

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

Feb 16-28th, 2021

February: Time of the Frog Song

Did you know...that on Squamish territory that February is known as the time of the Frog Songs, the beginning of spring.

"Frogs are a symbol of springtime, cleansing and rebirth. Frogs start out living in water and later move to land, so for this reason Frog symbolizes the ability of adaptation, change and transformation. Their springtime songs are a sign for our people to put away the winter activities and prepare for a new season." SQUAMISH LIL'WAT CULTURAL CENTRE [reference](#)

Frog Stories

Swarak'xn Chaptikwl- The Frog Mountain Story Sinixt

Ts'akē dilkw'akh sili' The Girl Who Became a Frog Wet'suwet'en

Does your location have this Robert Davidson's print? This print is part of the *Artists for Kids* editions.



Robert Davidson *Looking Back at Where We Came From*, 2000

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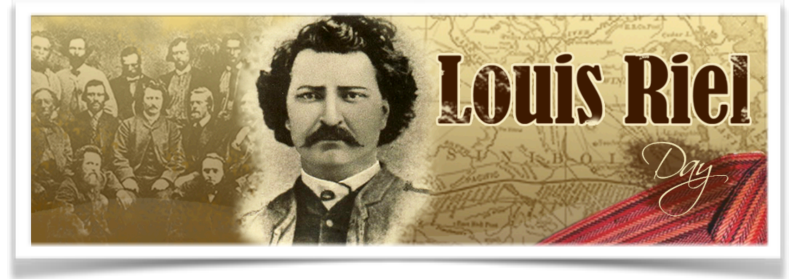
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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

Louis Riel Day

Did you know..... that Louis Riel Day is a provincial statutory holiday in Manitoba?

In 2007, Provincial legislation was passed that Louis Riel Day would be the third Monday in February, in Manitoba. The first Louis Riel Day was in 2008.
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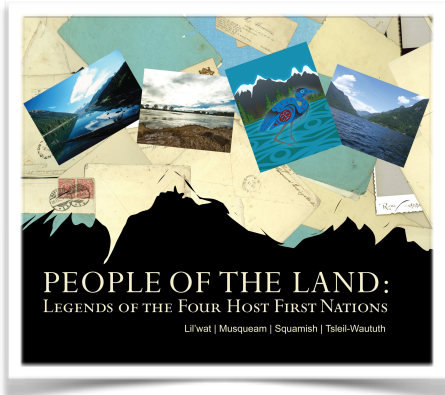
Watch [V'ni Dansi](#) dancer Yvonne share the Red River Jig along the Red River in anticipation of Louis Riel Day, February 15, 2021. [V'ni Dansi video](#)



Queen Mary Orca Project

Grade 4 students respond to learning about Residential Schools and Reconciliation. Grade 4 students at Queen Mary were inspired to take action after learning about Chanie Wenjack's journey from the reading of *The Secret Path*. In response to their reflections about reconciliation, students created a community art installation to represent their commitment to practice the work of decolonization. The Orca is a Skwxwú7mesh symbol for unity, and the significance of the "flow" pattern serves as a reminder to grow with an open heart and mind. On a cold Feb 10th, amongst the swirling snowflakes, students participated in an art blessing ceremony, led by Indigenous Support Worker Ann Marchand, following traditional protocols of the Skwxwú7mesh People. As part of the ceremony, the students

acknowledged and thanked our Indigenous Support Workers, Ann Marchand and Jenette Baker, for sharing their knowledge and guiding them through this important work. By Jennifer Wilson, Queen Mary



Bubba's Studio

Read about, Dennis Joseph, Xwechtaal, Skwxwú7mesh elder, who has turned his basement into a recording studio. Read the full article from the *North Shore News* [here](#). One of Dennis Joseph, Xwechtaal's new songs is called *The Sisters*. You can learn the story of *The Sisters* in this resource, *People of the Land; Legends of the Four Host Nations*.

NVSD Team Request

Want to request a member of the NVSD Indigenous Education team to visit or collaborate? Remember to use the forms which are available on the portal. Here is a quick link to the forms

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