

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

June 1st-June 15th

June: Indigenous History Month

Did you know... that June is Indigenous History Month in Canada?

Do you know... how National Indigenous History Month in Canada was established?

In 1982, the *National Indian Brotherhood* (currently the *Assembly of First Nations*) called for the creation of a National Aboriginal Solidarity on June 21st. However it was not until 2009 that the Federal Government of Canada passed a motion in the House of Commons declaring June National Aboriginal History Month. To find out more about the full timeline and events click [here](#).

National Indigenous Peoples Day 2021



June 21st has been recognized annually since 1996 as National Aboriginal Peoples Day and changed to National Indigenous Peoples Day in 2017.

June 21st marks the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year which holds significance for many Indigenous cultures.

Due to COVID 2019, *National Indigenous Peoples Day* is being honoured and recognized through many virtual events. How are you or your school recognizing June as Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day? **Please send videos, pictures and write ups to abed@sd44.ca**

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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.

Looking for ways to share with your school and students about National Indigenous Peoples Day?

Here are some video links to get your started:

Videos of NVSD Indigenous Education Team



Seycove Arrangement of Coast Salish Anthem featuring Gordon Dick, Tsleil-Waututh/ Lil'wat (Click on the image)

Dana Moody, Squamish, Apsaalooke Nations, Tleeth Ul ga Way, Ann Broomfield, Squamish, Kwakiutl, Okanagan Nations, Swalklanexw, Dallas Guss, Squamish Nation and Rudy Forgie, Squamish Nation sing *Siiyam Slulum, Chief's Honour Song*



TchilaqsTchila, Gordon Dick, Tsleil-Waututh/Lil'wat *Coast Salish Anthem*

Swalklanexw, Dallas Guss, Squamish Nation, *Watsik Legend Song*

TchilaqsTchila, Gordon Dick, Tsleil-Waututh, *Tsleil-Waututh Wolf Song*

Swalklanexw, Dallas Guss, Squamish Nation Killer Whale Song *Killer Whale Song*

Q'puts, Henry Schooner, Tsleil-Waututh and Nuxalk *Simon Johnson's Nuxalk Honour Song*

Kiskino humakew'iskwew, Heather Myhre, Cree Métis *Chi Jean and the Long Winter*

Métis



*The Flower Beadwork People Parks
Canada (click on the Image)*

MYBC YOUTH: [The Forgotten Ones-Voices of the Métis in BC.](#)

[Ryan Guy Richard Virtual Jigging Contest](#)

*The Red River Jig with Desmond Colombe (Click on
the image)*



Inuit

The sounds of throat singing [Tanya Tagaq Throat Singing](#)



*Nukariik, Karin and Kathy Kettler, Inuit
Throat Signers*

Jerry Cans Throat Singing Lesson

Pow Wow Music

[Northern Cree Sings a Wicked Crow Hop at Erminskin Powwow](#)

**Pow Wow Sweat Series (Click on
the image)**



National Indigenous Peoples Day Virtual Events:

Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival

Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival

Indspire Awards Gala. Click [here](#) to see the list of award winners and how to watch on June 22nd, 2021

Surrey Virtual National Indigenous Peoples Day

Professional Development

Loom Weaving

All NVSD Elementary Schools have been gifted weaving looms from the NVSD Indigenous Education Department. The NVSD Indigenous Education Team would like to invite K-7 classroom teachers to a Loom Weaving Session.



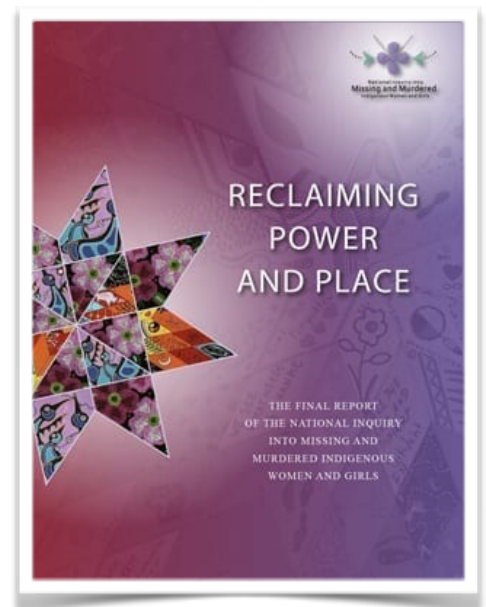
[reference](#)

There will be two separate sessions. Sessions will be hosted on Teams on June 8th and June 10th from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Maximum 12 participants per session. Please email abed@sd44.ca to sign up.

Did you know that....

June 3rd, 2021, marks the one year anniversary of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Final Report?

Read the final report [MMIWG Report](#).



[reference](#)

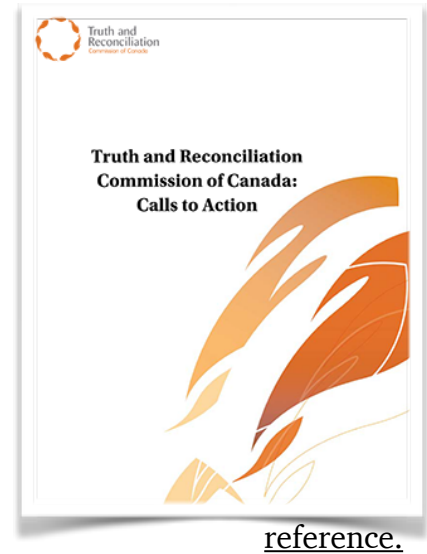
Did you know that....

June 6th, 2021, marks the 6th anniversary of the release of the Truth And Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action?

How are we,/How are youmeeting, achieving or implementing these 94 Calls to Action?

Have you read the Truth and Reconciliation Final Report? You can read the report [here](#).

Did you know that within the 94 Calls to Action, are specific Calls to Action that relate to Education (#6-12) and Education for Reconciliation (62-65). You can read the 94 Calls to Action [here](#).



Reflections from Pro D Day

On May 10th, 2021, Jo Chrona presented a Keynote address to NVSD in which she asks the audience to name the R word. What does this mean? She further states that how we define racism matters?

In June 2020, Oilers Defenceman, Ethan Bear, Ochapowace First Nation, gave an interview about

"I'm here to stand up to this behaviour... I'm proud of where I come from. I'm proud to be from Ochapowace First Nation. I'm not just doing this for myself. I'm doing this for all people of colour & for the next generation."

Ethan Bear
[reference](#)

National Indigenous Peoples Day and the importance of hockey in his journey. (Click on the image to watch)

Recently, Ethan Bear has received racist comments directed toward him during NHL Hockey playoffs [reference](#).



[reference](#)

How do the **94 Calls to Action** and Jo Chrona's words and questions resonate with Ethan Bear's and others experiences with racism?

What are the stories of Indigenous Learners specifically that might be perpetuating inequity or various kinds of racism?" "How do we continue to work to unpack those stories?" (Jo Chrona, Keynote Address to NVSD May 10, 2021).

What does it mean to be an ally?

Around the world and in Canada, there is much discussion on oppression, racism and systemic racism taking place. Many are asking what does it mean to understand privilege and what does it mean to be an Ally? If you have not had the opportunity to read the poem, *So you wanna be an ally?* You can read it by clicking [So You Wanna Be an Ally?](#)



Have you seen the Indigenous Ally Toolkit? The Indigenous Ally Toolkit was created by the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network and this toolkit outlines three steps to allyship.

The toolkit breaks down allyship into three steps:

1. Be critical of any motivations.
2. Start learning.
3. Act accordingly.

Read about the development of the Indigenous Ally Toolkit in this [article](#) and you can download the [Indigenous Ally Toolkit](#)



Truth and Reconciliation Week 2021

September 27-October 1, 2021

The National Center for Truth And Reconciliation is hosting: Every Child Matters: Truth and Reconciliation from September 27-October 1, 2021. This FREE online/virtual event (Grades 5-12) will include:

“ The 5-day program will be held online from September 27 to October 1, 2021. Each day, teachers will share videos with their Grade 5-12 students. Created by Indigenous storytellers, these videos will show traditional ceremonies and artistic performances, alongside conversations with Elders and knowledge keepers, Survivors, and children of Survivors of residential schools. There will also be a moving tribute to the Missing Children that never returned home from the residential schools. On September 30, Orange Shirt Day, a special program will be held to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We hope you and your students will join us.[reference](#)

Tentative Schedule
Day 1 - Land and Treaties
Day 2 - Languages and Culture
Day 3 - Truth and Reconciliation
Day 4 - Orange Shirt Day
Day 5 - Elder-Youth Knowledge Transfer

To find out more click [here](#). To register your class/school click [here](#).