



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

Welcome back!

We are looking forward to another year of supporting Aboriginal Learners and their families. Each family is unique, and every student has particular strengths and needs. It can be challenging to find ways to help everyone. And yet, we bring ourselves to work every day and offer what we can. I am reminded of the words of Richard Wagamese: *“Helping someone else can be as simple as opening a door. It can be as easy as listening in a genuine way. And that’s the way we’ll change the world—one person, one situation, one act of kindness at a time.”* (One Story, One Song. 2011) Enjoy the startup this week, one student at a time!

Customer Services Certificate Program

SASET's next BladeRunners program is starting September 17th, 2018!

Please see the [flyer](#) and distribute. If you have any questions feel free to contact Amber Smith at Amber.Smith@saset.ca or Tony Armitstead at 778-395-0385

STEP UP - Sustainable Employment Program

We are pleased to announce that **ASTEP** has a second employment program called **Step UP!**

See [poster](#) attached – *Continuous Enrollment*

Registration is ongoing for our new 4 week Step UP Program.

3 weeks classroom job ready skills including communication, stress management, career fit and more!

Directly followed by short term training that leads to sustainable employment.

Choose your stream: trades, hospitality, warehouse, flagger and more!

Call the Admissions Coordinator at 604-583-7155 ext.3 or drop in at Phoenix - ASTEP (located at 13686 94A Avenue, Surrey BC)

FRAFCA'S 3RD ANNUAL "Guiding Youth Home" Gala (Saturday, Nov 10, 2018)

Mark your calendar: A gala event in Surrey this fall will continue to raise money to build a new transition home for Indigenous youth in the city. Venue: Aria Banquet Hall, 12350 Pattullo Place, Surrey, BC. For more info, visit:

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/home/surrey-needs-transition-home-for-indigenous-youth-gala-planners-say/>

Call for Nominations - Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport

The Call for Nominations for the Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport for 2018 is now open!

<https://isparc.ca/grants-recognition/premiers-awards-for-indigenous-youth-excellence-in-sport/>

Online Nomination Form

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/kimqrrm0rfeu65/>

I-SPARC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ISPARC.BC/>

2018 Healthy Living Leader Training Registration Open

The Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council announced that registration is open for the 2018 Healthy Living Leader Training Sessions, offered

through the [Aboriginal Healthy Living Activities](#) (AHLA), in partnership with [SportMedBC](#)..

<https://mailchi.mp/isparc/registration-open-for-2018-healthy-living-leader-training-sessions?e=3f9bdda81a>

Free September ISPARC Camps for Indigenous Youth

Here is a list of all the upcoming Youth Sports Camps that are happening in the Fraser Region during the month of September, as well as their registration links.

Youth Sports Camps: All camps are free for self-identified Indigenous youth! Please check to see what attire is required, and whether the camp is intended for youth ages 6-12, 13-17, or all-inclusive. Finally, please Pre-Register your youth before the event:

Six-week [Rifle Shooting Camp](#) with Fraser Valley Metis Association (September-October) in Abbotsford

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/xn6ar9a1rbus71/>

Six-week [Archery Camp](#) with Fraser Valley Metis Association (September-October) in Abbotsford

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/x19sqj8h1pmpb38/>

[Canoeing Camp](#) with Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Center Association (Sept. 15th) in Pitt Meadows

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/zjd01ji1rfe3im/>

Provincial Sports Camps: Please note these are NOT Team BC selection events for the NAIG (North American Indigenous Games), however, these events do provide opportunity for athletes to better prepare for the 2019 Team BC selection processes for 2020 North American Indigenous Games. Registration is open to eligible participants – No pre-qualification required!

2018 BC Indigenous SOFTBALL Camp with Tzeachten First Nation (Sept. 8th-9th) in Chilliwack

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/2018-provincial-indigenous-softball-camp/>
Registration Deadline Sept. 5

2018 Provincial Indigenous SWIMMING Camp with Squamish First Nation (Sept. 30th) in North Vancouver

<https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/2018-provincial-indigenous-swimming-camp/>

Registration Deadline Sept. 19

Please note: Information about camps and other news (such as Team BC and NAIG updates) is also available at:

<http://isparc.ca/community-sport-development/fraser/fraser-region-programs-activities-calendar/>

Orange Shirt Day

“Orange Shirt Day” normally September 30th, will be observed on **Friday September 28th in 2018**. Once again schools can order shirts for the day. You have the option of contacting “Beyond Mars” or “JayDees Clothing” - these are the two suppliers we have made arrangements with. (Order forms are at the end of this package found at this link: <http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>)

We are hoping that you have marked this date on your calendar and that your school will find some way to commemorate the day. We welcome any level of participation, from individual classroom activities, to school wide announcements, to a more formal organized event.

A package with some background information as well as some suggestions has been put together by our department. Please tweet any activities you run with the hashtag #sd36AbEd and #orangeshirtday. (<http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>)