



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

Indigenous Support for Student Learning Program

This program is a time-limited project for Indigenous students who have limited financial resources, including those students living with disabilities. Students must be of low-income, enrolled in Formal education (online, remote, on-site), and actively attending. The SSLP is now accepting applications from eligible students **across Canada to receive a laptop**, disability related software, and hardware accessories. Their goal is to assist low-income Indigenous students and those with disabilities in their continued education and success. This program will run until March 31, 2021. Here is the [application form](#) and [poster](#). For more information and applications available on the website: www.bcands.bc.ca/isslp.

Métis Emergency Shelter Application

<https://www.mnbc.ca/portal/forms/covid-19-emergency-shelter-application/>

The MNBC Covid-19 Emergency Shelter Support Fund is available to those MNBC Citizens who have exhausted ALL OTHER OPTIONS for shelter. The hardships experienced must be a direct result of Covid-19. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The applicant must have exhausted all other local shelter options prior to application for this support fund. Only once all other resources have been exhausted will the MNBC Emergency Shelter Support fund be made available.

Email: emergencyshelterfund@mnbc.ca

Toll Free: 1-800-940-1150 | Office: 604-557-5851

District Partnership Programs: Some Space Still Available

- Culinary: Students attend class at Tamanawis Secondary from January – May
- Painter/Decorator: Finishing Trades Institute (FTI), offers a 6-week Painter and Decorator program starting in June. Classes are held at FTI's Training School in Surrey.
- Trades Sampler: offered at BCIT Burnaby & Richmond Campuses (February – May)

Please reach out to your school Career Counsellor if you have student candidates.

Volunteer opportunity for post-secondary students - Intergenerational Knowledge Sharing Program

See the [poster](#) for more background on this program. Indigenous post-secondary students are invited to participate in free certificate training (and other incentives) to help support aging community members with technology skills.

Deadline for register for the 4-hour online program is November 27, 2020. Click [here](#) to register.

Questions about the program can be sent to Morgan: morgan@digitalhealthcircle.ca | 778-782-7319

UBC NITEP virtual presentation and Pizza lunch

- There are still two spots left for a pizza lunch on UBC's tab! To receive the pizza lunch, ask for a virtual presentation on UBC's NITEP (Indigenous Teacher Education Program) to students.
- UBC is still collecting Expression of Interest forms on the website, which can be found here: <https://nitep.educ.ubc.ca/admissions/apply/> Submissions will go into the monthly raffle for prizes!
- All presentation requests will come with NITEP swag! They will be sending out NITEP Swag packages for students and staff following the NITEP Virtual presentations to schools.
- Webinar Reminder: UBC is hosting Chris Rambaran, Enrolment Services Advisor for a specialized webinar on Youth In Care supports and NITEP on December 1st, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PDT.

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[Poster](#)

To attend UBC webinars, click this link at the designated webinar time:

<https://ca.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/guest/9a66d7e3b4e149b1872b977a1d3bc6aa>

If you have any questions or would like to set up a virtual presentation please contact us at:

nitep.educ@ubc.ca or teneille.shea@ubc.ca

Indigenous author – public “virtual” reading – let your families know – Nov 18th

Michael Hutchinson will be doing a general public reading on Wed Nov 18 - 6-7pm and there is still room to attend. (This is open to all grades.) See [poster](#).

Michael is a member of the Mispawistik Cree Nation, north of Winnipeg. He is the author of the popular “Mighty Muskrats Mystery” series for young readers published by Second Story Press. He has spent much of his career telling the stories of Indigenous peoples and advocating for First Nation families and communities across Canada. He currently lives in Ottawa.

Click here to register: <https://www.surreylibraries.ca/online-indigenous-author-reading-michael-hutchinson> (you can share this link)

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