

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

Nov 4th-Nov 8th, 2019

National Aboriginal Veterans Day: November 8th

Did you know that November 8th is annually recognized as National Aboriginal Veterans Day in Canada?

National Aboriginal Veterans Day started in Winnipeg in 1994 to honour all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit soldiers who served in war for Canada. Prior to 1994 Indigenous soldiers were not permitted to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies as a group or to lay wreaths. Indigenous veterans were only allowed to attend as an individual. 1994 was the first year that an Indigenous soldier placed a wreath at the Cenotaph in Ottawa. It wasn't until 1995 that Indigenous soldiers were allowed to march as a group or lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Vancouver. The National Aboriginal Veterans Monument was unveiled in Ottawa in 2001. Learn more about the memorial Aboriginal War Memorial [here](#). Bob Joseph shares 14 facts you may not about Indigenous Veterans [here](#).



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Métis Veterans Finally Getting Recognition

Read about Second World War sailor George Watson and other Métis Veterans who are just starting to be recognized for their contributions in this [article](#) and [here](#). Learn more about the Federal Government's official apology [here](#).

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.

Resources

Are you looking for resources to share with your students about Indigenous Veterans and their contributions?

Here is a list of some classroom and background information.

List of Resources

[Aboriginal Veterans Monument](#)

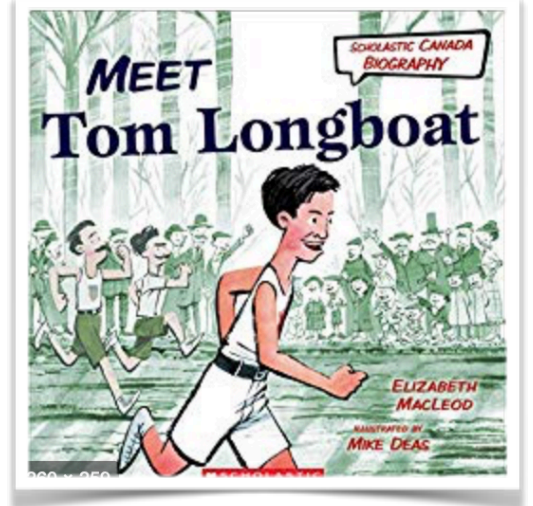
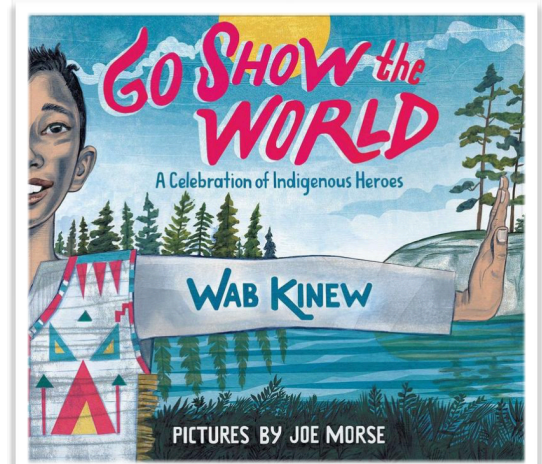
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Tom Longboat Award



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Lyric Atchison, Carson Alumni wins the prestigious Tom Longboat award, which is presented to Indigenous athletes in recognition of their contributions to Canadian sport. Read about Lyric Atchison winning this award [here](#).

The Tom Longboat Award is awarded in honour of Tom Longboat, Cogwagee, Onondaga, who was a champion long distance runner who was a messenger runner during World War I. Find out more about Tom Longboat [here](#).

Holiday Art Contest

The First Peoples' Cultural Council is hosting a Holiday Card Contest.



The contest is open to Indigenous youth age 5-12 and artists are encouraged to create entries that depict a holiday scene that may include language and "reflect your territory, traditions, community or family" reference.

Find out more details from The First Peoples' Cultural Council here.

NVSD Indigenous Education Bookclub 2019-2020

The focus this year will be on the podcast *Missing & Murdered: Finding Cleo* hosted by Connie Walker. To listen to the podcast and find out more about this award winning series click here. Are you interested in participating in the NVSD Indigenous Education Bookclub this year? Meetings will begin in November. If you are interested in joining please email Stephanie Maki at smaki@sd44.ca



Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project

Who wants to join Windsor Secondary, Xwemélch'stn Norgate, Ns7e'yxnitm la Tel:'wet Westview, Carisbrooke, Ridgeway, Sherwood Park and Carson Graham? Look for Legacy School applications coming soon. Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Projects officially start on October 17, 2019. Want to learn more about the Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project? Find out more here.

Upcoming Workshops/Learning Opportunities



FNEC Annual Indigenous Education Conference

FNEC Annual Indigenous Education Conference November 28-30, 2019 is currently full. Click [here](#) to sign up for the waitlist.

The National Gathering November 20-22, 2019

Did you know Indspire hosts an educational conference on annual basis called the National Gathering for Indigenous Education. This year the conference is November 20-22nd, 2019, in Toronto. Want to learn more? Check out the [conference](#) or learn more about Indspire's Peer Support Program for educators [here](#).



NVSD Indigenous Education Team Profile



Meet a member of the NVSD Indigenous Education Team....

Courtney Kessel Baker, HUAC's Juxw! (Haida) Squamish and Haida Nations

Courtney is an Indigenous Support Worker at Norgate Xwemélch'stn. Courtney loves the outdoors, spending time with her family and is a big fan of the Seattle Seahawks