

# Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

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[reference](#)

## November 8th: National Aboriginal Veterans Day

*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. You can learn more about the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument [here](#). You can download a colouring page [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.

# Haw k'et máynexw “We cannot forget”



Please find in this flyer a colouring page to share with students by Ann Marchand, NVSD Indigenous Education Team.

You can find the link to the pdf [here](#).

Click [here](#) to see a slide show honouring those who served from the Tseil-Watuth and Squamish Nations.

## Resources:

[Remembrance Day-Indigenous Contributions](#)

[Indigenous Peoples in military history](#)

[Indigenous Veterans: Equals on the Battlefields, But Not at Home](#)

[Learning Bird National Aboriginal Veterans Day](#)

[Native Soldiers Foreign Battlefields](#)

[Indigenous War Heroes](#)

[Forgotten Soldiers](#)

Scholastic has recently published *Meet Tom Longboat* for young readers. Thomas Longboat, Onondaga, won the Boston Marathon in 1907. Longboat enlisted in 1916. He was wounded twice and declared dead once during his service. Find out more about Thomas Longboat [here](#).

