



“The Feather”, Aboriginal Learning memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted (kerins_1@surreyschools.ca) up to noon on the previous Friday.

Nelson Education: Edwin Collections to Support Truth and Reconciliation in your Classrooms

Learning resources in Nelson Education’s [Edwin](#) that can support all teachers and students in Canada. In this collection, explore Indigenous excellence in education and help students take action and recognize the history of residential schools.

Educators can sign up for a [free 30 day trial](#) to explore these Edwin Collections (pre-made lessons). Use referral code **TRANSFORM21** when registering. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out and I am happy to help. I am also happy to register anyone on their behalf if that is easier.

Once registered for Edwin, you will have access this Edwin Collection here:

<https://share.edwin.app/collections/ab7d3ae9-3813-4816-8c46-1bc57a3aa388?rand=EvGNBi>

University of Victoria Indigenous Student Presentations

Samantha Daniels – one of two Indigenous Student Recruitment Officers at The University of Victoria and her territory is the Lower Mainland and the Interior.

She is Anishinaabekwe from Wiikwemkoong First Nation on Manitoulin Island in Ontario. Samantha is currently reclaiming her language of Anishinaabemowin and hopes to inspire more Indigenous youth to reclaim their culture with the support of UVic and the great Indigenous community.

Samantha is available to give presentations, in person or virtually throughout the fall, as well as hold student appointments to help guide prospective Indigenous students with their application as well as any questions or concerns they may have. If you are interested in having her give a presentation to your school or community, please let her know which dates may work best for you and she will be happy to arrange this.

There is a wealth of information on the website [here](#) as well as supports specifically for Indigenous students [here](#). She'd like to also mention [The First Peoples House \(FPH\)](#) which is a social, cultural and academic centre for Indigenous students at UVic and serves as a safe and welcoming place that encourages the building of community.

Samantha is also able to help students with band funding questions as well as assist with applying for scholarships or bursaries.

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2021 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport

[Nominations](#) are being accepted until end of day October 13 for the [2021 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport](#). These awards offer an opportunity to honour and uplift Indigenous youth athletes (First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit) who reside in B.C., are under the age of 25 (born in 1997 or earlier), have achieved excellence in performance sport, and have demonstrated their leadership qualities both on and off the field of play.

Imagine a Canada/ Imaginez le Canada

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation is inviting youth across the country to *Imagine a Canada* through the lens of Reconciliation. Youth from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and CÉGEP can participate by submitting artwork, videos, songs, plans for community events, gatherings, workshops, permanent installations — the sky's the limit.

12 pieces of art (by K-G5 youth) will be selected and featured in a special art book and 15 projects (by G6-12 & CÉGEP youth) will receive up to \$1500 in grant funding to make the projects happen.

Share this news with other teachers and school administrators, and encourage your students to participate individually or as a class.

You'll find more information about the *Imagine a Canada* [Program here](#). If you need to reach out about the program, please send an email to imagineacanada@umanitoba.ca

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is One Step on a Long Journey

In this 48-minute video, **Murray Sinclair**, former senator and former chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, talks to CBC Radio's [Unreserved](#) about the September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On its eve, Sinclair shares his belief that reconciliation will not be achieved in his lifetime, but states, "if we make a concerted effort ... then eventually we will be able, someday, to wake up and, to our surprise, find that we are treating each other in a

way that was intended when contact was first made." A video worth watching and sharing!
Access it through the link above.

CBC Podcast- The Road to Reconciliation

["The Road to Reconciliation,"](#) features Bob Joseph and Maurice Stizer as they reflect on whether Canada has finally reached a moment of national reckoning following the discovery of 200 children in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. Interviewed by journalist Piya Chattopadhyay, Joseph and Stizer speak to the long-awaited action plan in response to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the generational impact of unmarked graves being investigated and found across Canada. More importantly, they share their views on what genuine reconciliation should look like for individual Canadians and their governments.

A great interview on [CBC Unreserved with Rosanna Deerchild](#) with former Senator and TRC head, Murray Sinclair.

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