

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

September 23-27th, 2019

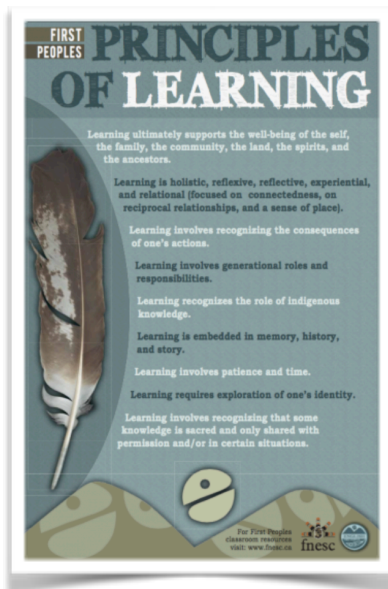
Embracing Change: Exploring The Indigenous Worldview

Curriculum Implementation Day October 4, 2019

The NVSD is honoured to welcome Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair, Anishinaabe on Curriculum Implementation Day to further understandings and moving forward with Reconciliation. Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair will share his Keynote presentation in the afternoon at Carson Graham.



reference



What are you doing for Curriculum Implementation Day?

Morning sessions at school sites or an FOS will be exploring:

- *enhancing Indigenous student achievement
- *integration Indigenous Worldviews and Perspectives into learning environments

Suggested Areas of Focus are the First Peoples Principles of Learning

Additional suggested topics for 90 minute sessions, may include but not be limited to:

- * **Indigenous Education** - Where are we as a school? Examine the First People Principles of *Learning and how are we embedding them into our school culture.
- * **Curriculum Development** - Sharing of resources, lesson plans and unit plans - what works in my classroom.
- * **Sharing of Story** - arrange for a speaker/knowledge keeper to attend your session to provide local insight.
- * **Learning from the Land** - take a walking a field trip of the ancestral lands of the Squamish and/or Tsleil Waututh with a local knowledge keeper.
- * **Film Screening** - *Colonization Road, Indian Horse, We Were Children*, plus many more options.

Please forward photos and write-ups of Indigenous learning to Brad Baker
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[Core Competencies](#) with Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Métis connections can be found [here](#).

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Land Acknowledgement in NVSD

Acknowledgement of First Nations Territory in the North Vancouver School District

As we are continuing to move forward towards reconciliation and acknowledging the First Nations land that we work on at school events and community events, we should be reminded that this is also teachable moment. Along with the acknowledgement being stated, it also the time that an individual that is making the acknowledgement can connect to their own learning.

Did you know.....

A **land acknowledgement** is made when the person/group hosting is recognizing the Indigenous community in which their organization/building is located.

Welcoming people to the land is shared by a staff or community member who is traditionally from that territory, nation or community. The majority of school district personnel would Acknowledge Territory. An Acknowledging is usually the first item on the agenda. (Staff meetings, SBRT meetings, ...)

This is the basic acknowledgement that we use in the North Vancouver School District:

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NVSD Indigenous Education Grant

Indigenous Education Grants are due by September 30th!! Find out more and how to apply [here](#).



Terry Fox

Did you know.....

That Terry Fox was Métis?

Did you know.....

That the Métis Nation -British Columbia awarded the Order of the Sash posthumously to Terry Fox in 2014? ([reference](#)). The Métis Order of the Sash is “an award which honours and recognizes outstanding contributions, personal sacrifices, selfless commitments, and services to the Metis nation, and/or Canada” ([reference](#)).



Photo from Métis Youth British Columbia Facebook

“What an amazing inspiration to our youth and to Métis, First Nations and Inuit people in Canada and truly Indigenous people everywhere to know that Canada’s national hero, Terry Fox, is in fact Indigenous.”

Michael Dumont, MNBC’s Minister of Sport,
[referece](#)

Terry Fox’s *Marathon of Hope* which began April 12, 1980, has since raised over 750 million dollars for Cancer Research and runs are held annually in over 9000 communities across Canada and around the world. You can learn more about Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope [here](#).



Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2019

Orange Shirt Day across Canada is recognized nationally and annually on September 30th. This date is significant as it is the approximate date that children would be taken to residential school. North Vancouver School District will recognize *Orange Shirt Day* on Monday September 30, 2019.

Orange Shirt Day was started by Phyllis Webstad, who is Northern Secwpehc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem’c Xgat’tem First Nation, to honour and recognize all those who attended a residential school because

she believes that “Every Child Matters.” You can read more about Phyllis’ Story [here](#). Phyllis Webstad has recently published a primary book to complement her book *The Orange Shirt Story*.

You can find a lesson on *Orange Shirt Day* from the NVSD Indigenous Education team [here](#), or check out this new resource from CBC Kids [CBC Kids](#)



Xwemélch'stn Norgate Playground Opening

On September 20, 2019, Xwemélch'stn Norgate hosted a ceremony to open the new playground with a dedication to long time Indigenous Support Worker, the late, Vern Baker. In attendance were Dallas Guss, Alroy Baker, Sempúlyan, and many other community members.



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

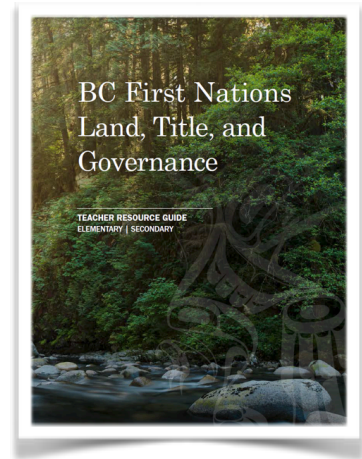


Are you looking for something for the Pro D Day on October. Check out the line up of Indigenous authors featured at this years Writers Festival. Click on the link to learn more. [Writers Festival Indigenous Voice](#)

FNESC: BC First Nations Land, Title and Governance November 4, 2019

FNESC is hosting a workshop on the new resource: *BC First Nations Land, Title and Governance*.

To learn more or register click [here](#).



NVSD Indigenous Education Team Profile

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

Dallas Guss



Dallas, Squamish is a Cultural Support Worker who has started his fourth year with the NVSD this September.

In addition to working with the NVSD Indigenous Education team, Dallas has also been a community leader and workshop facilitator for twenty years.

Dallas participates in the annual Squamish Nation Pow Wow every year.

