



“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.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone to another exciting year in Aboriginal Learning. Once again, we have the opportunity to walk alongside Indigenous kids and their families, and support them in achieving their goals. We have some new initiatives this year (i.e. Elementary Indigenous Lead Teachers) as well as some rebranding (i.e. Indigenous Graduation Advocates). We look forward to continuing many of our established programs, and supporting creative projects in individual schools. As we climb back on the rollercoaster of a new school year, remember that the work you do is vital and makes a difference in the lives of students. Together, we are building the kind of community we want to live in.

Lisa Jackson’s Transmissions – September 6th – 28th

Transmissions is a three-part, 6000 square foot multimedia installation by award-winning Anishinaabe filmmaker and artist [Lisa Jackson](#). It extends her investigation into the connections between land, language, and people, most recently with her virtual reality work [Biidaaban: First Light](#).

Fei & Milton Wong Experimental Theatre, SFU Woodward’s 149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Tuesday to Friday 12pm – 7pm; Saturday & Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Indigenous Communities: Active for Life - September 14th - Professional Development

There's an exciting, interactive professional development and learning opportunity for coaches, volunteers, youth support workers and staff training, taking place September 14th. See [poster](#). **Online registration encouraged, but walk in also welcome:** https://sportforlife-sportpourlavie.ca/catalog_classroom_detail.php?courseid=20

The Indigenous Communities: Active for Life resource and accompanying full-day workshop were created through a national process involving Indigenous sport and physical activity leaders throughout Canada, with the purpose of establishing culturally tailored resources that inspires community leaders to deliver programs that promote the holistic development of their participants.

The resource and workshop support community leaders in the development of sustainable, quality sport and physical activity programs that build collaborative relationships, and re-engage their community members in active and healthy lifestyles. Upon completion of the workshops, participants will have:

- Tools, resources, and action plans to support the design and delivery of quality sport and physical activity programs in their community
- An understanding of physical literacy, which is the development of movement skills, confidence, and motivation to be active for life
- Ideas to support their participants' physical, mental/emotional, spiritual, and cultural needs
- A certificate of workshop completion and 3 National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Professional Development (PD) points (if applicable)

Saturday, September 14, 2019

9am – 5pm

Kwantlen Cultural Centre

23907 Gabriel Lane, Langely, BC

Workshop fees and lunched provided by Fraser Region - I-SPARC

General Labourer Program – September 16th to 27th, 2019

Sto:lo Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training is pleased to offer a general labourer program. See [flyer](#).

Orange Shirt Day

“Orange Shirt Day” which is on September 30th, can be observed by schools on **Friday September 27th or Tuesday Oct 1st**. Once again schools can order shirts for the day from either “Beyond Mars” or “JayDees Clothing”. Order forms are at the end of the package found at this link: <http://bit.ly/OSDactivities>)

Note: ordering deadlines are Sept 16th or 18th depending on the vendor. 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. (See link above) Please tweet any activities you'd like to share using the hashtag #sd36AbEd and #orangeshirtday.

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