



First Nations Education Council Fall 2021 Highlighter

The First Nations Education Council, as a team, advocate for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, youth and staff to ensure their sense of belonging, physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs are met in a culturally appropriate manner.

Next FNEC Meeting
Mon. Nov. 8, 2021

Reminder:
Due to Covid-19 all FNEC meetings will be virtual for the time being.

SD27 Indigenous Education
Department

Welcomes Grant
Gustafson, District
Principal of Indigenous
Education



INTRODUCING OUR 2021 FIRST NATIONS ROLE MODELS



On Friday, June 11th First Nations Education Department proudly held a crowning ceremony for our new role models for 2021. Kaden Craig from Columneetza campus and Seth Cahoose also from Columneetza Campus. Kaden (now at WL Campus) is a proud member of the Saulteau First Nation. Seth Cahoose also from Columneetza Campus is a proud member of Tl'etinqox Govt with rich roots in both Chilcotin and Carrier. The role models will reign throughout this school year until the new role models for 2022 are crowned next June.

Thank you to the runner up candidates who are also positive role models in their communities and schools. We recognize Jazmine Saunders, Kayla Hink, Hanna Chabot, Emma Penner, Athena Stuart, Kenzie Gentles, Paige Romaniuk, Maggie Stowell, Isaiah Gregg, Caen Passeri.

Thank you to our 2020 Role Models Wrenn Yano and Morgan McKay for being honorable ambassadors for SD27 over the past year.

Thank you to the staff at WL Campus for making us all welcome and providing the decorating! Thank you to Teacher Nick MacDonald for videotaping our event.

Finally, thank you to the Bands and Elders who encourage and support our role model program!

Enhancement Agreement Goals:

1. *To increase First Nations Students' Sense of Belonging at School.*
2. *To Increase the quality of academic success for all First Nations students.*
3. *To increase the knowledge and understanding of local First Nations history, culture, governance, languages, and communities for all students.*

Please see our Enhancement Agreement on the SD27 Website under Departments, Indigenous Education, First Nations Curriculum

Project Proposal Funding

Deadline for proposals **Mon. Nov. 22, 2021 4:30 p.m.**
(always 2 wks prior to FNEC meeting)

Proposal information can be found on the SD27 website under **Programs, First Nations** then under **Target Funding Criteria**.

Please ensure that your proposal is signed by the appropriate member of the First Nations Education Committee for your area as well as your Principal.

Schools are reminded to send in a final completion report and photos to First Nations Education Committee once their events have taken place. Digital photos are appreciated so they can be used on the website.

2021-2022 FNEC Meeting Schedule:

Monday, October 4, 2021
Monday, November 8, 2021
Monday, December 6, 2021
January: NO MEETING
Monday, February 7, 2021
Monday, March 7, 2021
Monday, April 4, 2021
Monday, May 2, 2021
Monday, June 6, 2021

FIRST PEOPLE'S PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING

See page 3 for these Principles.

The FNEC Poster of these Principles can be found on SD27 Website under Departments, Indigenous Education, First Nations Resources, First Nations Curriculum

Role Model Registrations are out!!

Registration booths for Role Models will be set up in the high schools soon. Students wishing to run in the annual Role Model Program will be able to come meet role models from last year over the lunch hour and receive applications and information on the Role Model Program. There will be a draw and a lot of fun with the staff and students at each school. Thank you to staff who continue to encourage students who would be outstanding role models for their peers and in serving their communities.



Phyllis Webstad

On Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 Orange Shirt Day ceremonies were held virtually. SD27 Staff and students recognized this on Sept. 29, 2021.

Orange Shirt Day started right here in the Cariboo in support of survivor Phyllis Webstad.

SD27 teaches about Reconciliation in grades 5 & 10.

Orange Shirt Day is acknowledged as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We are proud to see this important day recognized all over Canada and several parts of the world. For more information on Orange Shirt Day please go to Orange Shirt Day.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Alexis Creek Elem./Jr. Sec. Salmon Project



Chilcotin Language Teacher Annette Frank with students from Alexis Creek Elem./Jr. Sec. The students made fabric fish above and took part in a salmon release project at the Chilcotin River in June. Upon releasing the salmon, the children sang the Water Song and gave thanks for the fish.

From the staff at First Nations Education Department

*Grant Gustafson,
District Principal, Indigenous Education*

*Tracy Hubner,
Secretary, Indigenous Education*



The Principles of Learning

(Found on SD27 Website under Departments, Indigenous Education, First Nations Resources, First Nations Curriculum)

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #1

Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #2

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #3

Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #4

Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #5

Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #6

Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #7

Learning involves patience and time.

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #8

Learning requires exploration of one's identify

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) #9

Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.



Halloween fun at Alexis Creek Elem./Jr. Secondary School. Photos submitted by Caitlin Currie

Students from 100 Mile Elementary show their big hearts



This fantastic heart was made by Ms. Shaw's class at the end of last year to honor the innocent 215 children discovered at Kamloops Residential School. This year we made it into one of our banners, to honor all students. Students colored a feather for each of the innocent children and made it into this beautiful heart.



Submitted by Penny Reid, 100 Mile Elementary School