



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

### **Windspeaker recommendations and parent night**

Just a reminder that we are looking for 2 to 3 motivated students from each secondary site who are interested in learning more about culture and Indigenous identity, and want to be leaders in their school. Use the linked [guidelines](#) for interested students. Parent meeting Sept 18 at 5pm, REC.

### **AESA app – names and schools**

Over the next couple of days, IMS should have updated your schools and students in the AESA app. If you still don't have your assigned students by the end of the week, please log a service call with IMS.

### **Orange Shirt Day – observed Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Please talk up Orange Shirt day with your school sites. Schools will likely want to observe the event on the preceding Friday (Sept 27<sup>th</sup>), but many teachers will also be wearing orange on the Pro-D day as well (Sept 30<sup>th</sup> is the actual day). <http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>

### **Adjusting schedules and swapping days**

If you have made arrangements between two or more of your schools to shift your days and/or hours because of space or programming or some other reason, please let Lisa K know so we can update our schedule here at the office.

### **Frank Hurt alum (Violet Nelson) is in a film at VIFF this fall.**

“The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open” has been playing the international festival circuit (including Berlin and Toronto), and will be playing VIFF this

fall! Tickets (showtimes TBA) will be available here: <https://viff.org/Online/f28025-the-body-remembers-when-the-world-broke-open>.

Links: [Website & Trailer](#) | [Clip 1](#) | [Clip 2](#) | [Interview](#) | [Review](#)

Discovering Rosie (Violet Nelson), a pregnant teenager, sobbing on a rainy East Vancouver street, Aila (Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers) swiftly intercedes, initially offering shelter before working feverishly to get her access to proper support networks. Unfolding in real time, this deft drama from Tailfeathers and Kathleen Hepburn (*Never Steady, Never Still*) employs a riveting combination of intimacy and immediacy as these two Indigenous women forge a tentative bond and embark on a revelatory odyssey.

## **BC RCMP is recruiting BC youth for the 2019-2020 BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee**

There are 30 spots available for the 2019/2020 school year. If you know of any youth who are looking for an interesting volunteer opportunity and has a passion for contributing to change, this might be a great opportunity for them. The purpose of the BC RCMP Advisory Committee is to represent youth voice.

For their participation, youth will:

- Be eligible for reference letters
- Connect with other youth across BC
- Play a vital role in the shaping of how the RCMP supports youth

Youth can email [yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) or download the linked [application](#). Completed applications must be returned by September 20, 2019.

## **Call for Nominations - Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport**

The Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I-SPARC), in collaboration with the Province of British Columbia, is launching the nomination process for the 2019 Premier's Award for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport. These awards provide a unique opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Indigenous athletes who excel in performance sport and who are using their experiences in sport to shape their future.

Nominations are open to Indigenous athletes (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) under 25 years of age who are competing in performance sport; display strong leadership qualities; are committed to pursuing higher education; and serve as community role models both on and off the field of play.

The Premier's Awards will be presented both regionally and provincially. A total of 36 regional awards will be given out, six awards within each of I-SPARC's six regions. Formal ceremonies to honour regional recipients will be held throughout the months of October and November.

Regional recipients will automatically serve as nominees for the Provincial Award. 10 athletes will be selected to receive the Provincial Award and invited to the formal ceremony at the Gathering Our Voices: Indigenous Youth Leadership Training opening ceremony in Kamloops, BC on March 16, 2020.

**Deadline to submit nominations is Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. (PST).**

The Regional Nomination form can be found at <https://aboriginalsportbc.wufoo.com/forms/2019-premiers-awards-nomination-form/>.

To find out more about the Premier's Awards, visit <https://isparc.ca/grants-recognition/premiersawards/>.

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