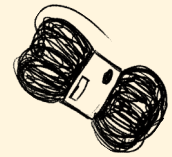


# Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District



## What's happening

In October 2023, North Vancouver School District's Courtney Kessel came to Seycove every week until the middle of January 2024 to teach students about traditional weaving and helped them to make quarter bags. With the help from Seycove Family of School's Indigenous Support Worker, Laura Lewis, all 569 students participated.



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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and TsleilWaututh 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.

# Announcements

## Upcoming Days of Significance of 2024

- Feb 14th - Have a Heart Day
- Feb 21st- International Mother Language Day
- Mar 1st & 2nd- Hoobiyee (Nisga'a New Years)
- Mar 22 - World Water Day



**HOObIYEE**  
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Edition

**RECLAIMING OUR SPIRIT**

Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society is the official host of the Hoobiyee T'samiks Edition, featuring the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Traditional Dancers.

We look forward to celebrating and honouring our culture and traditions, uniting as one nation.

March 1, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
March 2, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PNE FORUM  
2901 E Hastings St, Vancouver

*Say't K'ilim Goot- One Heart, One Path, One Nation*

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Have a Heart Day - February 14th

Click the link to learn more:

- [What's Have a Heart Day?](#)
- [Listen to Indigenous voices](#)



### #HaveaHeartDay / #JourneeAyezUnCoeur!

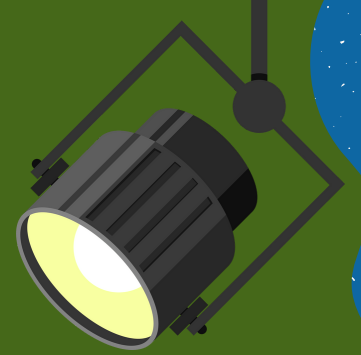
Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are.



Please have a heart. First Nations children should not have to fight for services all other Canadians enjoy. Give First Nations children the same chance to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and proud of their cultures.



# Indigenous Education Staff Spotlight



## Staff at sə'yəmətən Seycove Secondary

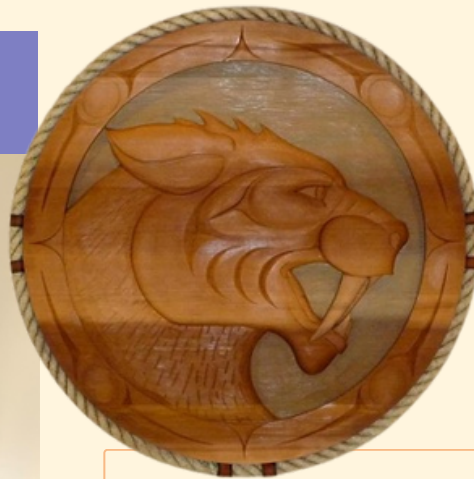


In June 2022, the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation gifted Seycove with an Indigenous land-based name, sə'yəmətən. sə'yəmətən was the name of the village located in this area that we now call Strathcona. sə'yəmətən means "place of good water."

Click for more information:

- [News Item: Naming](#)
- [About our School](#)

## Staff at Sutherland Secondary



Andrea Yeo has been a support teacher for Indigenous Students and Education at Seycove Secondary School since 2017.

The "Sabre Tooth Tiger" by Squamish artist Xwa lack tum (Rick Harry). This piece includes some classic elements of First Nations art including the four Coast Salish eyes, that watch over Sutherland students; three double bands around the edge, symbolizing balance of mind, body and spirit; and the four quadrants of the Circle of Courage that exists throughout North American First Nations culture representing values of generosity, belonging, mastery and independence.

Rachel Taillefer was born in Toronto and moved to North Vancouver to raise her two young boys. Rachel is the Indigenous Support Teacher at Sutherland Secondary School, where she also teaches Science and Math. Rachel is passionate about inclusion and wants to help ensure that Indigenous students feel represented, heard and seen at Sutherland.

# Educational Resource: The Witness Blanket Truth and Reconciliation

Currently on display at the West Vancouver Memorial Library  
January 26 - March 10

Inspired by a woven blanket, the Witness Blanket is a large-scale work of art. It contains hundreds of items reclaimed from residential schools, churches, government buildings and traditional and cultural structures from across Canada.

Here ([link](#)), you can explore the items and stories carried by the Witness Blanket. They are accompanied by the voices of Survivors who talk about the experience of being forced into residential schools. Their generous and insightful stories convey the reality of anti-Indigenous racism, colonialism and genocide. They reveal the ongoing harms caused by Canada's residential school system.

- Witness Blanket: Teacher Guides ([link](#))
- Canadian Museum for Human Rights Canada's residential schools - Resource Guide ([link](#))



Artist Carey Newman [invites](#) you to bear Witness

# Métis Courses & Resources: including a Michif language course!

Métis Courses for Educators:  
(Click the links to learn more)

1. [Michif Language Introductory Course](#) - Early Bird Registration Open
2. [Connecting to the Land, the Métis Way Summer Course](#) - Early Bird Registration Open



Métis Resources for Learners:

1. [Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use](#)
2. [Metis 'Connecting to the Land' Children's Book Bundle](#)



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