



“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 6

Here is yesterday’s message: <https://vimeo.com/414642333>

eMentoring, for grade 10-12 girls who are interested in a STEM career – May 6- June 12

SCWIST (The Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology) is offering a free 6-week program that pairs girls in high schools with female role models in science, tech, engineering and math. Students are sent weekly discussion questions, covering topics such as career path, post-secondary life, work environments, etc. eMentoring is done entirely over email. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour a week. Learn more:

<http://scwist.ca/programs/ms-infinity/> . The next round of eMentoring runs from May 6 to June 12. Applications are due April 30. (Late applications will be taken if there is room.) Apply online: <https://bit.ly/3a956lL>

Questions: Akanksha Chudgar (Northern Indigenous Outreach Coordinator)
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Meaningful May: Looking for conversation ideas for students?

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendars>

“Action for Happiness” is a movement of people committed to building a happier and more caring society. Their website offers many uplifting ideas for everyday life. One of their strategies is a monthly “Action” calendar that suggests daily attitudes to help us respond with purpose and meaning. Aside from giving us all something to think about, each day’s suggestion might give you a conversation topic when you reach out to students on your caseload.

https://www.actionforhappiness.org/media/875760/may_2020.jpg

DCF videos to explore

Aboriginal Learning is here to support teachers and parents. Our District Cultural Facilitators have been busy making videos. Teachers, please feel free to use these in your teaching. The link for the videos is <https://aboriginalresourcesforteachers.weebly.com/videos-from-our-dcf.html>

Need an Indigenous “idea of the week”?

Aboriginal Learning is also sharing some ideas for teachers and parents. We post an idea each weekday. The link to the ideas page is: <https://aboriginalresourcesforteachers.weebly.com/ido.html>

Nadine reads aloud – “We can bead”

<https://nadinereadaloud.weebly.com>

Nadine McSpadden has written a number of books for Pearson. She has received the publisher’s permission to read these stories aloud. (The password is SD36BCCA - These stories may only be shared with Surrey teachers and families.) They will remain up until June 30. Only one story is loaded right now but stay tuned for more stories. *“I wrote these books so you can see that First Nation people are here and we are thriving. We have unique cultures, language and histories. Through my stories, I hope you will learn a little bit about the Secwepemc Nation.”*

Downloadable Ojibwe colouring books

<https://www.princestrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/THINGS3.pdf>

Toronto-based Ojibwe artist and graphic designer Patrick Hunter shared an Ojibwe colouring book he created last year during a residency with Prince’s Trust Canada. Hunter describes his artistic approach as a mix between Norval Morrisseau's woodland-style paintings and the Group of Seven’s landscapes.

How to Draw a Turtle - Woodland Art Style

<https://youtu.be/35IM7DMfwV4>

Joshua "Mangeshig" Steckley is an Ojibwe artist from Wasauksing First Nation. Josh demonstrates how to draw the majestic eagle by demonstrating Woodland style art. Students will follow along to create their own work of art. Materials needed- Pencil and paper. Suitable for Grades 4-8.

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