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North Vancouver School District

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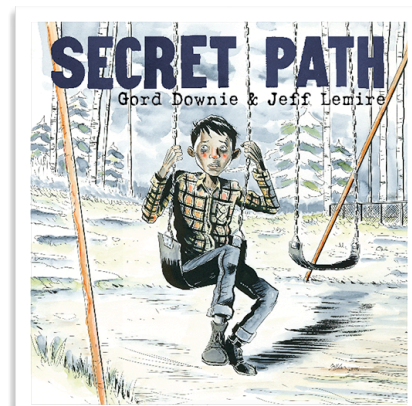
Downie Wenjack Legacy Schools Project



The 2021 Secret Path week takes place from October 17 -22nd. The Secret Path Week recognizes the legacies of Chanie Wenjack and Gord Downie. You can find out more here. The first Walk for Wenjack took place in 2016. This year the walk will be held on October 22nd, 2021. Find out more information about virtual events and resources [here](#).

The Secret Path

Learn more about *The Secret Path*, which began as ten poems, written by Gord Downie, about Chanie Wenjack and his experiences at the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School. The poems were developed into songs and later illustrated by Jeff Lemire. Find out more about the The Secret Path and educational resources [here](#).



[reference](#)

Watch for information and news from Cheakamus Centre, École Dorothy Lynas Elementary School, Windsor Secondary, Xwemélch'stn Norgate, Ns7e'yxnitm la Tel:'wet Westview, Carisbrooke, Ridgeway, Sherwood Park Carson Graham, Seymour Heights, Lynmour, Blueridge ,Capilano Schools and Queen Mary schools who are participating in the Downie Wenjack Legacy Project.

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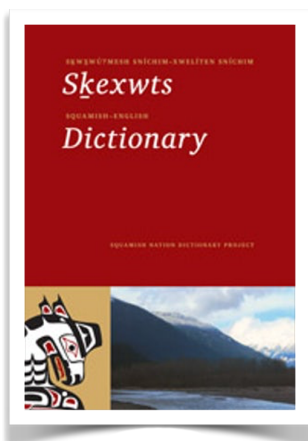
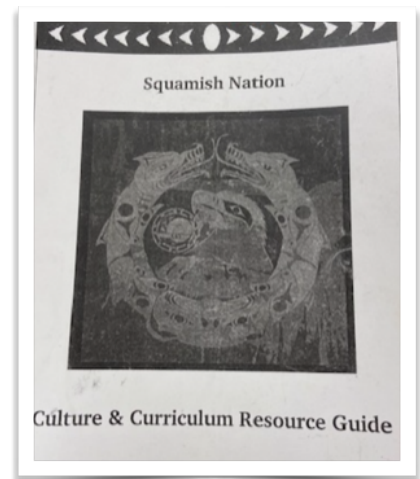
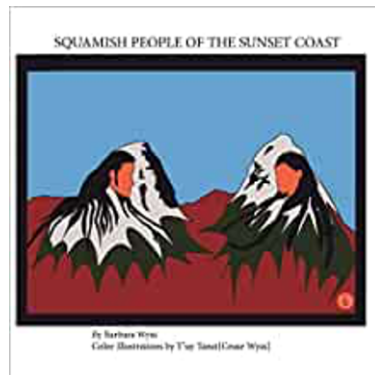
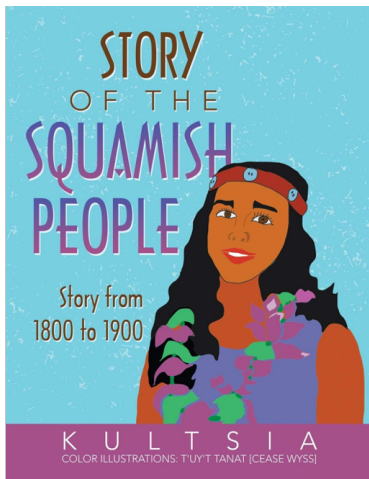
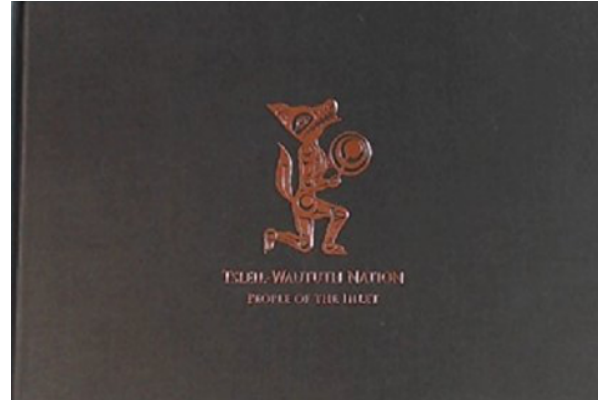
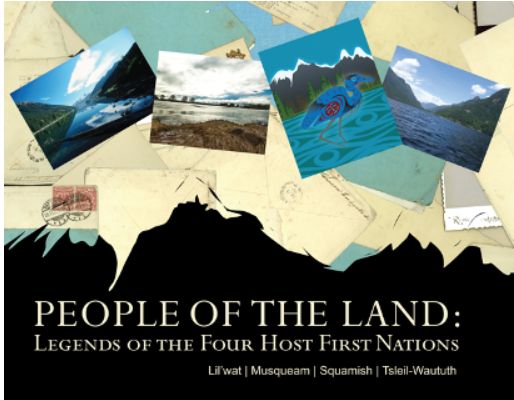
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We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and səlilwətał Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this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

Local Knowledge

Are you looking for information and resources on Skwxwú7mesh and səliłwətał Nations?

Your school library should have the following resources.



Online Resources

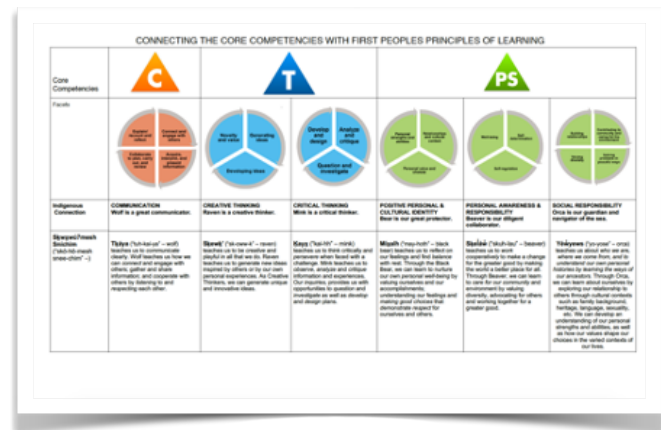
- [Squamish Atlas: Map with Language](#)
- [Squamish Nation](#)
- [Tseil-Waututh Nation](#)
- [Musqueam Education Resources](#)
- [Métis Nation of B.C. Education Resources](#)

The Core Competencies

Are you looking for resources to use the Connecting to the Core Competencies Poster?

Here are some resources on:

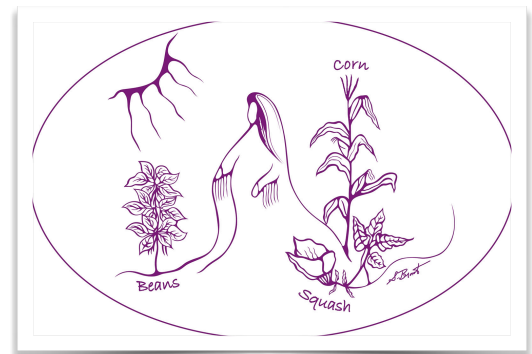
Tkáyá (“tuh-kai-ya” – wolf) teaches us to *communicate* clearly. Wolf teaches us how we can *connect* and engage with others; gather and share information; and *cooperate* with others by *listening* to and *respecting* each other.



The Three Sisters

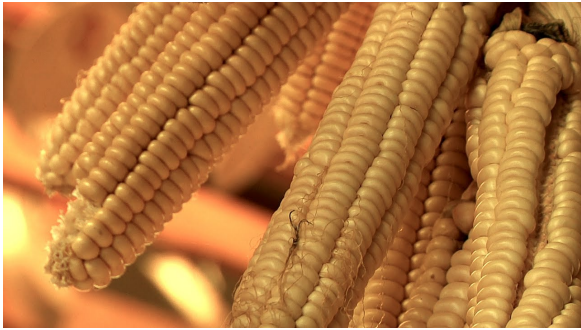
Have you heard of *The Three Sisters*?

The Three Sisters are corn, climbing beans and squash. The name *Three Sisters* comes from the Haudenosaunee [reference](#). The Haudenosaunee/Iroquois state that “corn, beans, and squash are three inseparable sisters who only grow and thrive together.” [reference](#). *The Three Sisters* are sustainable, companion gardening. Did you know that a meal with the corn, beans and squash creates “a balanced meal of carbohydrates, protein, and fiber, each providing different vitamins and nutrients we all need for good nutrition” [reference](#).



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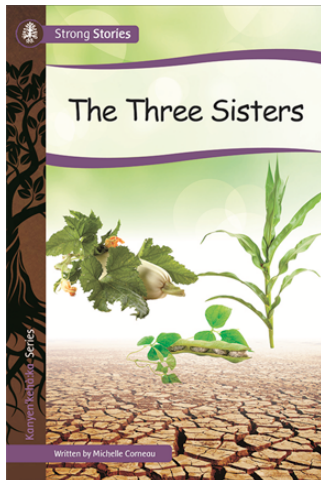
Watch to learn more about ***The Three Sisters***?



An Oneida Speaks About the Three Sisters Garden.



Indigenous Seed Keepers Network



reference

Read different stories about ***The Three Sisters*** here:

- Iroquois
- Oneida .
- Mohawk

Marlena Myles, Spirit Lake Dakota, a digital artist has created free colouring pages of ***The Three Sisters*** and Sage. You can access her page [here](#).

“ The way of the Three Sisters reminds me of one of the basic teaching of our people. The most important thing each of us can know is our unique gift and how to use it in the world. Individuality is cherished and nurtured, because, in order for the whole to flourish, each of us has to be strong in who we are and carry our gifts with conviction so they can be shared with others. Being among the sisters provides a visible manifesting of what a community can become when its members understand and share their gifts. In reciprocity, we fill our spirits as well as our bellies.” Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass* p. 134