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Aboriginal Education &TRC Update



“Remember, reconciliation is yours to achieve. We owe it to each other to build a Canada based on our shared future, a future of healing and trust.”

*-Senator Murray
Sinclair*

June is National Indigenous History Month and the anniversary of the MMIWG Final Report

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June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

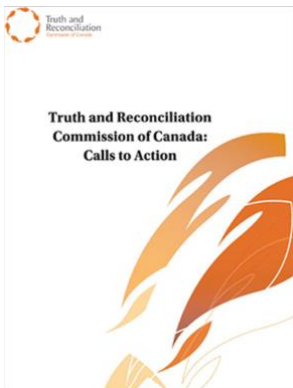
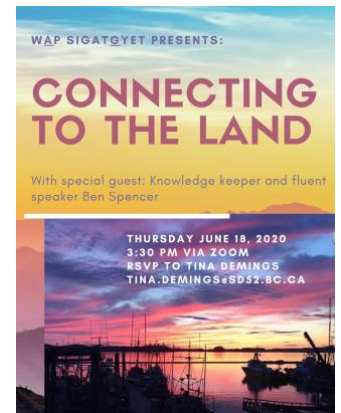
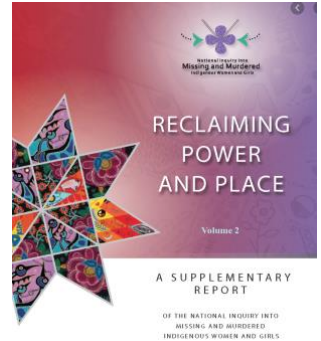
We challenge you to continue to inform yourself with the many rich Indigenous literatures available to learn more about the true history of Canada, while privileging Indigenous voices in your personal and classroom libraries.

Connecting to the Land: June 18

As our last reconciliation resource gathering this school year, we invite you to attend our session, *Connecting to the Land* with fluent speaker and knowledge keeper Mr. Ben Spencer! Please contact tina.demings@sd52.bc.ca to register.

Truth and Reconciliation Pole Project

The Truth and Reconciliation pole project continues at PRMS! Despite challenges with COVID-19, Russell Mather is continuing to carve the Truth and Reconciliation pole, intended for the CHSS learning commons. We will be inviting small groups of students to come and engage in this cross-curricular and holistic learning opportunity as availability and space allows.



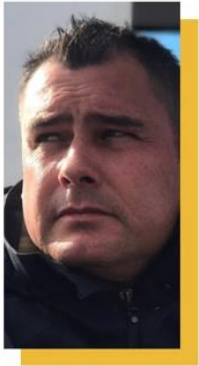
Drum Across BC!



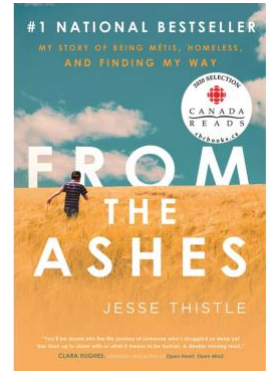
This Friday June 19 is “Drum Across BC!” Students from PRMS will be participating in this virtual event, with Marlene Clifton, in honor of National Indigenous Peoples Day. Participants from all across the province will be drumming together. This event will be held over Zoom, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.



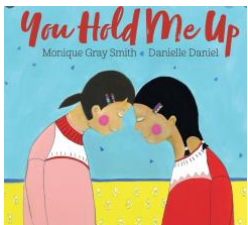
SD 52 Book Study Author Visit June 22!



Jesse Thistle, a Metis-Cree author, professor and activist, will be joining our book study on June 22! His book, *From the Ashes*, is a National Bestseller and continues to spark interest and conversation both in Canada and around the world. Throughout the pandemic, Wap Sigatgyet hosted a “From the Ashes” learning group with over 20 participants from SD52. This became a meaningful opportunity to engage in deeper learning around the importance of resiliency and ways to foster this in our students. Thank you to all those who are participating in this important learning!



Early Learning Programs:



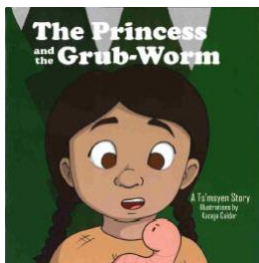
Welcome to Kindergarten has been taking place throughout our district despite challenges faced with COVID-19. Schools have found new and innovative ways to welcome families and are generating excitement for Kindergarten next year! One of the resources provided to parents in the Welcome to Kindergarten bags is a family activity guide for Monique Gray Smith’s *You Hold Me Up*. It includes several family activities that correspond with this beautiful book about caring for one another.



Link to author reading:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uiuiev2fXvRU>

New Ts’msyen Focused Math Resource!



A multi-grade Math resource focussing on learning patterning and linear relations from a Ts’msyen perspective is now complete and available SD52 teachers online. The Resource provides activities and lessons for teachers using Ts’msyen narratives, language and experiences to provide a rich learning experience using games and hands-on activities. <https://sd52wap.wixsite.com/abed/resources>

