



*"The Feather", Aboriginal Learning memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted ([kerins\\_l@surreyschools.ca](mailto:kerins_l@surreyschools.ca)) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

**ISPARC - FitNation Leader! – Deadline: February 26, 2021 - 4:00 pm**

Join the ever-growing network of FitNation leaders delivering programs across BC! This Spring, 12 new applicants (2 per region) will participate in 3 days (April 13<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>) of experiential learning, mastering the dynamic movements of FitNation, led by Master Facilitators and FitNation Mentors. See [poster](#).

**Community Better Challenge Grants – Apply by February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Communities, organizations and schools are invited to apply for a Community Better Challenge grant to receive up to \$1,000 to support a program or activity from June 1-30. [Apply](#)

**Webinar – Decolonizing Physical Activity and Sport – February 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 to 11:30 am**

This discussion panel will analyze and discuss how to decolonize physical activity and sport. For more information, click [here](#).

**Invitation to SUILC: Canada Learning Bond Event – March 11<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on Zoom**

Upcoming event for families on the Canada Learning Bond features guests speakers from FRAFCA and MNBC. See [poster](#).

This event will help families learn how to request the [Canada Learning Bond](#) (CLB) and other government funding for children's education after high school! Guest speakers will include the CLB Navigators at Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association (FRAFCA), Métis Nation BC (MNBC) and DIVERSEcity, Service Canada and Vancity.

The CLB provides **up to \$2,000** for eligible children and the [BC Training and Education Savings Grant \(BCTESG\)](#) provides **\$1,200 for children who are BC residents** between the ages of 6 to 9 years old. These grants are for a child's education after high school. There are currently over

**26,000 eligible children in Surrey not yet accessing the CLB and 40% of BC families are missing out on the BCTESG!**

[Families can register here](#) and be entered to win gift cards and other great prizes! A CLB Navigator will contact registrants prior to the event with a Zoom link and help families request the CLB.

### **Métis Family Connections Program**

To enroll in the Métis Family Connections Program, families can contact the MNBC Ministry of Education at [metisearlyyears@mNBC.ca](mailto:metisearlyyears@mNBC.ca) or visit the [Program webpage](#). Funding for the Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) Program is provided by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

### **Métis Nation BC – Education Technology Support Grant**

Click [here](#) to learn more. Apply [here](#).

For all inquiries, please contact the Ministry of Education at [metiseducation@mNBC.ca](mailto:metiseducation@mNBC.ca) or 604-557-5881.

### **ISPARC - Powwow and Jigfit Workout Series!**

Learn Métis dance steps, sequenced through choreography in fun, upbeat classes.

Thursday evenings – 6:00 to 7:00 pm

February 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>

Via Zoom. Register [here](#).

Learn the basics of powwow with two or three steps each class that are sequenced through choreography.

Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 7:00 pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>

Via Zoom. Register [here](#).

### **Dispelling Common Myths About Indigenous Peoples**

Published by Indigenous Corporate Training, “[Dispelling Common Myths About Indigenous Peoples](#)” takes a look at nine myths about Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Exploring myths such as all Indigenous Peoples are the same, they have ample reserve lands and resource, and they don’t pay taxes, author Bob Joseph provide a snapshot of each myth, then explains the reality for Indigenous Peoples. This resource is deal for those about to host a community meeting or who just want to achieve greater cultural awareness.

### **Youth focused Not Just Naloxone Training**

Virtual training session for youth called NJN (not just naloxone). It offers Naloxone training to youth between 16-30 on two different dates (info on [poster](#)), but also ties into other useful information for our youth with the following topics.

- Racism and Prohibition in Canada
- Decolonizing Substance Use
- Indigenous Harm Reduction Practices
- Trauma and Resiliency Informed Practice
- Anti-Stigma work

### **Louis Riel Day**

Did you know..... that Louis Riel Day is a provincial statutory holiday in Manitoba? In 2007, Provincial legislation was passed that Louis Riel Day would be the third Monday in February, in Manitoba. The first Louis Riel Day was in 2008. Manitoba Louis Riel Day [reference](#).

G rard DuBois, designed and illustrated this stamp in 2019 of Louis Riel and his provisional government. [reference](#) . Read more about the stamp's release:

- [Stamp Honours Louis Riel and his Fellow Resister](#);
- [Louis Riel Red River Resistance Canada Post Stamp](#).

Watch V'ni Dansi dancer Yvonne share the Red River Jig along the Red River in anticipation of Louis Riel Day, February 15, 2021. [V'ni Dansi video](#).

### **M tis Families Resource**

Here's a [link](#) to a resource for Metis families to help with grants for a laptop, and possibly rent subsidy.