine availability for students 18+

Students born in 2003 or earlier (18 and older) that live in high-transmission neighbourhoods are now eligible to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Current high-transmission neighbourhoods in Fraser Health include Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, East and West Newton, North Surrey, Panorama and Whalley. To confirm eligibility, go to gov.bc.ca/neighbourhood and enter your postal code (including a space between the first three and last three characters).

Students born in 2003 or earlier, regardless of neighborhood can register now. At this time however, only those in eligible neighborhoods will be invited to book.

If you are eligible and haven't already registered for your vaccine, register at getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca, available 24/7, or call 1-833-838-2323 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any day of the week. After registering, you will receive a text, email or phone call when it's your turn to book a vaccine appointment. Don't expect to book an appointment the same day you register.

Once you have registered and have received your booking invitation, please do not delay booking your appointment. When you get vaccinated, bring photo ID with your address to verify your postal code, along with your care card.

For more information, visit fraserhealth.ca/vaccine

SFU Indigenous University Preparation Program is still accepting applications!

SFU is still accepting student applications for our next cohort, beginning in Fall 2021.

Please see the [one-page flyer](#) including information about the program and contact information. Interested applicants can consult the online [frequently asked questions](#) for additional information or apply via our [on-line application](#).

Here is a webpage for more information regarding the program:

<https://www.sfu.ca/fass/students/prospective-students/iupp/overview.html>

Cloverdale Rodeo Youth Initiative Foundation Scholarship Application

Please share with your grade 12 students that the Cloverdale Rodeo Youth Initiative Foundation Scholarship Application deadline is fast approaching and they will be accepting 2021 Scholarship applications this year, even if students have not been able to volunteer for their association. They will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to deserving students who actively participate and volunteer in their community.

Application deadline for 2021 Cloverdale Rodeo Youth Initiative Foundation Scholarship: **Friday, May 21st 2021.**

Students can visit <https://www.cloverdalerodeofoundation.com/about-the-scholarship/> to download a copy of the application. Applications can be submitted electronically by email.

Any questions, please contact: info@cloverdalerodeofoundation.com

Foundry App

A new [Foundry BC](#) app will allow youth to access mental health and addiction services online. [Learn more](#)

Mental Health

Visit the [Canadian Mental Health Association website](#) to see the resources that are available and download their [School Toolkit](#).

National Indigenous People's Day Contest

The Surrey National Indigenous People's Day (NIPD) Planning Committee is very pleased to bring a National Indigenous Peoples' Day Contest for K-12 students in Surrey Schools. See [flyer](#).

Tell us why National Indigenous Peoples' Day is a day to celebrate?

We would like to encourage Children and Youth can to share why National Indigenous Peoples' Day is a day to celebrate by preparing a write up and include a picture (optional).

Here are some curriculum/information pieces that students could include:

- That the Surrey National Indigenous People's Day (NIPD) is an Indigenous Led Event (Semiahmoo, Katzie and Kwantlen)
- That NIPD was proclaimed in 1996
- How National Indigenous People's Day is connected to the Summer Solstice
- A day for everyone to celebrate the contributions to Canada of the First Nation, Metis and Inuit People
- The day is for celebrating the diversity of Indigenous People across Canada
- The gathering is to share your spirit, experiences, stories, song, art and dancing with each other and the community as a whole

The winning class and/or student(s) will receive a "Build an Indigenous Bear kit" to complete at school.

Please send submissions to Lisa Kerins at Aboriginal Learning Dept. courier #426 by Friday, June 4th, 2021.

The Surrey NIPD Planning Committee would like to highlight the winners and capture the "Build an Indigenous Bear" making on video to share on June 21st during Surrey's National Indigenous Peoples' Day. The "Build an Indigenous Bear" event and video would take place the week of June 7th, 2021

For more information please contact Juanita Coltman at Coltman_j@surreyschools.ca

Downriver - Welcome Sign in Schools

From: Paula James, Katzie member/ SFU, First nation language proficiency

Some schools have been asking for the spelling to make signs at their school entrance. Here is the downriver – hənqəmíhəmə spelling for “good day” “welcome all” and “welcome” singular.

əy̆ sweyəl. – good day

m̆i ce:p kwətɬwɪləm – welcome all (plural)

m̆i čx^w kwətɬwɪləm – welcome (singular)

Yes, it is okay to mount/post at school entrance

Speak with Pride – ATPN

Click [here](#).

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