Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District November 12-15th, 2019

Louis Riel Day

Did you know that November 16th is Louis Riel Day?

November 16th is honoured annually as Louis Riel Day across Canada. November 16th is the anniversary of Louis Riel's execution in 1885. Riel is honoured and recognized for his fight for Métis Rights. November 16th is also a day to celebrate and acknowledge the dynamic and vibrant Métis culture. Here is some information on how B.C. marked Louis Riel day last year Louis Riel Day 2018.

Here is what Métis Nation President Chartran stated regarding Louis Riel Day (2018) "*November*

16th is the most important day on the calendar for the Métis Nation. It was on this day in 1885 that our fearless leader Louis Riel, was executed for defending the rights of his people, the Métis. Our fight did not end 133 years ago, we continue to move forward in asserting ourselves as a rights-bearing people-its because of Louis Riel's efforts and others who have sacrificed their lives for Métis rights that we are here today. <u>reference</u>

Want to learn more about Métis Culture and participate in Louis Riel Day Celebrations?

Here are some community events occurring on November 16th, 2019 around the Lower Mainland

<u>V'ni Dansi</u>

<u>FVMA</u>

Louis Riel Day Events

NVSD schools watch for a statement about Louis Riel Day, November 16th 2019 on social media



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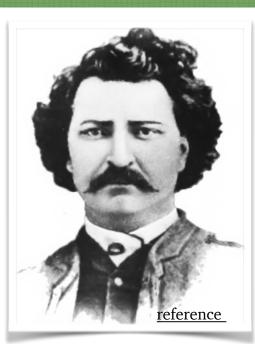
NVSD Indigenous Education Team Request Form

<u>Check out our new</u> <u>request forms!</u>

<u>K-5</u>

Grade 6-12 Link

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.



Louis Riel Silver Dollar

Did you know that the Canadian Mint recently launched a new coin on the 175th anniversary of Louis Riel's birthday?

The coin was unveiled on October 22, 2019. The coin was designed by Métis artist David Garneau, and is the first coin to feature the Métis language, Michif. Find out more about the design from the <u>Canadian</u> <u>Mint</u> and read the Métis Nation BC <u>News Release</u>

Watch a news clip from the unveiling <u>here</u>.



"It was an honour and truly proud moment to see Métis history now etched forever in Canadian history," says MNBC President Clara Morin Dal Col. "The commemorative coin is an important recognition of a great Métis Nation leader and Canadian, and as a Métis woman and leader of a growing Métis Nation, it is another reason to be *kischee tey mo' yawn aen li Michif wi'yawn* (proud to be Métis). <u>reference</u>

Resources

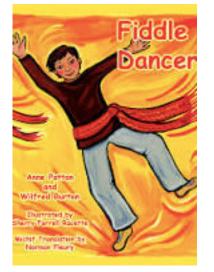
Want to learn more?

Here are some resources

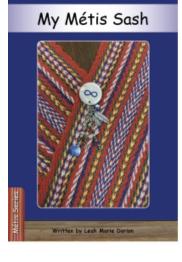
Education for Reconcilliation: Métis Professional Learning

Métis Nation BC resources

Métis Nation Ontario Education







Holiday Art Contest

The First Peoples' Cultural Council is hosting a Holiday Card Contest.



The contest is open to Indigenous youth age 5-12 and artists are encouraged to create entries that depict a holiday scene that may include language and"reflect your territory, traditions, community or family" <u>reference</u>

Find out more details from The First Peoples' Cultural Council <u>here.</u>

Deadline NOVEMBER 22nd!

NVSD Indigenous Education Bookclub 2019-2020

The focus this year will be on the podcast *Missing & Murdered: Finding Cleo* hosted by Connie Walker. To listen to the podcast and find out more about this award winning series click <u>here.</u> Are you interested in participating in the NVSD Indigenous Education Bookclub this year? Meetings will begin in November. If you are interested in joining please email Stephanie Maki at <u>smaki@sd44.ca</u>





Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project

Who wants to join Windsor Secondary, Xwemélch'stn Norgate, Ns7e'yxnitm la Tel:'wet Westview, Carisbrooke, Ridgeway, Sherwood Park and Carson Graham? Look for Legacy School applications coming soon. Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Projects officially start on October 17, 2019. Want to learn more about the Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project? Find out more <u>here.</u>

Upcoming Workshops/Learning Opportunities



FNESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference

FNESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference November 28-30, 2019 is currently full. Click <u>here</u> to sign up for the waitlist.

The National Gathering November 20-22, 2019

Did you know Indspire hosts an educational conference on annual basis called the National Gathering for Indigenous Education. This year the conference is November 20-22nd, 2019, in Toronto. Want to learn more? Check out the <u>conference</u> or learn more about Indspire's Peer Support Program for educators <u>here.</u>



NVSD Indigenous Education Team Profile

Meet a member of the NVSD Indigenous Education Team....



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