



“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.

Orange Shirt Day – Wednesday, Sept 30th

A package with background information as well as some suggested classroom activities has been put together by Aboriginal Learning. (<http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>) Please tweet any artwork or plans you’d like to share using the hashtag #sd36AbEd and #orangeshirtday.

Note: Schools can order shirts from their preferred vendor, but we have included order forms from “Beyond Mars” and “JayDees Clothing” at the end of the resource package; ordering deadlines vary depending on the vendor.

FRAFCA – Student Challenge for Orange Shirt Day – Deadline Sept 25th

FRAFCA is sponsoring a video/artwork contest to recognize Orange Shirt Day ([What is Orange Shirt Day?](#)).

Use your talents to answer the question for your age group.

There are 4 categories:

- 0-6years: “[What do you love about being Indigenous?](#)”
- 7-12 years: “[Why is it important to learn about Orange Shirt Day and Reconciliation?](#)”
- 13-18 years: (same as 7-12)
- 19-30 years. (same as 7--12)

Send in your answer to Frafca.aecd@gmail.com

Note: Responses may be shared on the FRAFCA Facebook page and may eligible to receive a prize. (See 3 attached mini-posters)

National Film Board Resources and Event to support Orange Shirt Day

<http://email.nfb.ca/mail/OBS/611d0001019NLN6HaDg-912288591>

In addition to providing films to view with your class (check age suitability as some selections are for older students), the NFB is proud to partner with **Every Child Matters**, to offer an online youth event on Sept 30 (for Grades 5 through 12) that honours Residential School Survivors, their families and communities. This virtual event provides an opportunity to learn first-hand from Residential School Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, artists and leaders from nations and cultures across the country. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/every-child-matters-chaque-enfant-compte-tickets-107741056400>

Message from new Aboriginal Learning Helping Teacher Allison Hotti

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My Name is Allison Hotti. I am of mixed Dene and Norwegian descent and I was raised here on Semiahmoo territory. It is so wonderful to be working in Aboriginal Learning again. I started my SD36 career in 2004 as an Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement Teacher and enjoyed that role for 4 years. I wanted to experience my own classroom so I posted in to “give it a try” before I returned to Aboriginal Learning. Well that “try” lasted for 12 years – I taught grades 2-5 at three different schools and enjoyed integrating Indigenous content into my daily practice in various ways. I am so excited to see many familiar names on our staff list. I look forward to connecting with old colleagues and meeting our newer staff members as your Helping Teacher.
Mahsi Cho

KPU Update

Hello! We've been working hard over the summer to ensure that we can provide all of the same services you've come to expect from our Student Recruitment Coordinators, in accessible online formats.

While we wish we could visit your school in person this year, we are delighted to be able to participate in virtual visits with [Post-Secondary BC](#), and to offer the following workshops and presentations via Microsoft Teams or Zoom this Fall, from the comfort of your students' devices at home (no need to group students):

- KPU General Presentation (both Live and taped versions)
- Career and Life Exploration (geared towards grade 10 and 11)
- Next Steps workshop (spring)
- Transition or Co-op interviews

Please connect with me directly to book any of the above sessions.

This year we will be dropping off Viewbooks and Counsellor resources at the schools over the next few weeks. We are happy to leave the resources at the front counter for you, or if you wish for special arrangements and quantities please let me know directly. For those schools located outside of the lower mainland, we intend to mail you a package.

Important dates for October:

October 1st: **Applications Open!** (kpu.ca/apply)

October 3rd: KPU's first ever Virtual Open House. To register: kpu.ca/openhouse

October 15th: KPU Counsellors Conference (virtual!). To register: kpu.ca/counsellorsconference

Again, we wish you a safe and smooth return to the classroom, please know we are here to support you in any way we can. Our next newsletter will be sent in early October with updates to our Campus Tour offerings (virtual).

As always, I'm available and excited to speak to students, parents, and educators about all that KPU has to offer. I can be reached directly at samantha.daniels@kpu.ca, or at our [online drop-in sessions](#) every weekday.

Native Youth Program 2020

There is a brand new exhibit titled "Shame and Prejudice" that the NYP students will have the amazing opportunity to tour. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend workshops facilitated by a variety of Indigenous mentors with a diverse range of disciplines, attend exciting field trips, and participate in a variety of creative projects!

For your information:

- NYP 2020 [Poster](#);
- NYP 2020 [Recruitment Brochure](#);
- NYP 2020 [Job Posting](#).

Any questions, please contact: [Nicole North Peigan](#)

MNBC Introduction to Construction Worker Training Program

Fully funded 11 week training program. Program starts October 19, 2020 at KPU in Cloverdale. For more information click [here](#).

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