



“The Feather”, our 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.

Communicate, communicate, communicate.

This is just a gentle reminder that school admin can't see if ACYCWs and AEAs have logged off sick because of how the position is classified. A courtesy email to your principal helps keep everyone in the loop. Also, if you are asked to vary your hours or swap school sites for a day to cover a student event or any other change, checking and letting admin know ahead of time helps build good relationships! (Please cc Lisa Kerins as well so we can answer questions if there is any confusion.) Wela'liq to everyone for all the good work you do every day.

Virtual Post – Secondary Fair - Oct 21, 2020 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

(There are also Fairs on November 14 and December 2.)

In place of regular fall visits to high schools across the province, PSBC will host a series of Virtual Fairs with 29 post-secondary institutions participating in each fair event. Join us in October for a live fair event open to everyone. Registered participants can also view pre-recorded presentations and download resources posted by participating institutions. Once you complete the registration form and set your own password, it will be good for the rest of the year. Register and participate on the day. The fair is live [here](#).

Indigenous youth sought for SIYAC (Surrey Indigenous Youth Advisory Council)

(a FRAFCA outreach initiative) - [poster](#)

To nominate a student, please fill out this [form](#).

Surrey Indigenous Youth Advisory Council promotes the spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, and social well-being of Indigenous young people in Surrey. Through our partnerships we will offer solutions to provide

culturally relevant, evidence-based leadership programs to empower youth to inform policy and programming, represent youth voice and ensure the well-being of future generations of Indigenous youth in Surrey, to help make Surrey the best place for an Indigenous Youth to grow up in. Our six core values are Decolonization, Community, Creativity, Culture, Leadership, and Support.

For more information, contact Jen Martel (SIYAC Coordinator – FRAFCA)
Cel: 778-242-0010 | Tel: 604-923-1166

Room still in District Partnership Programs for High School Students

If you have students that you believe are interested in the following programs, direct them to the Career Counsellor at their high school

- Carpentry (*Frank Hurt and Guildford Park*)
- Culinary
- Painter/Decorator
- Trades Sampler

Surrey Fusion Festival: cultural resources, videos, recipes and more

The SF Festival has a great archive of [how-to videos](#) from a range of cultures. In particular, they have included clips from various Indigenous traditions: paddle carving, bannock making, jigging and cedar bracelet weaving.

NITEP program will be offered in Surrey in 2021 – Info Webinar Oct 21 @3pm

Alexis Okabe (Indigenous Teacher Education Program Advisor) will be hosting a [webinar](#) about the new Surrey Field Center this Wednesday, October 21st at 3:00 PM. (See [poster](#)). For more info about NITEP (the Indigenous Teacher Education Program), and to access webinar link, contact: [Teneille Shea](#). Teneille is also willing to coordinate virtual lunch hour presentations to students and staff.

SFU - Strengthening Connections EZ Virtual Fair Invitation

SFU has an upcoming Virtual Fall Recruitment Season with Strengthening Connections hosted via EZ Virtual Fair. Here is an [invite](#) to the upcoming virtual event and the [manual](#) on how to navigate through the fair. For full access to the Strengthening Connections Virtual Fair, please note the first link at the very top of the invitation letter.

CBC “Every Child Matters: Reconciliation Through Education”

<https://gem.cbc.ca/media/every-child-matters-reconciliation-through-education/season-1/episode-1/38e815a-0133f504eba>

Survivors share their lived experience of losing childhood innocence and identity (dolls and birthdays) to Residential Schools. The program also features music, kid-friendly language, the inclusion of French language, and a number of short clips highlighting Indigenous peoples across Canada. The 1h30 minute program offers a good overview of history, as well as situating Indigenous People in the present day. It would make a good prep for Orange Shirt Day, or for any lesson on Reconciliation. (Teachers could also use individual segments.) Preview before using.

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