



“The Feather”, Aboriginal Learning 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.

Videos for Orange Shirt Day

Videos from the Tk'emlups Te Secwepemc people:

<https://vimeo.com/606861755>

<https://vimeo.com/606862147>

Youth Pow Wow – Saturday, October 2nd

Taking place in Mission this weekend on the grounds of St. Mary’s Residential School – PEKW’XE:YLES. On Saturday October 2nd, a self-governed group of youth with prominent experiences in homelessness, substance use, the foster system, and other forms of intergenerational trauma are coming together to host their first powwow. This amazing group of youth have the support of mentors and knowledge keepers who are working with them to help make their first powwow a success and ensure all cultural protocols are followed.

It will be a fun and meaningful event, with the Honourable *Steven Point* as Arena Director and *Wild River* as host drum. Various vendor tables will be there with arts and crafts, healing and wellness services, and refreshments available. Please see the [poster](#) for additional details.

This awesome event initiated, planned and delivered by youth has received funding support from:

- Fraser Health
- Matsqui Abbotsford Impact Society
- Mission Friendship Centre
- Mission Overdose Community Action Team (MOCAT)
- #RISINGYOUTH Community Service Grants (funded by the Government of Canada, Canada Service Corps & TakingITGlobal)
- Valley Youth Peers for Overdose Response (VYPOR)

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation at Holland Park – Sept. 30th at Holland Park

Please distribute this [flyer](#).

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Thursday September 30 @ 2pm

Holland Park - near the fountain

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

[September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation \(downiewenjack.ca\)](http://downiewenjack.ca)

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - Tool for classrooms

My name is Rachel Franks and I am a proud kanien'kehá:ka and member of the Wahta Mohawks. I am also an Education Lead at Future Design School where I work with school partners on culturally responsive and community connected learning.

I am certain you are incredibly busy settling into the new school year as well as working alongside teachers and students in preparation for the busy months ahead. With that in mind, we wanted to provide you with a resource you can share with teachers in preparation for the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day.

We've created tools to support generative discussions around this very important day of remembrance. The tools can be differentiated to be used in grades 5-9 as teachers see fit. Included is a guide for teachers that corresponds to slide deck as well as reflective activity book for students.

You can access these tools here:

1. [Slide Deck](#)
2. [Teachers Guide](#)
3. [Reflective Tools for Students](#)

Our hope is to support teachers to have rich conversations while exploring additional resources and stories from authentic voices and inspiring youth to engage in truth and reconciliation in a meaningful way and on an ongoing basis.

Drum for the Children

Join [virtually](#) on September 30 – at 2:15 p.m

Walk for reconciliation Sept 30th - Semiahmoo territory

Information [here](#).

Adopt-a-School Grants Program

Spread awareness of The Vancouver Sun Children's Fund Society's Adopt-a-School grants program. [Here](#) is a PDF with some brief details of the grants program for you to share with the appropriate staff members at your district's schools.

The **Adopt-a-School Grants Program** was launched in 2011 to provide grants to schools and charitable organizations running programs for vulnerable students in British Columbia. Their primary focus is food security, clothing and basic necessities; however they may also consider grants for activities (such as sports, creative arts, field trips, music, etc.), mentorship, technology and literacy resources.

Schools can apply for grants for more than one program. Acceptance of one application does not impact funding decisions for other programs in that school.

Applications for 2021/22 Campaign

The online grant management system for the 2021 campaign is now open for grant applications. (link to apply can be found at <http://vansunkidsfund.ca/apply-for-help>)

The grant application deadline is October 15, 2021. If you will have problems completing your application by this deadline, please contact them to discuss the situation.

If you have any questions, please contact Fund Administrator, Michelle Roebuck via email at adoptaschool@vansunkidsfund.ca or phone at **604-605-2264**.

Welcome to Your Learning Journey

See [flyer](#). Please deliver them to the Indigenous kindergarten children at your schools. Perhaps you can also reach out to families via email or phone to let them know and if families find registration a challenge, the CYCW's could register the families for them. We don't want registration to be a barrier, so we encourage it, but do not require it.

Witness Blanket

Witness Blanket - A National Monument to recognize the atrocities of Indian Residential Schools.

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www.witnessblanket.ca

See the [Powerpoint](#).

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

At the NCTR, survivors, their families, educators, researchers and the public can examine the residential school system more deeply with the goal of fostering reconciliation and healing.

NCTR's Truth and Reconciliation Week Online Public Events and Registration

These online events will provide historical workshops, exclusive video content and activities — all supported by artistic and cultural performances by First Nations, Métis and Inuit artists.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Reports

Read the TRC's 94 calls to action, final report and more.

A Conversation with Senator Murray Sinclair

Broadcast in 2016, Senator Murray Sinclair discusses the role of commissions in Canada.

Residential School Map

An interactive map of residential schools and TRC events in Canada. The map is updated regularly as more research is complete.

Native-Land.ca

An interactive map to find out more about local Indigenous territories and languages.

New Children and Families Microsite

The Ministry of Children and Families is excited to announce the launch of our new [Ministry website!](#)

Two savings opportunities for Métis citizens

MNBC and Vesta Networks are pleased to introduce managed SAVE phone plans, taking the hassle out of dealing with mobile carriers. Provided by Rogers, all SAVE plans include the additional features shown by clicking this [link](#) plus unlimited US calling (and texting) from Canada.

[Two savings opportunities for Métis citizens \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Looking Glass Foundation - Eating Disorders program information

See [information](#).

Métis Family Services events and Programs

[Art Class Poster](#)

[Baking Class Poster](#)

[Family Drop-In Poster](#)

Mamawapowuk Poster

