

SD 42 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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ABED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Question: "What is a Talking Stick?"

Working with the teacher team, Lisa Adair has offered her knowledge on how to make a talking stick. The "Talking Stick, used in many Indigenous cultures, is an ancient and "powerful communication tool" that ensures a code of conduct of **respect** during meetings is followed". Within West Coast First Nations Communities Talking Sticks were sceptres, staffs, a stick, feather or a small smooth rock that would fit in the palm of your hand. Used in meetings or during ceremony such as Potlaches and held by the Chief or by a speaker to **share their views** and be **heard with respect** (Coast Salish Artist Jim Yelton Jr., **Lisa Adair**).



To receive supplies for this activity or for other activities contact your **ASW** for more information.

SECONDARY STUDENTS

Post - Secondary Bursaries and Scholarships

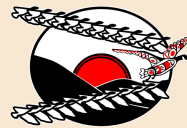
Important information coming to grads.
Stay Tuned!

Chief Joe Mathias BC - Aboriginal Scholarship available to download.



Click **here** to access Information.

BCAAFC - Working Together to help Indigenous Youth.



Click **here** to access information.

Indspire- Building Brighter Futures: Scholarship and Bursary page.



Click **here** to access information.

LEARNING AT HOME

First People Principles

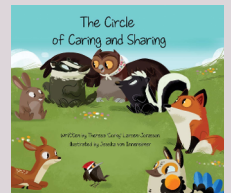
Learning is embedded in memory, history and story. It is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships and a sense of place).
To learn more **click here**.

Wondering:

What is your peoples Living History? Ask an **elder**.

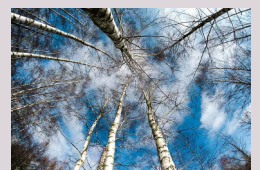
Click to access **English** or **French**:

The Circle of Caring and Sharing - by Theresa 'Corky' Larsen-Jonasson
(Primary Level)



Living History: Mclean Lake

To learn about the historic importance of McLean Lake to its peoples **click here**.



(Intermediate Level)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

AbEd Presents- APALS

Aboriginal Parents as Literacy Supports



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Aboriginal PALS Online

Calling all 3-5 Year Olds and Caregivers

Please RSVP torrie@katzie.ca by **May 28**

Two Steps:

- June 2 @ 10 am from **Westview Secondary**

QR 5 pm at **Katzie Early Years Centre** Book Bag Curbside pickup

- June 4 @ 5 pm on **Zoom**. Torrie will email you the Zoom link.

Two Step Process:

- 1st Step June 2nd:

10 am pick up at **Westview Secondary School**

Click on the school for location

OR

5 pm **Katzie Early Years Centre**

Click on Katzie Early Years for location

- 2nd Step June 4th:

There will be a Zoom session at 5 pm

RSVP by May 28th for both steps to: "Torrie@Katzie.ca"



COMMUNITY CULTURAL OFFERINGS

Anita Sandy

Anita Sandy has been with SD 42 as an Aboriginal Support Worker for **31.5 years**. Prior to becoming an ASW, Anita volunteered with Eric Langton Elementary School in the library. Her **hard work, care, and dedication** to her work is how she came to be an ASW. The Principal approached her



and told her about the opportunity to work within the district and encouraged her to apply. Anita has seen the growth and changes of the department as the **first ASW**. She has seen the Aboriginal Education department go from supporting one school to all the schools within Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows School District. In the beginning, she worked with students from the Katzie First Nation Community alongside one Aboriginal Resource Teacher, Jim McCallum at Pitt Meadows Elementary School. It is her **knowledge**, ability to build **relationships** with her students and their families, **work ethic**, and her **experiences** that has made her a **strong and impactful addition** to our district. The biggest successes for her is the opportunity to see her students she has worked with graduate from high school.

EXTRA SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Local communities in Fraser Health have services available to provide either **low-cost** or **free food** to their residents.

The directory provides a list of food, meal, and lower cost grocery options being offered during this COVID-19 period.

Please call ahead to ensure availability or if any changes to service have occurred.

To access the list click on the link [here](#).



YOUTH RESOURCES & EVENTS

AbEd - SD42 Presents Online Pow Wow Classes

Starting
Tuesday May
26 at 3 pm
with **Shyama
Priya** on Zoom.



For more
information
[Click here](#)

Join us for **Jigging** and
Community Building on
**Thursday at 3
pm** with
Jillian.



The link will be
posted on our
website

<https://abed.sd42.ca> one hour prior to the
session. Click on Today's Zoom session
under the Parent tab.

Smoke Signals

When:

MRSS/ OR: Tuesdays at 1 pm

WSS: Wednesday at 1 pm

GSS: Wednesday at 1 pm

THSS: Thursday at 11 am

PMSS: Thursday at 1 PM

SRT Thursday at 1 PM

I-SPARC

Continue to join I-SPARC for at
home workouts.

["Home Workout Series -
Lockdown Edition"](#)



EXTRA LINKS FOR FAMILIES

Métis Nation BC - "The Jig Is Up" – The Ultimate Métis Youth
'Adulting' Resource Guide

To access download: [Click here](#)

Métis Youth Jigging - June 14

For information: [Click Here](#)



Métis Early Years Learning providing issues that include family -
friendly educational content on Métis culture, including Métis
traditions, language, and activities.

Click the title: "[Learn with Louis](#)" to access.

Red Fox (Gr. K-7) Join us online as we share workouts, circus acts, and
cooking. For registration: Contact Shay Hudson, SD42 Child and
Family Connect Worker, at shaylene_hudson@sd42.ca or
604.910.5790

Virtual Field Trips by Nature Lab (Intermediate to Secondary level)

Travel the world and explore natural environments without leaving
comforts of home.

To access "Nature Lab": "[Click Here](#)"

"View from a Canoe: A Coastal Temperate Rainforest"

The Emerald Edge is home to the world's largest intact coastal
temperate rainforest. Take a field trip led by Tsimka Martin of
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation to explore the landscape.

To watch the video "View from a Canoe": "[Click Here](#)"

"A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong"

~Tecumseh

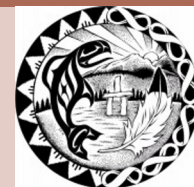
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Please click on "[Staff Directory](#)" for information.