

# Indigenous Education

## North Vancouver School District

November 27th-December 4th 2020

### Tem t'Ikw : The Cold Time

Did you know.... that the winter season was a time for winter celebrations and feasting? Locally these celebrations included Spirit Dances and the Potlatch. (language and teachings from Norman Guererrero, Jr.)

### The Potlatch

Did you know .....the word potlatch is Chinook and means to give?

Potlatches were (are) significant ceremonial occasions that were held in the winter months when food and resources were abundant having been gathered and preserved during the rest of the year. Potlatches were significant social, political, economic and ceremonial foundations of a community and culture. Potlatches included a feast and distribution of gifts.

### Did you know.....

The Federal Government of Canada outlawed the Potlatch in 1885. The Potlatch Ban was a government policy designed to force assimilation by preventing Indigenous Communities from participating in the Potlatch. The Indian Act was later amended to include the Sundance and other ceremonies across Canada. The Potlatch ban remained in effect until 1951. Find out more about the Potlatch and the Potlatch ban at the following sites: [Bill Reid SFU](#), [Nuxalk](#), [Potlatch Ban](#)



Squamish Potlatch 1954reference

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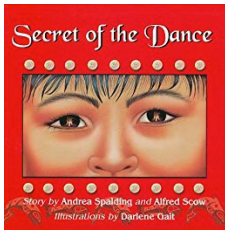
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## Resources

Here are some resources about the Potlatch to share with your students



### *Secret of the Dance*

Alfred Scow Andrea Spalding



### *A Kwakwaka'wakw Potlatch*

by Sally Williams

## The Winter Solstice

The Winter Solstice, the first day of winter and the shortest day/longest night of the year falls on December 21st 202. The Winter Solstice. “It is a time for rest for a lot of the animals and for the plants,” says Wilfred Buck, an elder from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation. “It is time for the people to replenish their spirit. It is time for them to dream.”[reference.](#)

*“There are traditional stories that can only be told while there is snow on the ground,” Emily Buermann [reference](#)*



Learn more about the Winter Solstice in this video, *Ask an Elder: Winter solstice in the Cree tradition* [here.](#)

*Read about Ojibwe storytelling during the winter* [here.](#)

## Resources

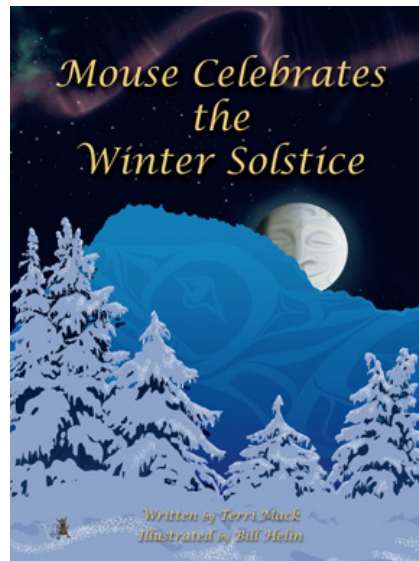
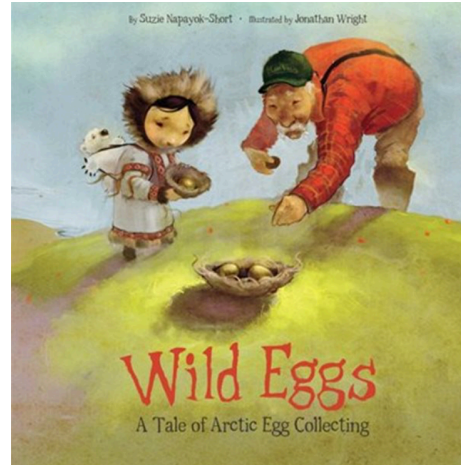
*Here are some resources shared by NVSD Cultural worker Dallas Guss on Winter*

[Glooskap Winter Giant](#)

[Iroquois Winter Stone Game](#)

Here are a few resources to share with your classes.

For more resources or to collaborate email your request using the [K-5](#) [Grade 6-12](#) request forms



# Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District  
Video Series

## Call Out for Student, Parent and Community Representatives

The NVSD Indigenous Education team would like to invite self identified Indigenous children, youth and adults to share in a video series about "Who I Am."



Gordie Dick Jr.  
Tsilil-Waututh Nation.  
Seymour Heights

Please indicate your interest in participating in the video series by emailing [abed@sd44.ca](mailto:abed@sd44.ca) by **Friday, December 4, 2020**.

All Covid 19 safety protocols will be followed.

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## Women in Trades Course

The Squamish Nation Training and Trades Center in offering a Women in Trades Course from January 11-April 2, 2021.

For more information:

Call. 604.980.7946

[emailtradescentre@squamish.net](mailto:emailtradescentre@squamish.net)



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## Women In Trades

### Course Dates:

**January 11 to April 2, 2021**

Are you looking to enter the trades industry and are unsure where to start? The Squamish Nation Training & Trades Centre would like to invite you to gain new skills and training to begin a career in the trades industry. The Women In Trades program is an all women's try-a-trade. You will gain skills and training in six different trades. Our curriculum incorporates a Squamish cultural component, safety training, essential skills, technical training and job readiness. Once you have successfully completed the program, you will participate in a 2 week work practicum.

### Online Applications available!

For more information regarding the application process please call us at: **604.980.7946** or email us at [tradescentre@squamish.net](mailto:tradescentre@squamish.net)

Unit #3 - 1500 Railway St  
North Vancouver, BC V7J 1B5

Located on the North Shore by Phibbs Exchange **JANUARY 1, 2021**

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

### Who is Eligible?

Indigenous People  
(First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis,  
and Inuit)



### What's Included?

Travel  
Meal Plan  
Training allowance  
Child care subsidy



**Tuition  
Free!**



**Finishing Trades  
Institute of BC**

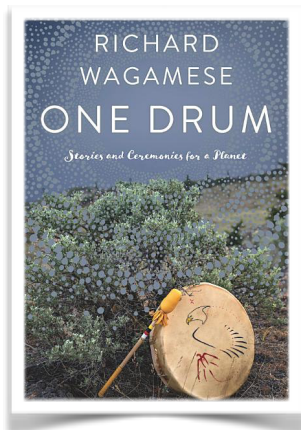


## NVSD Indigenous Education Virtual Workshop: November 30th

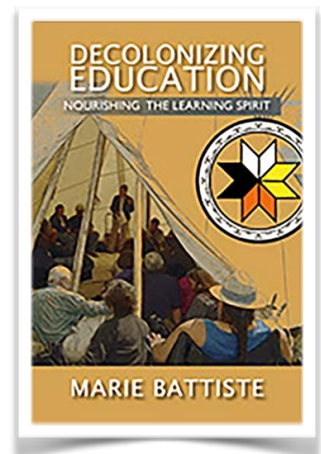
Join the NVSD Indigenous Education team in a virtual workshop.

What have been the successes, obstacles, resistance and struggles infusing Indigenous Ways of Knowing. Share with colleagues of what has worked and what changes can be made. Please email Stephanie Maki at [smaki@sd44.ca](mailto:smaki@sd44.ca) to reserve a spot in this virtual workshop.

## NVSD Indigenous Education Book Clubs 2020-2021



The NVSD Indigenous Education Team would like to invite CUPE, NVTA and NOVA members to join the NVSD Indigenous Education Team Book Clubs for 2020-2021.



Richard Wagamese, *One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet*, will meet virtually in January and February.

Marie Battiste, *Decolonizing Education: Nourishing the Learning Spirit* will meet virtually in February and March.

Please email Stephanie Maki [smaki@sd44.ca](mailto:smaki@sd44.ca) to register and indicate which Book Club you are interested in. There is room for ten participants in each book club. Please respond by December 1st, 2020, to ensure that you receive your book before winter break.