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Aboriginal Education



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'The time when the frogs start to sing'



New Resources at the DRC and Website

New resources to support Aboriginal integration in the classroom have recently arrived at the District Resource Centre and on the Aboriginal Education website.

On the website, ***Touching Spirit Bear*** and ***Yellow Line***, two novel study kits for Middle School students are available for download in pdf. Sylvia Olsen, the author of *Yellow Line*, will be one of the presenters at the **Building a Writing Community** event in May at the Chemainus Theatre.

As well, kits to support ***Little Bear's Vision Quest*** are available from the DRC. ***This elementary level resource is also available in French!*** As part of the Aboriginal Curriculum Integration Project, the District Resource Centre will be receiving copies of the entire first season of *Raven Tales*, an animated series currently being broadcast on APTN. Episodes 1,2,3 and 4 have arrived and will be available soon from the DRC.

For more resources, visit our websites at

www.sd79.bc.ca/programs/abed/new_resources.htm or
www.sd79.bc.ca/district_resources/DRC/drc.html



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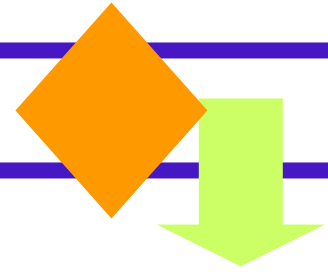
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About our Department

The Aboriginal Education Department is committed to supporting the goals of the Enhancement Agreement.

These goals are:

- Increasing the presence of Aboriginal culture, language, and history in schools for all students
- Increasing access to and skill level in the use of technology for Aboriginal students
- Increasing attendance
- Increasing academic achievement for Aboriginal students
- Increasing academic preparedness of Aboriginal students

For more information on the Enhancement Agreement, please contact the Aboriginal Education Department.

Mini-University for Aboriginal Students

The University of Victoria is offering an Indigenous Student Mini-University Summer Camp that gives Indigenous students in Grades 8 to 11 a taste of university life—they will try out academic, physical, creative, cultural, and social activities.

The Indigenous Student Mini-University Camp begins Monday, July 9 and ends Friday, July 13, 2007.

The camp is open to students in Grades 8 through 11 who are of Indigenous ancestry (including non-status, status, First Nations, Métis and Inuit) and who are from Vancouver Island and surrounding communities.

Students must apply by May 18, 2007. Spaces are limited, and spaces for each age group and geographical region may be limited to ensure a diverse representation of students. Accepted students will be notified by Friday, May 28, 2007.

For more information and a registration form, visit <http://registrar.uvic.ca/recruiting/summer-camp.html>



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and Enrolment Services

Athlete Identification Camps for NAIG

If you are an Aboriginal athlete, you will want to attend! ASRA (Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Association of BC) will host a multi-sport camp on **May 19 – 20, 2007 at Malaspina College in Nanaimo.**

The 2007 multi-sport camps will ultimately lead to the selection of Aboriginal Team BC for the North American Indigenous Games in the Cowichan Territory from August 2 – 10, 2008.

All ASRA multi-sport camps are open invitation to Aboriginal youth, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit, born **from 1989 – 1995.** Tell your friends and family members; share this information with everyone who will be interested.

For more information visit ASRA on-line at www.asra.ca, call the provincial head office at 250-544-8172 or send them an e-mail at asra@asra.ca

Aboriginal Parent Group Meetings

Parental involvement is crucial to student success whether you are parents, guardians, aunts/uncles, grandparents, or siblings. Regardless of what school your child(ren) attend you are welcome.

Join us every second Wednesday of the month
6:30 pm. - 5400 Khowutzun Crescent
(Deb & John Paige residence).

Bring a friend and or relative.

March 14 April 11 May 9 June 13

If you would prefer a one on one meeting call Debbie at 748-8594 (home) or 748-0321 ext 241 (work) to make arrangements.

HOMework TIP FOR PARENTS:

Be positive about homework. Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

The 2007 Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge

The Dominion Institute is once again hosting the Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge. Aboriginal Students (ages 14-18) are asked to pick a moment or period in Aboriginal history and create a fictional short story that is based on this history. The event selected should be tied to Canadian history and/or the participant's ancestral history.

Entry is free for all participants. The prizes and the rules and regulations are outlined on their web page at www.our-story.ca. A teachers guide is also provided. For more information call 1-866-701-1867.





Aboriginal Curriculum
Integration Project

During the month of March the ACI Project team were pleased to receive multi-media lesson plans in various stages of development from educators of other school districts and regions throughout British Columbia. An excellent **grade eight science lesson plan** recently produced by Comox based teacher Jackie Lever and Aboriginal Student Support Worker Frank Assu can now be viewed on the ACIP website.

Another recent addition to the ACIP website is a link to the Aboriginal Sports and Recreation (ASRA) website. Adding this link to the ACIP website will allow local Aboriginal student athletes and others to access information pertaining to upcoming North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) identification and development camps that will be scheduled and hosted throughout the province of British Columbia between now and July 2008.

To view the ACI Project website please visit the SD website, click on Aboriginal Education, then click on the ACI Project in the menu bar.
www.sd79.bc.ca/programs/abed/ACIP/acip_index.htm
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CVOLC Film Makers Entered in Festival

Cowichan Valley Alternate School students **Kahleena Modeste** and **Chelsea Wood** have produced a short-film entitled "Art in the Valley". The students have proudly submitted their film to the 2007 Cowichan International Aboriginal Film Festival. The Festivals begins April 26 at the Cowichan Community Centre. Workshops take place on the 27th and the festival will conclude at the Duncan Garage on the 28th with screenings running from 1-4pm. Good luck to Chelsea and Kahleena!