



*“The Feather”, our AbEd memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted ([kerins\\_1@surreyschools.ca](mailto:kerins_1@surreyschools.ca)) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

### **Looking ahead - Louis Riel Day in BC - November 16th**

The Métis are Aboriginal people with their own culture, language and heritage, and they continue to assert themselves as a distinct and rights-bearing nation. Louis Riel was a leader of the Métis people of the Canadian prairies, and in BC we commemorate Louis Riel Day on November 16. He helped lay the framework for minority rights and cultural co-operation, and is regarded as a founder of Manitoba. Think about recognizing Métis culture in the week preceding Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **“Help My Grandma Day” Digital Video Storytelling Contest**

“Help My Grandma Day” is a digital video storytelling contest for BC students and seniors. The contest invites young people to connect with a senior, make a video together, and submit for big prizes including tuition at BC universities and colleges. The contest runs from September 2019 to January 2020 with an award event planned for February 2020. For more information about “Help My Grandma Day”, please visit [www.helpmygrandmaday.ca](http://www.helpmygrandmaday.ca) . Morgan Jacko from the Digital Health Circle is happy to come out to your site and talk to interested students if you want to contact her.

For more information about Digital Health Circle, please visit

[www.digitalhealthcircle.ca](http://www.digitalhealthcircle.ca) .

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### **Verna J Kirkness Science & Engineering Program**

Please share this information with colleagues who teach grade 11 Indigenous students and demonstrate an interest in science or engineering and print/distribute to potential students. See [link#1](#) and [link#2](#) about this and the other Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Programs that will be offered in May 2020. The program is a fantastic

opportunity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students to have a fully paid post secondary educational experience at a university.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ron Woznow, the Executive Director of the Verna J Kirkness Education Foundation at [ron@vernajkirkness.org](mailto:ron@vernajkirkness.org)

The application and the instructions can be found at the website: [www.vernajkirkness.org](http://www.vernajkirkness.org) in the Apply section. A list of current faculty and research projects can be found at <http://www.vernajkirkness.org/application-form/research-areas/>.

The deadline to apply is December 20, 2019.

## **Indigenous Education Resources – BC Ministry of Education**

Indigenous education resources are being developed to help further incorporate Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into B.C. classrooms. (Of particular interest is the “Continuing Our Journey” Pro-D resource with video modules accompanied by a facilitator’s guide.)

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/indigenous-education-resources>

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