



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

“Authors Among Us” – Surrey Public Library

Wed Sep 26 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | [Guildford Library](#)

Meet and hear local authors, Lisa Monchalin and Jónina Kirton.

Lisa Monchalin is the first Indigenous woman in Canada with a PhD in Criminology. She is a professor at KPU and the author of *The Colonial Problem: An Indigenous Perspective on Crime and Injustice in Canada*. Jónina Kirton is a Métis poet who received the Emerging Artist Award from the City of Vancouver, in 2016. Jónina’s latest publication is a collection of poems, *An Honest Woman*. There will be time for the audience to ask questions and interact with the authors. Refreshments will be provided. Authors will be selling books (in case you’d like to purchase a copy and get it signed).

Teen Reading List at Surrey Public Library

SPL is promoting Indigenous-themed novels at their various locations. See this pamphlet ([link](#)) for some titles that can be found on the shelves. The good news is that students who frequent the public library branch can expect to see more Aboriginal authors, illustrators and stories represented.

Sharing our Natural World Artwork Contest with Cash Prize Submission Deadline Postmarked October 31, 2018

BC communities once again honor **National Forest Week (NFW)**. The theme this year is **“Research Forests: Sharing our Natural World”**. To raise awareness of the almost century-old NFW event, September 23-29, 2018, FORED BC is again offering a provincial artwork poster contest for youths.

BC's **Research Forests** (<http://www.rpd.forestry.ubc.ca/>) are great places to learn how to **protect our forests and explore our natural world**. Make a picture of some of the things you can do there: planting a tree; going for a nature hike or maybe boating or camping; searching for wildlife and birds and looking for their homes; discovering many different kinds of trees, learning their names and seeing how they grow. Learning how to protect our environment helps us maintain **healthy forests, which are important to our culture, environment and way of life**.

The contest is open to all kids ages 5 - 18. **Six winners** will each collect a **\$50 prize** from FORED BC. Joint winners would share the prize. In addition, **three bonus prizes** of a distinctive FORED pen crafted from second-growth timber will be awarded.

Artwork Contest Details:

- **Deadline for poster submission is October 31, 2018** and must be **postmarked by that same date**. All posters become the property of FORED BC.
- Participants **must** note their **name, postal address, phone and email address and/or grade, teacher, school, & school postal & email addresses on the back of all posters or in covering emails**, so we can contact winners.
- All artistic mediums accepted: i.e. pencil, crayon, paint, mural, collage, etc. Scanned posters may be emailed to education@foredbc.org in high-resolution.jpg (300dpi) format.
- Size: 8.5"x11" to 11"x17" paper with theme: **"Research Forests: Sharing our Natural World"**
- Due to the large volume of entries, FORED cannot return posters. Only winners will be notified. By participating, winners agree that their names and posters can be published in local media.

Strengthening the Circle Student Leadership Conference gr. 9 – 12

November 20th, 21st, & 22nd, 2018 – Langley BC
More details TBA

Orange Shirt Day

"Orange Shirt Day" normally September 30th, will be observed on **Friday September 28th in 2018**. Once again schools can order shirts for the day. You have the option of contacting "Beyond Mars" or "JayDees Clothing" - these are the two suppliers we have made arrangements with. (Order forms are at the end of this package found at this link: <http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>)

We are hoping that you have marked this date on your calendar and that your school will find some way to commemorate the day. We welcome any level of participation, from individual classroom activities, to school wide announcements, to a more formal organized event.

A package with some background information as well as some suggestions has been put together by our department. Please tweet any activities you run with the hashtag #sd36AbEd and #orangeshirtday. (<http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>)

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