



“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) up to noon on the previous Friday.

Superintendent’s video message – Week 5

The superintendent’s office has put out another message about the current school situation.

The link is here: <https://vimeo.com/412188299>

Young Adult Writing Contest at Surrey Public Library

Please encourage your teen students to enter this writing contest for a chance to win cash prizes. There are multiple writing categories (poetry, stories, comics) and two age ranges (12-14, 15-18). Third place in each category receives \$100, second receives \$125 and the first-place prize is \$150 for each category! The contest opens for submissions on June 1st. For more information, please visit this site: <https://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/teens/young-adult-writing-contest>

NFB offers films by Indigenous filmmakers

<https://www.nfb.ca/playlist/indigenous-cinema-classroom-ages-611/>

These short films for younger learners are by Indigenous filmmakers from across Canada and include titles from the Nunavut Animation Lab and the Talespinners, Vistas and Stories from Our Land series.

Cree woman offer language lessons on Facebook

Scroll down on Julia Ouellette's home page to hear her teach others to speak Cree, complete with illustrations! (Lessons posted April 1, March 19, March 17) Check back for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/julia.ouellette.94>

“Take away meals” in the White Rock area

If you have families in the White Rock area struggling with food insecurity, let them know about a new Community program supported by The City of White Rock City, Fraser Health, Save On Foods, Peace Portal Alliance Church, and others. See [poster](#).

For anyone in need of a free nutritious meal (with variations on hot or cold meals.) Over time, other days may be added to the week.

- Where: City Parking Lot - on Russell Street and Johnson Road, White Rock
- When: Wednesdays from Noon to 1PM (or when all meals are gone)

Grab and Go format. Be safe. Don't come early. Social distance in line with others. Grab a bagged meal. Don't linger and risk others health. Head home to eat your meal.

ISPARC FitNation Home Workout Series – Weekly - Fridays

Four leaders from across the province bringing fitness workouts every Friday. All will be available on the FitNation YouTube channel for access anytime, anyplace.

<https://youtu.be/9mCRRzrQGMU>

- May 1st, Janice Johnson, Chair Modifications Workout
- May 8th, Justin Kelly, Introductory Workout
- May 15th, Buzz Manuel, Intermediate Workout
- May 22nd, Damien Ketlo, Advanced Workout

A national monument memorializing the residential school experience

PICKING UP THE PIECES: The Making of the Witness Blanket (1h25)

<https://vimeo.com/254051287>

"Inspired to know more about his father's time at residential school, artist Carey Newman created the Witness Blanket - a national monument that commemorates the experiences of residential school survivors. The blanket is constructed from

hundreds of everyday items collected from residential schools, churches, government buildings and cultural structures across Canada. Each object has a story to tell, each survivor has something to say. Narrated by the artist, this film weaves together those stories with his personal journey, examining how art can open our hearts to the pain of truth and the beauty of resiliency."

Cowichan cultural and language videos

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsXkg1BGAh2ghCjUU6_xT2Q/playlists

SD79 in partnership with the Cowichan Nation is producing language videos (Hul'q'umi'num Word of the Week) and "Hello Dolly", a series of video interviews with Elder Dolly Sylvester.

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