



*“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](mailto:kerins_1@surreyschools.ca)) up to noon on the previous Friday.*

### **Update to the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses Policy**

Information for Principals/Vice-Principals and School Counsellors: The [BAA policy](#) has been updated to allow First Nations students at non-independent First Nations schools to obtain credit for cultural activities and events that are part of a student's education program. Three course codes have been added to the Course Registry (effective July 1, 2021) for exclusive use by non-independent First Nations schools to document these activities once approved. There are no changes to the reporting of BAA courses for public, independent and offshore schools.

### **Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE)**

EASE is now available in an electronic format. [EASE Online](#) is a collection of free resources and lesson plans for educators to help teach strategies to address anxiety with students in grades K-7. Developed by the Ministry of Children and Family Development in partnership with Anxiety Canada, EASE supports the goals of B.C.'s mental health strategy, [A Pathway to Hope](#), and has been used in B.C. schools since 2019.

### **New Resource on Indigenous Music**

[New education resource on Indigenous music for Canadian students and teachers](#) *Global News / May 15, 2021*

### **National Indigenous Peoples' Day Competition Submissions**

The National Indigenous Peoples' Day (NIPD) contest is coming to a close this Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. If your class or Indigenous students in your school(s) are participating, this is a reminder that all submissions need to be sent to Lisa Kerins [kerins\\_1@surreyschools.ca](mailto:kerins_1@surreyschools.ca) by 3pm on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The judging will be taking place on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am and winners will be shared shortly afterwards.

For the lucky winners, we are hoping to schedule the Indigenous build-a-bear activity ASAP, so we can capture some video footage for the Surrey NIPD live stream that will take place June 21<sup>st</sup>. We need to submit all video footage to the City of Surrey by June 11<sup>th</sup> to be included in the big event.

Thank you for your support. Juanita is looking forward to reading all the submissions and announcing the lucky winners on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Volunteer Position with Educational Game**

For grade 9-12 students, via UVic's HighTechU

This summer, there's a volunteer opportunity for students to get involved with production of an educational mobile game.

A U.S.-based nonprofit game producer of "OtherWordly," and HighTechU at University of Victoria are collaborating on a volunteer internship designed to give students a window into some of the production and marketing elements of **mobile video game** design. There are several tasks planned to show students various pieces that go into making and launching an educational game.

WHO: Students Grade 9-12

WHERE: Living & studying in British Columbia

WHEN: June 14 to August 16, 2021

COMMITMENT: 60-120 hrs

DEADLINE: 7-June - it's easy to apply.

Here's a Tweet about it:

[https://twitter.com/hightechu\\_ca/status/1395830651299844098](https://twitter.com/hightechu_ca/status/1395830651299844098)

Here's a web page about it:

<https://hightechu.ca/2021/05/21/volunteer-with-idea-games/>

[HighTechU](#) does various work with high school students.

### **Mental Health First Aid**

[Poster](#)

Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Indigenous Science Experience**

[Poster](#)

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Application Deadline Extended!! High School Emerging Indigenous Scholars Virtual Summer Camp**

Indigenous Education and Services at snəwəyəl leləm Langara College, UBC Faculty of Mathematics, UBC Faculty of Science, and the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) will be running the [Emerging Indigenous Scholars Virtual Summer Camp](#) from July 5, 2021 to August 6, 2021. Applications are still open. Please share this opportunity with your Indigenous high school students. **Deadline to apply is Friday, June 4, 2021.**

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Stepping Stones: FREE ELearning**

[Introduction to Physical Literacy 101: Indigenous Lens](#) – June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

## **Mental health Supports for Staff and Students**

[Healing and wellness resources | Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre \(ubc.ca\)](#)

(This link provides self-care strategies, several embedded links for students, survivors and family members, community members and Indigenous peoples)

[First Nations Health Authority \(fnha.ca\)](#)

(Comprehensive supports varying from traditional healing, mental wellness, tips guides and resources)

[NEW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR MÉTIS PEOPLE IN BC – Métis Nation British Columbia \(mnb.ca\)](#)

(Pilot program providing Métis youth and adults in B.C. with funding for counselling)

[PUBLICATION-Mental-Health-and-Resiliency-Supports-2020-05-01b.pdf \(fnesc.ca\)](#)

(Comprehensive list of Mental Health and Resiliency supports from FNESC)

## **Hope for Wellness Help Line**

Open to all Indigenous Peoples across Canada, and offers 24-hour mental health counselling, via phone 1-855-242-3310 or chat Line: <https://chat.fn-i-hopeforewellness.ca/>

Call **310-6789** (no area code needed) toll-free anywhere in BC to access emotional support, information and resources specific to mental health and substance use issues. Available 24 hours a day.

## **KUUS-US: The KUU-US Crisis Line Society**

Operates a 24-hour provincial Aboriginal Crisis line for: adults, elders and youth <https://www.kuu-uscrisisline.ca/>

Adult/Elder Crisis Line: 250-723-4050

Child/Youth Crisis Line: 250-723-2040

BC Wide Toll Free: 1800-KUU-US17 (1800-588-8717)

Métis Crisis Line BC Toll Free: 1833-MétisBC (1833-638-4722)

### **Indian Residential School Survivors Society**

(IRSSS) provides essential services to Residential School Survivors, their families, and to those dealing with intergenerational trauma. Call toll free: 1-800-721-0066.

### **First Nations Health Authority Mental Wellness & Counselling Support**

Offers a list of providers registered with health benefits at [www.fnha.ca/benefits/mental-health](http://www.fnha.ca/benefits/mental-health) or call 1-855-550-5454.

### **Colouring Pages**

[Every Child Matters](#) – Colouring Page - Artwork shown by [Yasakw Yakujanaas Designs](#)

More colouring pages can be found [here](#).

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