

# SKSS Aboriginal Education Newsletter

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Sqepts (spring) is just around the corner! March 20th is the first day of sqepts. I am sure we are all anticipating the sunshine, spring flowers, getting outside again, and... Spring Break!



## Important Dates

March 4-10.....Interim Week  
March 5.....Aboriginal Grad Hoodie Orders Due  
March 8.....International Women's Day  
March 10..... SD73 Indigenous Family Voices for Education  
March 11.....Early Dismissal Day  
..... P/T Interviews  
.....PAC Meeting  
March 15-19.....Spring Break  
March 20.....First Day of Sqepts (Spring)  
March 21.....International Day for the Elimination of Racism  
March 31.....Aboriginal Grad Valedictorian Applications Due  
April 2.....School Closed – Good Friday  
April 5.....School Closed – Easter Monday  
April 7.....Day of Sucwentwecw  
April 16.....Aboriginal Grad Write Ups Due  
April



## More Important News

### Technology Support

The BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society has funding available to assist families to access technology. Their mandate is to support and assist Indigenous students in their continues educational success and participation. If you are (1) Indigenous, (2) low-income, and (3) enrolled in and attending formal education, you are encouraged to submit an application by March 15, 2021. Visit [www.bcands.bc.ca](http://www.bcands.bc.ca) for more information and to apply.

### Download the School Messenger App

Another way to report if your student is absent or late is through an app that can be downloaded from your app store. Search for "schoolmessenger" (the one with the blue pinwheel icon). Log in after you download and you will be sent an email with a confirmation link. Click on that link and continue the setup. Choose the role "parent" and complete the information requested.

### Girls Who Code

Girls Who Code is a nonprofit organization which aims to support and increase the number of women in computer science by equipping young women with the necessary computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. The organization works toward closing the gender employment difference in technology, and to change the image of what a programmer looks like.

Follow the following link if you would like if you are a female or non-binary student aged 15-18 who might be interested.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5970574/2021-Girls-Who-Code-SIP-Interest-Form>



### And More...

## TRU Transition to Post Secondary

TRU Transition to Post Secondary has traditionally been a full day event at TRU. Due to COVID-19 we have had to be a little more creative this year. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we invited all of our grade 10 students to attend a virtual event hosted by TRU. Students gained knowledge about what student supports were at TRU.

They also were given a virtual tour. Our hope is that next year, we will be able to be back on campus for the day.



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### PROVINCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19

#### Parenting Support Line

#### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line

Help for Grandparents and relatives raising a family member's child (kinship Caregiver)

Providing Advocacy & Emotional Support

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.  
10:00am - 2:30pm

Toll-free across BC  
1-855-474-9777 or 1-855-GRG-9PSS  
grg@pssupportbc.ca

Are you juggling home, work, at home education and possibly childcare? Are the new changes stressful and taking a toll on your emotional and mental health? Do you need space to talk it out?

Give us a call

Monday - Friday  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Toll-free across BC  
1-877-345-9777 or 1-855-345-9PSS  
ext. 100

### WEEKLY ONLINE PROVINCIAL SUPPORT CIRCLES

Our Support Circles are here to provide a safe and confidential space for Parents and GRG/Kinship Caregivers, to share the challenges, concerns, questions and offer the support you need during COVID-19

#### Online GRG/Kinship Caregivers Circles

Indigenous  
Monday  
6pm

Monday  
10am

Tuesday  
7:30pm

Thursday  
10am

#### Online Parent Circles

Indigenous  
Tuesday 6pm Monday 9pm Wednesday 1pm

Check out our website for Parenting during COVID-19  
<https://www.pssupportbc.ca/parenting-support-during-covid19/>

PSS RECOGNIZES and RESPECTS all the INDIGENOUS NATIONS, TRADITIONAL LANDS & TERRITORIES that we GATHER, LIVE, WORK & PLAY ON across BC.