

# Indigenous Education

## North Vancouver School District

February 10-24, 2020

### Turning the Lens: Indigenous Archive Project



Image reference

Plains Cree writer, Paul Seesequasis, is currently exhibiting his archival photo project at the Art Gallery in Swift Current. It was recently featured in Nelson, B.C.

The archival photo project is based on archival photographs that Seesequasis has been collecting for over five years that illustrate everyday life of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. To find out more or to listen to an interview with Seesequasis click [here](#).

### Did you know....

On Family Day weekend there are many opportunities to learn more about local Indigenous culture and communities. Here are two local events:

#### Coast Salish Family Day at Maplewood Flats.

Zachary George Skokaylem, Master Carver from Tsleil-Waututh, will share about the house posts that he carved for the Wild Bird Trust of B.C. and are located at the Maplewood Flats. Read more about the house posts and Zachary George Skokaylem [here](#). For a full schedule of Coast Salish Family Day at Maplewood Flats click [here](#).

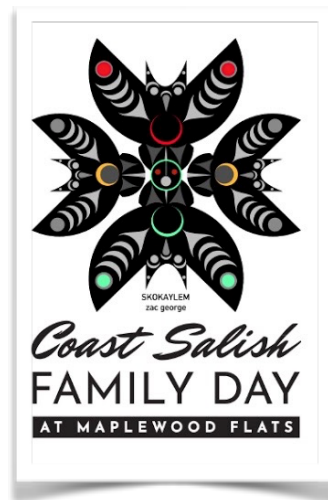


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#### Bill Reid Gallery: *Storytelling with Joseph A. Dandurand, Kwantlen First Nation.*

The Bill Reid Gallery is hosting a family friendly event on February 15th, 2020, which includes storytelling with Joseph A. Dandurand, Kwantlen First Nation. The storytelling begins at 11:30 am. Find out more [here](#).

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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.

## Alex Williams, Chapxelánexu -t / Xats'alánexw Tanáynexw -t

On January 18, 2020, Alex Williams, Chapxelánexu -t / Xats'alánexw Tanáynexw -t, age 90 passed away. Alex Williams, Chapxelánexu -t / Xats'alánexw Tanáynexw -t, was one of the last original speakers of Skwxú7mesh Sníchim. Read [more](#) about how Alex Williams, Chapxelánexu -t / Xats'alánexw Tanáynexw -t worked with *Teachings for For Your Grandchildren /The Squamish Language Elders Group (Tiná Ta na wa Nexwniw?n ta a i?mats)* [reference](#) to assist in the revitalization of Skwxú7mesh Sníchim.

## The New Power Couple: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Western Science

On Thursday February 6th, 2020, members from NOVA continued their journey of learning by sharing a meal and attending the presentation, *The New Power Couple: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Western Science*. The three speakers were; Oqwilowgwa Kim Recalma-Clutesi,

Member, Qualicum Nation, **Dana Lepofsky**, Professor, Department of Archaeology, SFU, **Ŷíxitasu Yímazalas Elroy White**, Archaeologist and Member, Heiltsuk Nation. You can learn more about the presentation [here](#).



## Youth Opportunities

### Be My Guest Winter Wellness: Drumming with Elders:

February 18th and February 25th

Ns7e'yxnitm la Tel:'wet Westview, in partnership with Squamish Nation Recreation are pleased to cohost a Drum Circle on February 18th and February 25th from 3:30-5:30. The Drum Circle will take place at Ns7e'yxnitm la Tel:'wet Westview

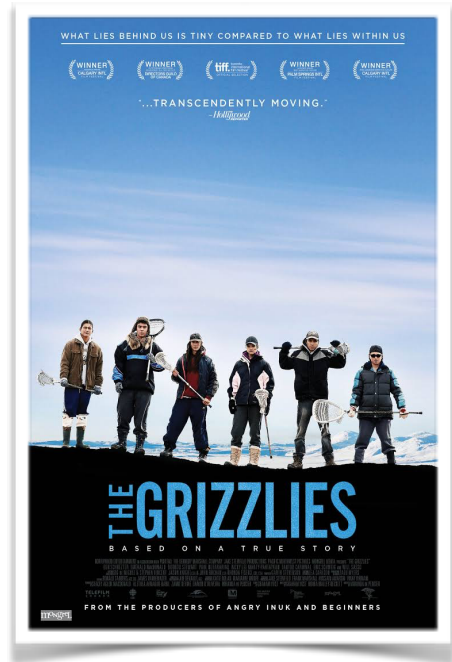
The Drum Circle is open to all Indigenous Youth K-12. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information please email Stephanie Maki ([smaki@sd44.ca](mailto:smaki@sd44.ca)).



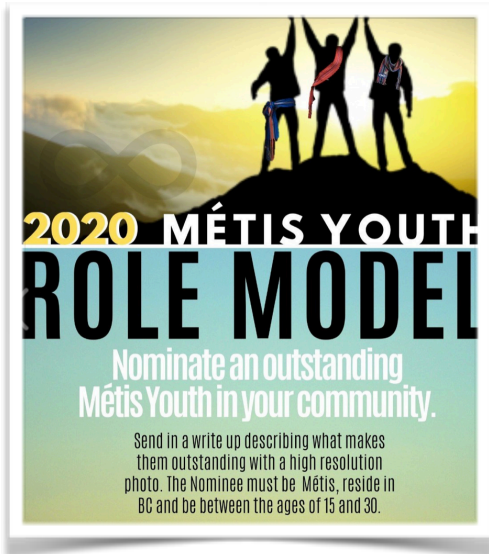
## National Canadian Film Day: April 22, 2020

On April 22, 2020, RCTV is presenting a National webcast of *The Grizzlies*. The webcast will provide an opportunity to watch the film (streaming link/dvd), lesson plans and more. Classes must be able to view the film within one week of the webcast. [This film deals with sensitive material including teen suicide in remote Indigenous communities.](#) Please reach out to the NVSD Indigenous Education team if you would like to consult prior to showing this film.

“Based on an inspiring true story, *The Grizzlies* is a powerful film about the determination and resilience of a group of Inuit youth struggling with the legacy of colonization. *The Grizzlies* is one of the best films of the year and a wonderful opportunity to share a timely, relevant, Indigenous-made story with your students and engage in a deep conversation about colonial structures and reconciliation.” [reference](#) Find out more [here](#) about National Canadian Film Day 2020.



## Métis Youth Role Models



MYBC (Métis Youth BC) is seeking to promote five (5) new Métis Youth Role Models. To be eligible Métis Youth  
\*must be between ages 15-30  
\*reside in BC

To find out more about Métis Youth Role Models click [here](#).

The deadline is March 9, 2020 @ 4:30 PM PST and Role Models will be announced on March 20th, 2020. E-mail your submission to the Youth Program Coordinator, Brittney Bertrand, at [bbertrand@mNBC.ca](mailto:bbertrand@mNBC.ca).

*"I dedicate this to all the Indigenous kids in the world who want to do art, and dance, and write stories. We are the original story-tellers, and we can make it here as well."*

2020 Oscar Winner- Taika Waititi

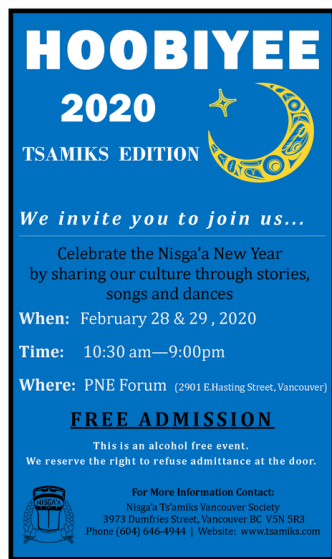
# Learning Opportunities 2020

## Indigenous Storytelling Workshops

The NVSD Indigenous Education team will be offering workshops on how to embed Indigenous storytelling into the curriculum. Applicable K-12. The workshops will be held at Westview Elementary from 3:30-5pm. The next workshop is February 20, 2020. Open to the first 20 (per session) to rsvp to Heather Myhre ([hmyhre@sd44.ca](mailto:hmyhre@sd44.ca)) and Stephanie Maki ([smaki@sd44.ca](mailto:smaki@sd44.ca)).

## Talking Stick 2020

Did you know that the *Talking Stick Festival* runs from February 18-29, 2020. The theme of the *Talking Stick Festival* this year is “Ché́nchenstway, ‘upholding each other, lifting each other up’” [reference](#). Click [here](#) to find out more about the featured 2020 Indigenous performances as well as storytelling, films, music and much more.



## Hoobiye, Nisga's New Year

The Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society is hosting Hoobiye 2020 on February 28th and 29th, 2020. This is a free, family friendly event.

For more information click [here](#).



## UBC Indigenous Math K-12 Symposium

The *UBC Indigenous Math K-12 Symposium* will be Tuesday May 12, 2020. Registration will open mid March. Watch the flyer for registration links.

## Moosehide Campaign 2020: February 24, 2020



The Moosehide Campaign 2020 in B.C. will occur on February 24, 2020. The Moosehide Campaign is a “grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children.” [reference.](#)

You can learn more about the Moosehide Campaign [here](#) and watch [The Story of a Million Moose Hides](#) For educational resources click [here](#) and to order Moosehide cards click [order link.](#)

## Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project

Welcome to **Cheakamus Centre** and **École Dorothy Lynas Elementary School** who join other NVSD schools participating in the Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project.

Cheakamus Centre and École Dorothy Lynas Elementary School join Windsor Secondary, Xwemélch’stn Norgate, Ns7e’yxnitm la Tel:’wet Westview, Carisbrooke, Ridgeway, Sherwood Park and Carson Graham who are already participating in the Downie Wenjack Legacy Project

Is your school interested in joining the Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project?

Email [abed@sd44.ca](mailto:abed@sd44.ca) to find out more or to apply.



## Resources

**Trickster Tales:** Does your school location use *Trickster Tales*? *Trickster Tales* are traditional stories told from Indigenous perspectives. Scholastic Canada is currently having a 50% off sale if your school is looking to update their collection.



## The Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives in K–12 Curriculum

Did you know that B.C. Ministry of Education has resources available to support educators in including Indigenous perspectives and content in their classrooms:

“These documents reflect implicit and explicit references to *Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives throughout the K-12 Curriculum*. Educators may use this resource to easily access where Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives intersect with the curriculum in every area of learning at every grade level.” [reference](#). Click [here](#) to access the document.

The *Indigenous Education Resource Inventory* is a non-comprehensive list includes resources, books, internet links, guides, bibliographies and more. The *Indigenous Education Resource Inventory* “has been compiled by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the British Columbia Teacher’s Federation, the First Nations Education Steering Committee, and Métis Nation British Columbia.” [reference](#). Click [here](#) to access the document.

## Hello Dolly?

Have you seen the video series, **Hello Dolly?** Cowichan elder Hwul’hwulenuhwtmaat’ (Dolly Sylvester) was made the Province’s first full-time District Elder and Knowledge Keeper in April 2019. Hwul’hwulenuhwtmaat’ (Dolly Sylvester) is the District Elder for the Cowichan School District. In the series of videos Hwul’hwulenuhwtmaat’ (Dolly Sylvester) shares teachings and understandings with viewers in a bi weekly video series. In *Hello Dolly*, *How do you become an elder?* Hwul’hwulenuhwtmaat’ (Dolly Sylvester) shares the Cowichan teachings on how a person becomes an elder. Click [Hello Dolly](#) to watch

