



SD 63 Indigenous Education Monthly Bulletin February 2022



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Moon of the Child

Pronunciation

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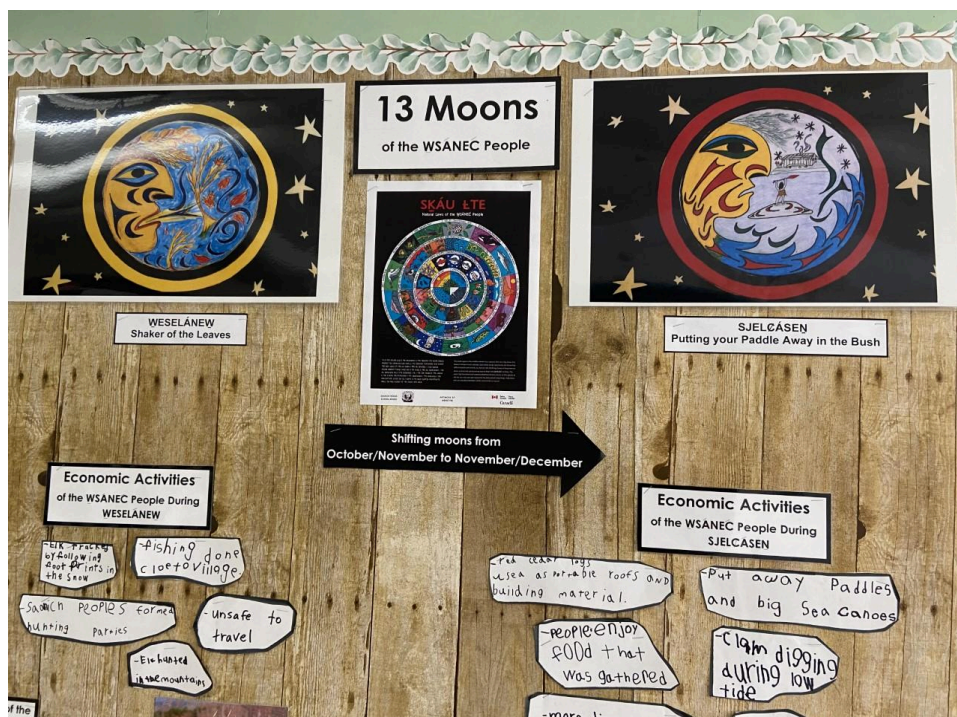
[Audio File](#)

“The face of the young man represents youth, a new beginning, the rebirth of the animal world, and the new edible shoots. This is the Saanich New Year. The moons yellow hair is the returning light to the world.” [The Saanich Year](#) (PDF)

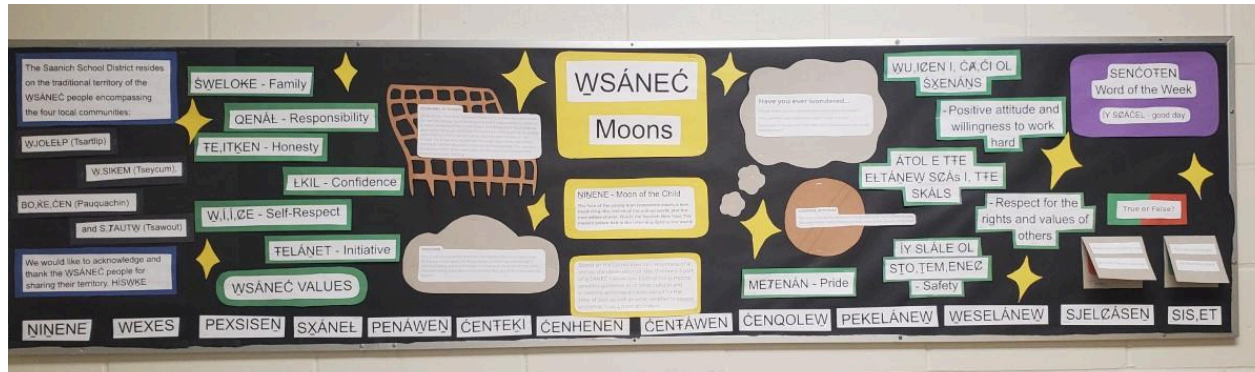
[The Saanich Year](#) (PDF)  WSÁNEĆ Moons 2022

[The WSÁNEĆ Year](#) Each Moon includes online versions of; the laminated moon card, archive photos from the Saanich families kit, the Parks Canada animals and plant cards.

Around The District:



HÍSWŪKE M.Bains at Cordova Bay for sharing how you are sharing the moon information in your class.



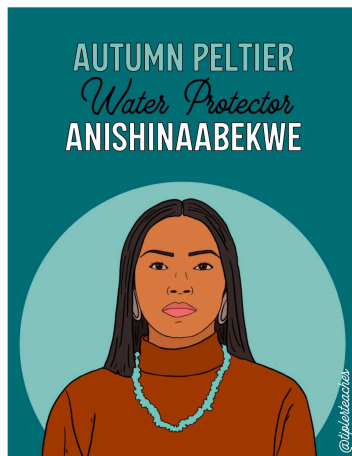
HÍSWŪKE K.Nolting for sharing Keatings Bulletin Board

Please share how you are weaving in Indigenous content and ways of being into your classroom. We would love to share this information with other schools and educators in the district. Send information to smacrae@saanichschools.ca

Indigenous Role Models

Each month we will highlight a living Indigenous Role model.

**We are so grateful that Megan Tipler (Educator/Artist) has allowed us to share her artwork for our bulletin.*



[Autumn Peltier](#) is from the [Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory](#) and she is a water protector and Chief Water Commissioner for the Anishinabek Nation. Autumn is just 15 years old, but she is an internationally recognized advocate for clean water, especially in Indigenous communities. From a young age she learned about the sacredness of water. Through these teachings, she began to understand the global implications of what humans were doing to the planet and started advocating for clean drinking water. She understands that she is a future ancestor, and has a responsibility to preserve the land for generations to come. One of her most well known quotes is that "We can't eat money or drink oil." When she was 12 years old, she was selected to present Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with a water bundle. Although she had a speech prepared,

she became overwhelmed with emotion and confronted Trudeau. She informed him that she was not happy with the decisions he was making that affected her people. When she was 14, she inherited the title of [Chief Water Commissioner](#) from her great-aunt Josephine Mandamin. She has tirelessly continued to use her voice to bring awareness to water issues. Autumn's activist work has earned her recognition worldwide. She has spoken in front of the United Nations on several occasions. She was also nominated for the 2019 International Children's Peace Prize. Despite her accolades, her work is guided by her people and her deep respect for the Earth and the environment.

[The Secret Life of Canada Podcast - Shout Out to Autumn Peltier](#)

Water Walkers Kit

<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/sd63indigenoused/resource-kits/water-protectors?authuser=0>

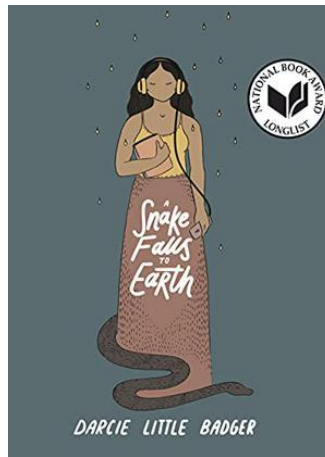
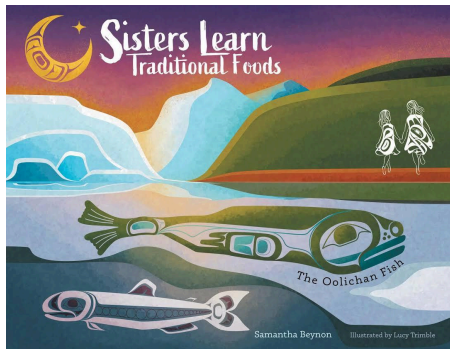
Continuing Our Own Learning:

How Do I Avoid Cultural Appropriation in My Classroom or School?

Jo Chrona

<https://luudisk.com/2022/01/21/how-do-i-avoid-cultural-appropriation-in-my-classroom-or-school/>

Recommended Reads:



Elementary: [Sisters Learn Traditional Foods = The Oolichan Fish By Samantha Beynon](#)

Middle: [A Snake Falls to Earth by Darcie Little Badger](#)

Secondary /Teacher Recommendation: WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council Resources for Settlers
<https://wsanec.com/learn-settlers/>

Louis Riel Day February 21, 2022



Louis Riel is recognized as an advocate of justice for the Métis people, but he represents much more. He helped lay the framework for minority rights and cultural co-operation, and is regarded as a founder of Manitoba. It is very important to remember Louis Riel's contribution to Canada and specifically to recall that he was executed for being a persistent advocate for the rights of his people. -

Art by Métis Artist Brian Danger

LouisRielDay.com

[Louis Riel - Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

[Métis Nation of Ontario](#)

[More about Métis culture](#)

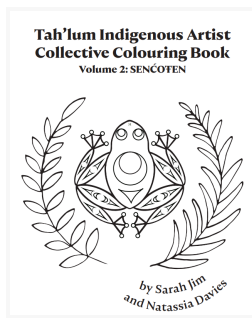
[Louis Riel Day Information Sheet - Metis Nation of BC](#)

Tah'lum Indigenous Artist Collective Colouring Book: Volume II

"The purpose of this colouring book project is to create a new way to engage children and adults alike with Indigenous languages; namely, the SENĆOTEN language spoken by W̱SÁNEĆ peoples of the BO̱KEĆEN (Pauquachin), MÁLEXEL (Malahat), TÁ,UTW_ (Tsawout), WJOŁEŁP (Tsartlip), and W̱SÍKEM (Tseycum) Nations, as well as others along the Saanich Peninsula and Southern Gulf and San Juan Islands. The images and words in this colouring book were selected by artists Sarah Jim (W̱SÁNEĆ) and Natassia Davies (Coast Salish/Welsh/Scottish with familial roots in T'Sou-ke Nation) to provide a small window into their heritage. These designs are meant to be enjoyed by the community for all ages."

Please find the link for the colouring book on this webpage(about halfway down the page)

<https://openspacearts.ca/tiac-colouring-book-volume-ii>



Dates to Remember and Community Opportunities

We will be posting community opportunities if available. If you know of any community opportunities you would like to add to the bulletin please email smacrae@saanichschools.ca

February 14, 2022

Have a Heart Day

<https://fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart>

February 23rd, 2022 - Pink Shirt Day

We will not be selling shirts at the district office but you can find them online

[Strong Nations has Shirts designed by Frances Horne Sr.](#)

Moose Hide Campaign Day 2022 Postponed from February 10, to **Thursday May 12, 2022.**

For more information please see info on their website

<https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>

