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# Aboriginal Education

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The time when the leaves fall off the trees



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL YOU GHOSTS AND GOBLINS!**



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## ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT UPDATE

This is the consultation year for our next Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The Aboriginal Education Department will be seeking input from teachers, parents, students, and all who have a "stake" in the education of our students.

## PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 2006

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Aboriginal Education Conference is being held at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver December 7 – 9, 2006. The theme this year is Literacy & Literature with keynote speaker Faye Brownlie.

One of the sessions is **Talking Tables** – a kindergarten Oral Language Development Program presented by Kristi Clifton & Susan Crowley, SD 53 (Prince Rupert). Talking Tables was developed to create opportunities for extensive oral language practice and vocabulary development in primary classes where students need support in developing the Standard English language skills that promote early literacy success. The program, which has been widely used in Northwestern BC, has involved the participation of many First Nations students. Workshop participants will experience a Talking Tables session first hand, including chants, auditory activities, vocabulary activities, phonological awareness, and oral fluency. A 'spirit of playfulness' runs through these activities.

For more information and/or registration visit: <http://www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php> and download the Conference registration kit.

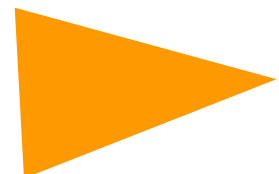


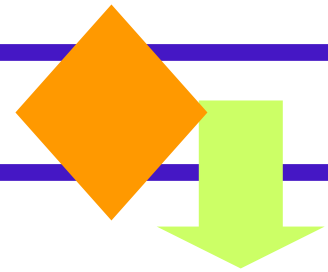
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## About our Department

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.



### ***Aboriginal Support Workers Assignments and Cultural Teaching Assistants:***

Alexander Elementary	Alison George Alice Jimmy
George Bonner and Cobble Hill	Debbie George
Chemainus Elementary	Jennifer Wyse
Chemainus Secondary	Julie Wyse
Cowichan Secondary	Darlene Sylvester Bobbi Gabriel
CVOLC	Sharon George
Drinkwater Elementary	Stuart Pagaduan
Frances Kelsey	Roy Daniels
Khowhemun Elementary	Carol Louie Claudia Sylvester Stuart Pagaduan
Koksilah Elementary	Chuck Seymour Terry Daniels
Lake Cowichan Schools	Stella Johnson
Mt Prevost Middle School	Claudia Sylvester
Quamichan Middle School	Dolly Sylvester Paula Charlie



# Hallowe'en Basket of Goodies

## 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
December 13	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.



## CHALLENGE TO ALL TEACHERS

At the BCTF Zone meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 a challenge for teachers was issued by Carol Arnold that each teacher in BC create at least one Aboriginal activity per year regardless of how big or small it is and every year. Spread the word.

## ORANGE NIGHT\*

For some family fun, have an Orange Night. Have everyone dress in orange clothing, serve orange food for dinner (grilled cheese sandwiches, oranges, carrots, orange juice...) Then you can read a book with an orange theme, and end the night with an orange treat like orange-frosted cookies or cupcakes.



## SEASONAL TREAT\*

Cut the top off an orange, scoop out the insides, fill with chopped fruit, put the top back on, and have your children use markers to draw Jack-o-Lantern faces on the oranges.

(\*First Nations Parents Club 2006 Calendar)



### Recommended books:

“A Guide to Mathematics in School”

“Teaching Student-Centered Mathematics Grade 3-5” by

John A. Van de Walle

- Excerpt from Implementation Day at George Bonner; workshop facilitator Ray Appell.

Aboriginal Education Association PSA (BCTF)  
&  
Aboriginal Education Centre  
Mamele'awt  
Abbotsford SD#34  
Are  
Co-hosting a conference

**“Respecting Aboriginal Protocols  
in the Education System”**

On  
February 15 (evening)  
And February 16 (all day), 2006

At the Sumas Longhouse & Ramada Inn (Abbotsford)

For more information contact Marjorie Dumont (president) at

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Roy Henry Vickers design

### Science Links

These two websites feature lesson plans and activities for grades 3-8. Though they are not local in nature they offer some great ideas on how to integrate Aboriginal content into the science curriculum.

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/aboriginal/science2/index-e.html>

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/aboriginal/science/index-e.html>