

November 2006

# Aboriginal Education

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Sh'tsulwe'sum

"The time when everything is put away  
– too cold to do anything"



## UBC Aboriginal Student Information Conference – November 3, 2006

Debbie Paige, Francine Johnny, Darlene Sylvester, Claudia Sylvester, Bobbi Gabriel, Greg Wall, and Julie Wyse attended the UBC conference to learn first hand how to best inform our students about the process and opportunities available to them through UBC.

Information on enrollment services, application to UBC, financial planning, aid and third party billing as well as awards available was provided.

Presentations were made by faculties of Arts, Forestry, Science, Medicine, and Chinook Business Diploma Program, the Xwi7xwa Library, There was information on resources, services and scholarships, programs, course selection & education planning for grades 6 to 12

Informative sessions about tutors, housing, childcare, wellness and counseling and concluded with a roundtable discussion on future recruitment initiatives and a panel presentation on K-12 school initiatives.

A panel of UBC students provided information about their experience from their letter of acceptance to course selection, housing and child care issues and how they could be better supported. This was an excellent way to provide insight from the perspective of students who lived through those difficulties and fears. Please contact the participants for more information.



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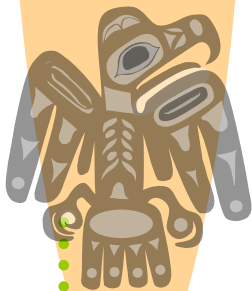
## About our Department

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.



### Cowichan Tribes Resources for sale:

Contact: Irma Jim 715-1022

- BEGINNING HUL'Q'UMI'NUM' REVISED \$15.00
- SARA'S SUNFLOWER (PLUS CD) \$15.00
- THOSE WHO FELL FROM THE SKY (HISTORY BOOK) \$39.95
- LONGHOUSE KITCHENS (COOK BOOK) \$20.00
- WISDOM OF THE RIVER (VIDEO) \$25.00
- PRONUNCIATION GUIDE (POSTER) \$20.00
- QUW'UTSUN TEACHINGS (POSTER) \$20.00

*We have purchased these resources for the District Resource Centre. However they won't be available for use until they have been cataloged in the usual process. Feel free to have a look at them prior to that time. Contact Donna Beardsley for a sneak peak at 748-0321 ext. 235*

### New French Resources available from the Resource Centre

- Eaglecrest books .
- Little Bear's Vision Quest with an English version teacher's guide.

*Your school may want to consider purchasing these for your library as they are an awesome tool to integrate Aboriginal content in French.*

**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.**

September 13	March 14
October 11	April 11
November 8	May 9
<b>December 13</b>	June 13
January 10	July 11
February 14	August 8

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

**Shared Learnings: Integrating BC Aboriginal Content K-10**

This resource is designed to provide teachers with guidance in integrating Aboriginal topics in all subject areas at an introductory level. The aim is to provide a guide for educators to assist in creating a greater sensitivity to and respect for the richness and diversity of the Aboriginal peoples of British Columbia.

Copies are available for download at  
[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/descrip.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/descrip.htm)  
Department Heads have been provided



**FIRST NATIONS ZODIAC SIGNS**  
(revised from Native News)

March 21 – April 19	Wolf	Stqeeye'
April 20 – May 20	Elk	Kwewe'uts
May 21 – June 20	Eagle	Yuxwele'
June 21 – July 22	Salmon	Stseelhtun
July 23 – August 22	Cougar	Hwtl'uqnuts
August 23 – September 22	Great Horned Owl	Tsiitmuhw
September 23 – October 23	Loon	Swakwun
October 24 – November 21	Sturgeon	Qwtaythun
November 22 – December 21	Deer	Ha'put
December 22 – January 21	Bear	Spe'uth
January 22 – February 18	Hummingbird	Sxwutts'uli
February 19 – March 20	Orca	Q'ullhanumutsun

**Anti-Racism Workshops** are available from First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEsc).

To enquire about having a local anti-racism workshop, email [info@fnesc.ca](mailto:info@fnesc.ca) or phone 1-877-422-3672. To find out more please visit FNEsc's website at:

[www.fnesc.ca/about/about\\_anti\\_racism.php](http://www.fnesc.ca/about/about_anti_racism.php)



Aboriginal Curriculum  
Integration Project

The Aboriginal Curriculum Integration Project is a two-year project, funded by the BC Ministry of Education that will conclude June 2008. The project's two main areas of focus are curriculum development and raising awareness of the 2008 North American Indigenous Games that will occur in the Cowichan Valley in July 2008.

The ACI Project brings together teachers and Aboriginal educators throughout the province of British Columbia to collaborate and produce regionally accurate, relevant lesson plans and multi-media units of study designed to improve learning and enlighten the perspective of students throughout the province.

Those involved, on a local basis with the ACI Project include Ted Cadwallader, Grant Mellemstrand, Norman Thorne and Tammy Renyard. The contributions of Lydia Hwitsum, Delmar Johnnie, Leanne Laberge, Fred Roland and Lyackson Chief Richard Thomas of the local Aboriginal community have been substantial and appreciated.

To view locally developed learning resource examples and track progress visit the SD 79 website, click on Aboriginal Education, then click on the ACI Project in the menu bar.

Norman Thorne  
Project Coordinator

### Chief Dan George

"O Great Spirit whose voice I hear in the winds,  
I come to you as one of your many children.

I need your strength and your wisdom.  
Make me strong not to be superior to my brother,  
but to be able to fight my greatest enemy:  
"Myself"

