

# Indigenous Education

## North Vancouver School District

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### United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

On October 24, 2019, British Columbia become the first province in Canada to begin legislating the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). If passed the legislation will mandate[s] that government bring its laws and policies into harmony with the aims of the declaration” [reference](#).

#### What is UNDRIP?

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

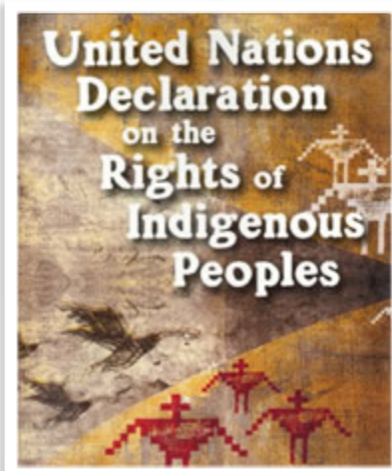
*“Most simply put, it’s about coming together as governments, as people seeking to find common ground,”*

Terry Teegee, Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations in B.C. [reference](#)

was adopted by the United Nations in September 2017 “to enshrine the rights that “constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world.”[reference](#), and “protects collective rights of

Indigenous peoples that may not addressed in other human rights charters”[reference](#).

Want to know more? Here is a [link](#) to the articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and [background information](#).



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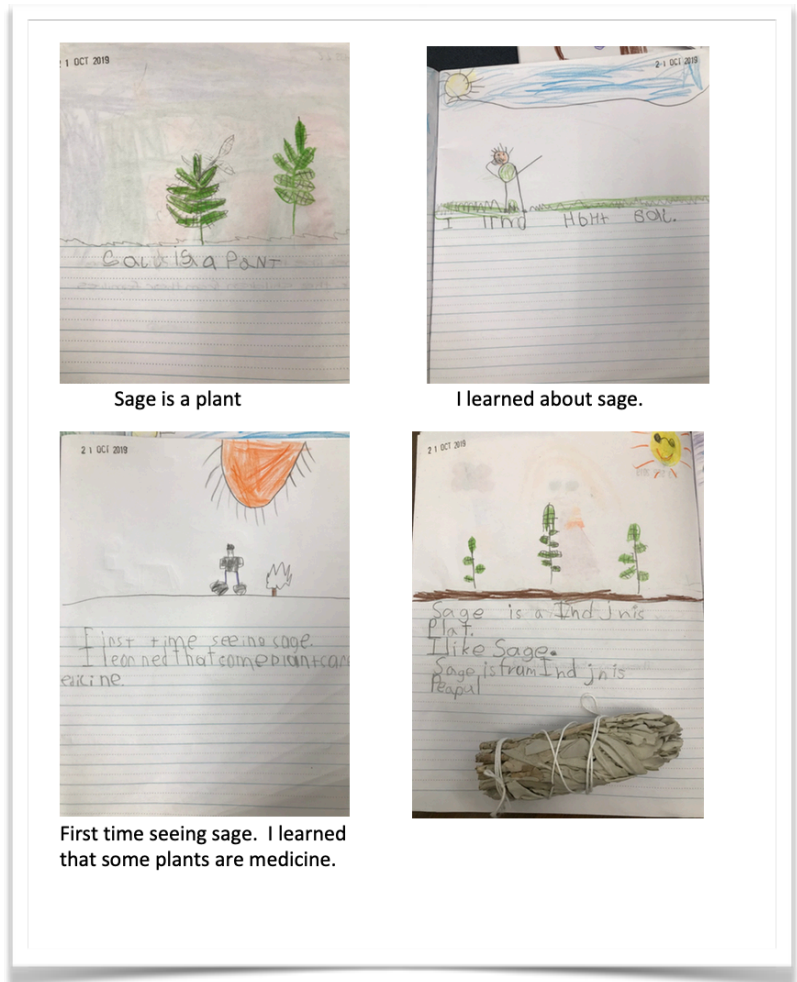
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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on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

## White Sage Lesson

On the October 4, 2019, Pro D Day with Niigan Sinclair, all staff in attendance received a bundle of White Sage and a follow up lesson shared from the NVSD Indigenous Education Team.

Here are some student examples from Mrs. Mey's Grade 1 class at Eastview.



## 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" reference

Find out more details from The First Peoples' Cultural Council here.

## 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 [here](#). 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 [smaki@sd44.ca](mailto:smaki@sd44.ca)



### Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project

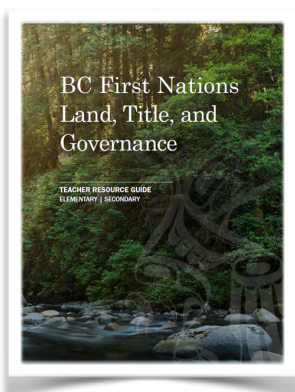
Who wants to join Windsor Secondary, Xwemélch'stn Norgate, Ns7e'yxnitm la Tel:'wet Westview, Carisbrooke, Ridgeway, Sherwood Park and Carson Graham? Look for Legacy School applications coming soon. Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Projects officially start on October 17, 2019. Want to learn more about the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

## Upcoming Workshops/Learning Opportunities

### Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education

Have you been wanting to take the Online course Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education?

It is currently being offered again through UBC with Jan Hare. It is free and open to everyone. To register or find out more click [here](#). The course will run from October 15-November 19, 2019.



### FNESC: BC First Nations Land, Title and Governance November 4, 2019

FNESC is hosting a workshop on the new resource: *BC First Nations Land, Title and Governance*. To learn more or register click [here](#).



## **FNESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference**

FNESC Annual Indigenous Education Conference November 28-30, 2019 is currently full. Click [here](#) 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 [conference](#) or learn more about Indspire's Peer Support Program for educators [here](#).



## **NVSD Indigenous Education Team Profile**

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



### **Dana Moody Thomas, Squamish and Apsaalooke Nations**

Dana is an Indigenous Support Worker who is at Norgate Xwemélch'stn. Dana is strong matriarch and an amazing Salish weaver. Dana has four children and three grandchildren.