

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

Feb 25-March 1, 2019

First Nations University of Canada (Regina)

Did you know... that the First Nations University of Canada (Regina) became the first Urban Reserve dedicated to education.

The process for the First Nations University of Canada to be declared the first urban reserve dedicated to education took over twenty years and is the only one in Canada. The signing of this historic agreement took place on Wednesday



Feb 13, 2019. "The band negotiated with FNUniv, the federal government, the University of Regina, the City of Regina and CIBC to create the urban reserve, which is named atim kâ-mihkosit, or "Red Dog" in English."

"This day is so historical for all our community," said Star Blanket Cree Nation Chief Michael Starr. "The joy of our people, seeing them be here, and the joy of them being here felt like a sense of accomplishment." [reference](#)

[reference](#). Read more about this historic agreement [here](#). Watch a video of the signing [here](#).

University Experience

Read [here](#) about the university experience of Bethany Bernier at Grenfell Campus in Newfoundland.



"We are not vulnerable. We are strong Indigenous students."
— Bethany Bernier

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UBC Aboriginal Student Experience 2019

NVSD Indigenous students had the opportunity to spend the day on February 20, 2019 at UBC to learn about the student experience and programs at UBC. Students attended workshops that were they were interested in exploring for their post secondary studies.

Student Profile

Name: Evelyn Edenshaw

Nation: Haida and Gitksan Nations

School: Carisbrooke



Evelyn is from the Haida and Gitksan nations and is currently in Grade 3 at Carsibrooke Elementary. The Haida are located on Haida Gwaii and the Gitksan are located in Kispiox near Hazelton. She was adopted into the Raven clan in Haida Gwaii by her Nanaay (grandma) when her Chinnaay (grandpa) became chief. She participates in traditional singing and dancing with a group called Rainbow Creek. She learns to drum and dance while learning a variety of songs that have been passed down through generations of Haida people. She also performs with Rainbow Creek at events like art gallery openings and Potlatches. When she wears her regalia she feels proud of who she is and where she comes from. Evelyn is happy to share connections to her Haida culture and her own perspectives when learning about Indigenous peoples of Canada with her classmates and her teacher. Evelyn likes to play with her friends, draw, play board games, and is creative during her down time. She is interested in protecting the earth and the animals that inhabit it. She likes to dance in her ballet and jazz class and with Rainbow Creek. She is also interested in languages. She loves to read stories from all different genres. As well, she often uses her imagination and makes up stories about different characters and places. As a family, Evelyn

has participated in gathering to support Indigenous traditional territories and events such as the pole raising at UBC for Residential school survivors. These things teach her to be thankful for what she has and the important events in the past. Evelyn's connection to her Haida/Gitksan culture is integrated into her everyday life. For example, using some Haida words at home and having an array of art and books at home by various First Nations artists and authors. These help Evelyn embrace the idea that she can be anything she wants and do anything she aspires to as a career one day.

Student Opportunities

Design our New Logo!

The NVSD Indigenous Education team is looking for a new logo. Do you know a student artist who may be interested in designing the new logo? The new logo must represent Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Urban First Nations and Métis communities. The contest is open to students K-12 and the deadline for submissions is April 15, 2019. Please have students submit their submission and a short paragraph about their designs to abed@sd44.ca.



Our Story: Indigenous Arts and Story Contest



This contest is open to self identified students of Indigenous ancestry (ages 6-29) to submit a story or two dimensional art that explores Indigenous heritage or culture. The rules state that entries must include a 200-400 word artist/author statement about the student and how their piece explores Indigenous heritage and culture. Click [here](#) for more information and how students submit their entries.

2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL2019)

In honour and recognition that 2019 is *International Year of Indigenous Languages* we will feature an Indigenous Language resource each week.

You can check out the IYIL2019 [website](#) to learn about events in your community and the goals of the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Feature Resources of the Week: Ojibwe

The Ojibwe language is an Algonquin language spoken by Anishinaabe peoples with many different dialects.

Find out more about programs working to reclaim and revitalize the Ojibwe language

[Ojibwe Language Revitlization](#)

[Learn to Speak Ojibwe](#)

[The Heart of Ojibwe Language](#)

"In the Ojibwe worldview it's all interconnected...all the generations are learning together,"
Nicole Alty
[referene](#)

Grandma Josephine



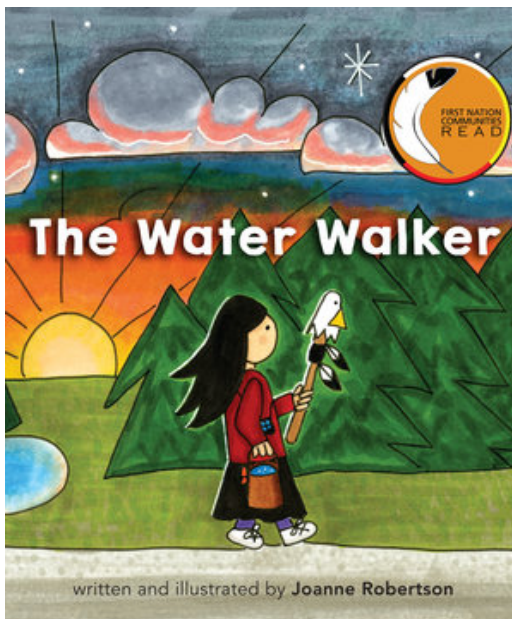
Christi Belcourt's 15 foot canvas *Revolution of Love* features Grandma Josephine in the central image. [reference](#)

Have you ever heard of Josephine Mandamin? Josephine Mandamin is Ojibwe of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and she has been fighting for to protect and give voice to water. She founded the Mother Earth Walk to protect water. Read about Josephine Mandamin's awards for her work for water conservation: [Ojibwe Grandmother and Water Walker Josephine Mandamin Honored for Conservation](#). Find out more about [Mother Earth Walk](#)

Josephine Mandamin passed away late last week. Find out more about Josephine's legacy in this article, [Water walker begins journey to spirit world](#)

"Through all of the years of Josephine's determination and dedication to raise awareness through her legendary Great Lakes Water Walks, it is my hope that the world hears her message - that water is life!" stated Grand Council Chief Hare. *"Our world is a better place because of Josephine's efforts and those of us who will continue her work to protect our life-giving Nibi, not only to honour her legacy, but to ensure water, the world over, is protected. What a remarkable Anishinaabkwe we have had the absolute pleasure of knowing and learning from."*

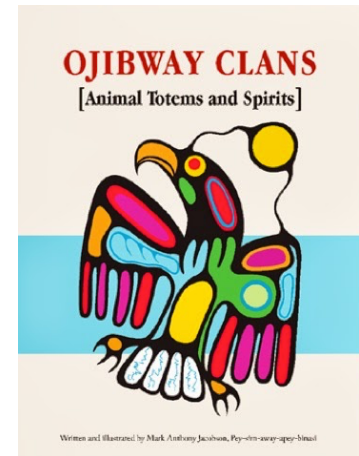
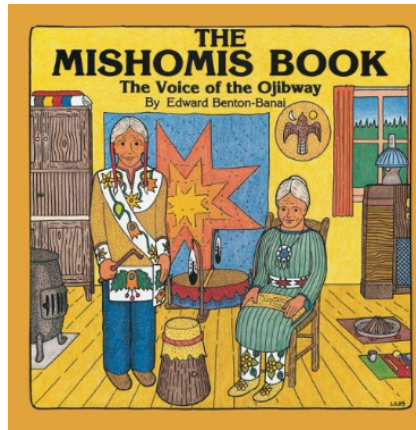
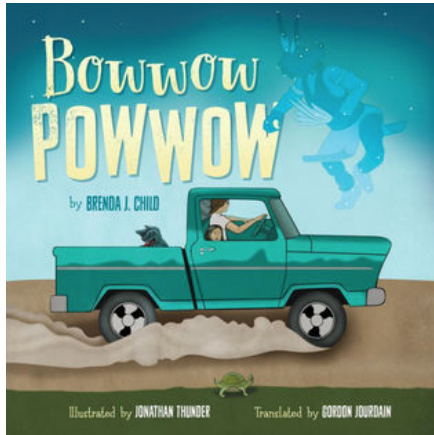
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Did you know that.....

There is a children's book about Josephine Mandamin called *The Water Walker*?

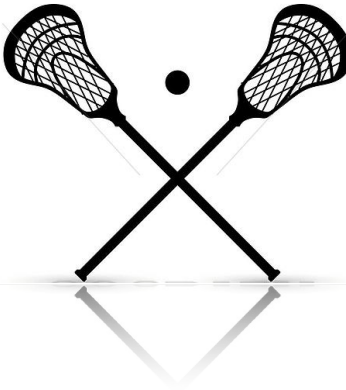
Here are some Ojibwe resources



[Ojibwe Dictionary](#)

[Let's Learn Ojibwe](#)

Xwechtáal Andrew Paull inducted into North Shore Sports Hall of Fame



Did you see the article about Xwechtáal Andrew Paull being inducted into the North Shore Sports Hall of Fame? Read about this [here](#).

Upcoming Events and Workshops

Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education:

The next MOOC offered by Jan Hare at UBC begins April 1st. Find out more information or to register click [here](#)

Indigenous Math K-12 Symposium.

UBC will be hosting the the 9th Indigenous Math K-12 Symposium on May 14th, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information

