

SKSS Aboriginal Education Newsletter

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Well this is it, the final month of school in our 20/21 year. I can't say that I will miss it, though we will miss our graduates who are moving on to bigger and better things. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. We are so proud of all of their accomplishments.

June is also National Indigenous History Month. As a school we will be celebrating the accomplishments of Indigenous Canadians. There are so many it has been hard to narrow it down.

The SKSS Aboriginal team of Val Wright, Vicki Hanson, Brandi Rusk, and our Administrators wish every one a happy Indigenous Peoples Day. Enjoy the day and your summer break.

Have a great summer everyone. We will see you in September.

Important Dates

June 1, 2.....	SKSS Grad Commencements
June 14-18.....	Aboriginal Grad Week
June 21.....	National Indigenous Peoples 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 June 9, 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/63035950865?](https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/63035950865?pwd=OEZuaFZvN25xZHZMZWl5MUNWLE1hUT09)
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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

June 9, 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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More Important News

Congratulations Aboriginal Grads of 2021!

We would like to congratulate and recognize all of our graduates as they move through their life path.

- Ethan Bottle
- Jacinta Collerangle
- Conlin Erichuk
- Luke Fabbro-Smith
- Kaden Giles
- Paige Gurnsey
- Zachary Kramer
- Nat McNab
- Avery Napoleon-Edgar
- Mark Olsen-Wilford
- Candace Parkin
- Jada Schwartz-Willer
- Avi Suttill
- Xavier Tedford
- Chianna Tippett
- Enhica Young



We wish you all the best!

Aboriginal Grad Logo

Congratulations Nat McNab. Nat submitted a logo for the Grad competition and it was selected. The lucky grads of 2021 will be wearing Nat's art on their hoodies.



Aboriginal Grad Valedictorian

Congratulations to Aveline Suttill who was chosen to be one of two Aboriginal Grad Valedictorians. Avi is part of a legacy where two of her brothers were chosen to be valedictorians in previous years.

Avi plans to take a gap year and then go to Vernon to become a massage therapist. We will miss having her smiley presence and dry sense of humor here in the Aboriginal Room. Val and I know that she will excel in whatever she chooses to do.

Avi's speech has been taped and will be part of the video to be released in July. Thank you Avi, you have done yourself proud.

Every Child Matters

The news from Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) confirming that the remains of 215 children who were students of the Kamloops Indian Residential School have been found on the reserve has impacted many. The SKSS staff sends its deepest sympathies and support to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS) and all Indigenous Peoples, as a result of this tragic news. This finding is devastating and will impact students, staff and family in the short and long-term.

Val and Vicki along with all of the staff are here for our students. If support is wanted, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. The following is a list of resources and hotlines dedicated to supporting Indigenous people.

24/7 supports:

KUU-US Crisis Line 1-800-588-8717

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/mental-health-substance-use/resources/kuu-us-crisis-line>

Indian Residential School Survivors and Family 1-866-925-4419

Mon - Fri, 8am - 8 pm PT: Weekends, 10 am - 2pm PT:

Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society 1-888-403-3123

Aboriginal Wellness Program 604-675-2551 or 1-866-884-0888

Canadian Mental Health Association - British Columbia Division 1-800-555-8222

Here to Help 1-800-661-2121

First Nations Health Authority - Mental Health Benefit <https://www.fnha.ca/benefits/mental-health>

Métis Nation BC - Mental Health Services <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/mental-health-substance-use/resources/kuu-us-crisis-line>>

National Crisis Hotlines Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 Crisis Services Canada 1-833-456-4566 or text 45645 First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line 1-855-242-3310