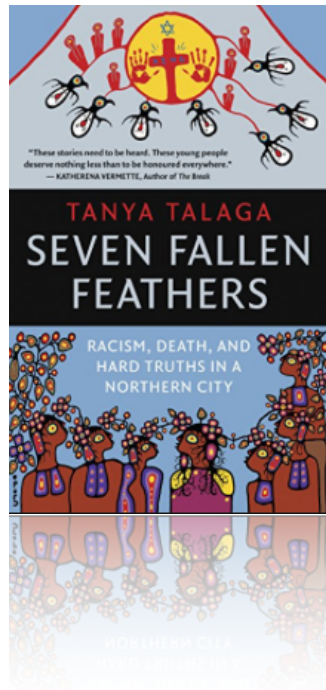


Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

November 26-30, 2018

“Every time I try to engage him, asking him about why indigenous people won't get in the game and vote, he begins talking about the disappearance of fifteen-year-old Jordan Wabasse. It was a frustrating exchange, like we were speaking two different languages. “Indigenous voters could influence fifty seats across the country if they got out and voted but they don't. Why?” I ask. “Why aren't you writing a story on Jordan Wabasse? He has been gone seventy-one days now,” **excerpt from [Seven Fallen Feathers](#)**



NVSD Indigenous Book Club

NVSD began its first ever Indigenous Book Club, featuring Tanya Talaga's bestselling book, *Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death and Hard Truths in a Northern City*. Talaga investigates the deaths of seven Indigenous teenagers in Thunder Bay and the systemic effects of colonization and racism that led to the loss of these youth. Tanya Talaga was also recently in Vancouver sharing her story as part of the Massey Lecture Series titled, *“All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward.”* If you did not get a chance to see Tanya Talaga live as part of the Massey Lecture Series you can listen online [here](#)



Tanya Talaga on October 23, 2018 in Vancouver for the Massey Lecture Series titled, “All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward.”

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Core Competencies

Core Competencies with Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Métis connections can be found [here](#).

Student Profile of the Week



Name: Elysia Joseph

Nation: Squamish

School: Queen Mary Community Elementary

Elysia Joseph kwi n sna
Chen wa takwusach awanexw.
chan tina tl'a eslha7an uxwumixw.
an wenaxws tin skwalwen

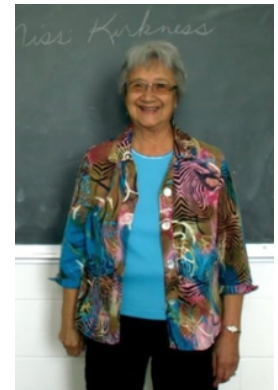
My name is Elysia Joseph.
I am 7 years old.
I'm from the Eslha7an village
I am proud of who I am.

Elysia likes being involved with her community through language and culture. She is a proud Squamish descendant and she gathers with our community through dancing and singing. She loves to share her cultural teachings with all who welcome it. She loves to play soccer and to read. This September, Elysia and all of the Grade 2 students at Queen Mary Community Elementary practiced drumming and singing a song written in the Cree Tradition: *The Children's Blessing Song* by Sherryl Sewepagaham. Elysia was one of a group of students who performed for our school at the start and the end of Queen Mary's Orange Shirt Day Assembly on October 1st, 2018.

The Four R's of Indigenous Education

Have you heard of the **Four R's** of Indigenous Education?

The **Four R's** of Indigenous Education, Respect, Relevance, Reciprocity and Responsibility comes from the work of Verna Kirkness and Ray Barnhardt. You can read about the Four R's [here](#). Verna Kirkness is the subject of a new documentary, *Chalk to Change* about her work in Education, specifically Indigenous Education. You can read about her accomplishments [here](#).



Do you know a high school student who is interested in science or engineering?

Encourage them to apply for a scholarship to attend ***Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program*** through the University of Manitoba. There will be three programs running in B.C. in May 2019. You can find out more about the program by clicking [Kirkness Program](#).

FNESC Upcoming workshops

Check out some upcoming workshops from the First Nations Education Steering Committee. Sign up fast as they usually sell out! To register and for more information click [FNESC WORKSHOPS](#)

January 18, 2019: Integrating First Peoples Content and Principles of Learning into Schools and Classrooms:

January 28, 2019: English First Peoples Teacher Resource Guide.

Upcoming Events

December 3, 2018. NVSD Indigenous Education Winter Celebration at the Artists for Kids Gallery. 4:30-6:00pm. **Gathering open to all NVSD staff.** 4:30-6:00pm. Limited to 125 people. Please email rsvp to abed@sd44.ca by November 27, 2018. Limited seating so please email confirmation of attendance to abed@sd44.ca by **November 27, 2018**

December 6, 2018. Dinner and Dialogue: The Pass System: 5:30-7:00pm. The Indigenous Education team will be showing the film, *The Pass System*. This documentary by Alex Williams investigates the use of the Pass System to prevent Indigenous Peoples from leaving reserves to maintain social and economic inequalities. *Email confirmation of attendance to abed@sd44.ca. Film viewing will be in the Carson Theatre*

If your school has a success story to share please email Brad Baker at bbaker@sd44.ca