

SKSS Aboriginal Education Newsletter

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Pell7e7llqten (May) is the digging month. The Secwepemc would dig for wild potatoes, balsam root and scraped the jack pine tree for cambium. Then they would go to the mountain tops and dip net for the big trout.



Important Dates

- May 4 or 6.....Career Exploration Conversations
- May 6.....Report Cards
- May 12.....Indigenous Family Voices Meeting
- May 13.....5 Tips for Supporting Anxious Kids Meeting
- May 19.....Interim Week
- May 21.....No School Pro D Day
- May 24.....Victoria Day No School
- May 27.....Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews
- May 25, 26, 31, June 1, 2.....SKSS Grad Commencements
- June 14-18.....Aboriginal Grad Week
- June 21.....National Aboriginal Day
- June 22, 23.....Provincial Assessment
- June 29.....Project Completion Day
- Sept. 7.....First day of 21/22 School Year

SD73 IFVE Meeting

Indigenous Parent Group: SD73 Indigenous Family Voices for Education (SD73 IFVE)

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2021 @ 7pm virtually by Zoom. The Zoom link for the meeting is:

Topic: SD73 IFVE Meeting (Indigenous Parent Group)

Time: May 12, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62806412292?](https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62806412292?pwd=aTZYTGJsOEp4WDFxUitkemlyVk5jdz09)
pwd=aTZYTGJsOEp4WDFxUitkemlyVk5jdz09 Meeting ID: 628 0641 2292 Passcode: 762677 SD73

IFVE also has a new Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/SD73IFVE>



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)



SD73 INDIGENOUS FAMILY VOICES FOR EDUCATION

If you are a parent of an Indigenous child attending a school in School District No. 73 and would like to become involved, the next SD73 Indigenous Family Voices for Education Parent Group will be meeting on

May 12, 2021 @ 7PM by Zoom

SD73 IFVE Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SD73IFVE>

If you are viewing this poster digitally, you can use this link to access a letter of introduction from the executive:

[LETTER OF INTRODUCTION](#)

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ZOOM (Online)

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SD73 Events

5 Tips for Supporting Anxious Kids

Meeting Details: How do you know when anxiety is becoming a problem for your child? Problematic anxiety in childhood is common. It can disrupt opportunities for healthy experiences, influence a child's ability to achieve academically, make friends or enjoy activities. About 1 in 10 Canadians access mental health support at some point in their lifetime. Understanding what anxiety is and how it impacts lives can benefit many of us.

This workshop provides essential tools to better understand anxiety in children, recognize when it is becoming a problem, help children build the capacity to overcome it, and create environments to create better outcomes for those who are struggling.

Facilitator Sean Larsen, MA PhD Candidate, has worked as a clinician with children and families for well over a decade, in children's psychiatric units, youth custody centres and outpatient mental health settings. He trains suicide risk assessment and risk management provincially and has spoken nationally on childhood anxiety, neurodevelopment, early childhood trauma, digital media, and suicide.

May 13, 2021

6:30 PM

Visit this site to register: <https://calendar.sd73.bc.ca/default/Detail/2021-05-13-1830-5-Tips-to-Support-Children-with-Anxiety#>

Career Conversations

Meeting Details: Wondering how to start a career conversation with a young person in your family? Looking for tools to help your youth discover the career of their dreams?

WorkBC.ca is facilitating a one-hour interactive virtual webinar to help parents and caregivers support youth as they explore career options. This virtual event, slated for May 4 or 6 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and co-hosted by SD73's very own Allisson Badger, is designed for parents of grade 9-12 students wanting to enhance their career coaching skills and gain exposure to WorkBC.ca tools to help with their youth's career path.

Register for [May 4th](#) or [May 6th](#) 7:00 - 8:00

For more information, contact SD No.73 Career Education Coordinator Allisson Badger (abadger@sd73.bc.ca)

Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt

Secwépemc Language Proficiency Certificate

Western Dialect Communities

2021-22



Like other Indigenous languages in BC, the western dialect of the Secwépemc language is critically endangered, with fewer than 50 fluent first language speakers still among us, all of them elderly. The western dialect Secwépemc communities invite new learners to an adult immersion program called **Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt** (we will learn to speak straight/accurately). It is offered through a partnership with Simon Fraser University and funding through the First Nations Education Steering Committee.

The Tkemlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) will host **Me7 Texwtuxwtsínem-kt** at the Language & Culture Department classroom in Kamloops, BC. This program is a 1,000 hour immersion program for adult second language learners of the Secwépemc Language. The long-term objective is to create fluent speakers willing to teach and with the ability to pass the language on to future generations. In addition, this program is structured as a cohort program with two university courses in the summer term, four in the fall term, and four in the winter term. Students are expected to attend the Fall and Winter Terms full-time - Monday to Friday, 9:00 - 3:00.

Program Objectives:

- increase proficiency and fluency in the Secwépemc Language among participants, from complete beginner to mid-intermediate level
- strengthen intergenerational use of language, from home to community and work place
- prepare for career in language and culture revitalization
- support the reclamation of Secwépemc identity
- guide, provide and protect the Secwépemc cultural identity
- build relationships with language mentors and elders
- provide participants with an opportunity to begin or continue post-secondary education and receive a certificate

Language Goals:

- converse with fluent speakers on several subjects, common situations and events (for example: describing family and friends, locations, weather, actions, mental state, personal possessions)
- describe people and objects, where and how they are located, colour and number
- talk about situations in past, present and future tense
- explain and describe Secwépemc culture and protocols
- gain fluency to teach other beginner learners within community language programs
- reach an intermediate-low to intermediate-high level on the ACTFL proficiency scale