

SKSS Aboriginal Education Newsletter

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Pesll7ewten (April) is the melting month. The snow is melted even in the mountains. The people would got to the mountains to hunt.

Pesll7weten is also when we celebrate the Day of Sucwentwecw. This years theme is *Learning Together in Memory, History and Story Using Aboriginal Perspectives*. It is time to acknowledge and honour the land, people, languages and ways of knowing.



Important Dates

- April 2.....School Closed – Good Friday
- April 5.....School Closed – Easter Monday
- April 7.....Day of Sucwentwecw
- April 12 – 15.....Provincial Assessment
- April 21.....Project Completion Day
- April 22.....4th Quarter starts
- April 26.....School Closed - Pro D Day
- May 6.....Report Cards
- May 19.....Interim Week
- May 25, 26, 31, June 1, 2.....Grad Commencements
- June 21.....National Aboriginal Day
- June 22, 23.....Provincial Assessment
- June 29.....Project Completion Day

More Important News

Jordan's Principle



Jordan's Principle is about ensuring First Nations children receive the services they need when they need them.

Erin Chillihitzia is the new

Jordan's Principle Coordinator for the Secwepemc Nation.

Click on the link for more information on Jordan's Principle.

Some of the services of the Jordan's Principle Coordinator are to:

- serve urban and Secwepemc Nation children that are registered, or eligible for registration (parent is status or entitled to status)
- help parents complete the application to JP regional offices and track the application outcome with them
- advocate for the needs of the child through the application, this means Erin may be requesting letters of support from SD73 staff or copies of assessments to provide with the JP Application
- provide information sessions to staff on Erin's role, how JP works, and how SD73 can help families through this process e. provide information sessions to parents and families of SD73.

Click on the link for more information: <https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/maternal-child-and-family-health/jordans-principle#about>

This position is supported by Secwépemc Child and family Services. However, Families who wish to make an application can work with directly with Erin. They do not need to have an open file or history with Secwépemc Child and Family Services. Erin's contact email is: erin.chillihitzia@secwepemcfamilies.org

And More...

Welcome Isabella and Breanne as our Aboriginal Community Outreach Workers

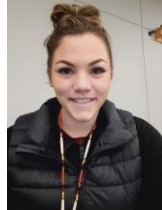
Isabella and Breanne work throughout the district to support our students and their families. Some of the ways that I can support the children, youth, and families within this role are:



- Creating connections or reconnecting Aboriginal families and their communities
- Provide referrals to community programs/services that are appropriate to each family
- Identifying factors that lead to families disconnecting/withdrawing from the education system

- Identifying risk factors that are preventing student
 - Re-engaging families and students in school-based
 - Creating positive rapport and relationships between professionals within the school district
 - Facilitating the implementation of student success
 - Frequent check-ins with families/students to ensure and followed

Referrals can be made through the school Aboriginal Education Workers.



success
 activities/events
 Aboriginal families, students, and
 plans
 that a plan is being implemented
 administration, counselors and

Young Men and Girls Groups



We have been so lucky to continue our groups through COVID. Not only that, we have had some excellent presenters coming in to share with both of our groups. We would like to thank, Jordan Hazelwood and Kaci Ann Phillips (TSt K'emllupsemc Te Secwepemc Employment and Training), (Allisson Badger (SD73 Career Education Co-ordinator), Bernice Jensen (Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society), Daryll Laboucane (Lii Michef Opitimsiwak).

Groups are open and can be joined at any time. The Young Mens group runs every Monday at 10:30 and the Girls group is on Thursdays at 10:30.