

SD 63 Indigenous Education Monthly Bulletin

Saanich Moons



[WESELÁNEW](#) - November 30th - December 29th, 2024

[Moon of the Shaker of the Leaves](#)

“...This is the time that big winds come and change the season to Winter. The days become cooler...The winds that come with this moon are a signal to move to the Winter village as the open sea becomes dangerous for travelling...Winter fires are lit and this is the beginning of our Winter gatherings.”

You can find more information about all the [Saanich Moons](#) on the SD 63 Indigenous Education Website.

Indigenous Ed Learning Kits

A reminder to explore the many [Indigenous Ed Learning Kits](#) available for K-12 learning.

It's winter season, so a perfect time for the [WSÁNEĆ Oral History and Storytelling kit](#).

Contact Sherry Burton to order.



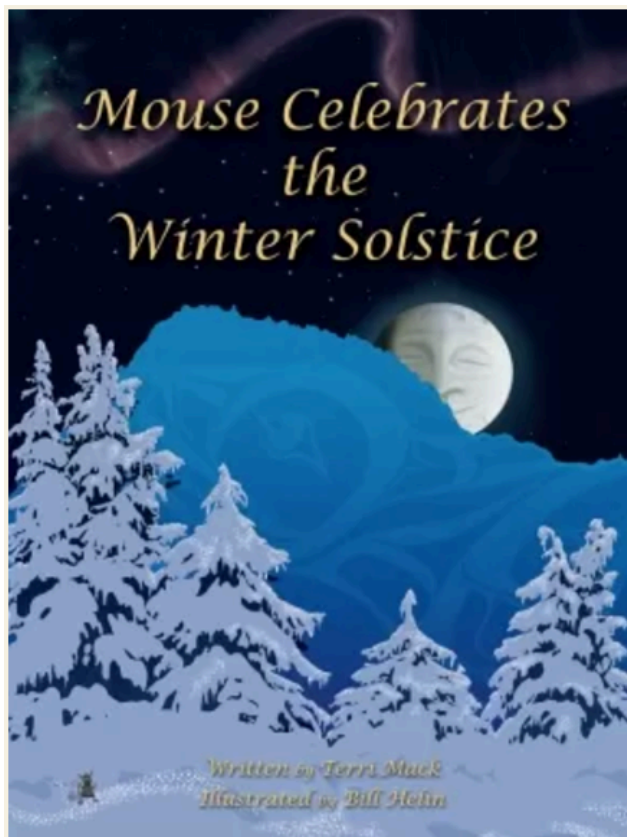
Seasonal Book Recommendations - Elementary



[The Moccasins](#)



[Metis Christmad Mittens](#)



[Mouse Celebrates Winter Solstice](#)



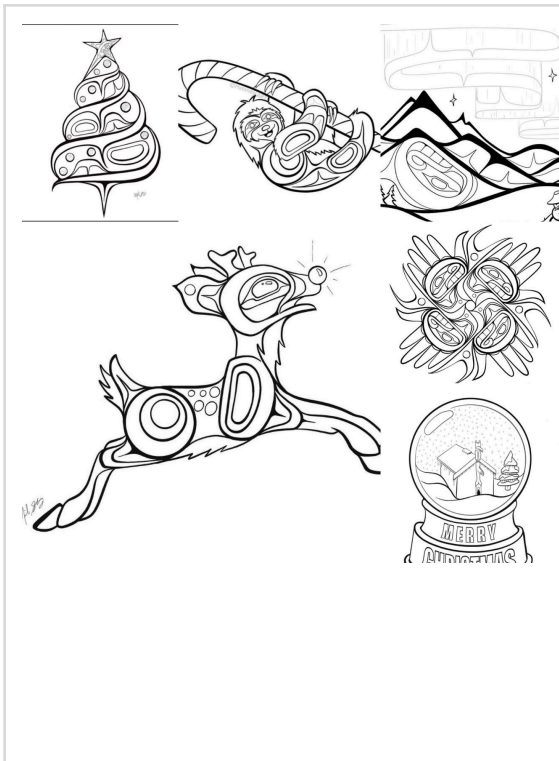
[Winter's Gifts](#)

Christmas Greetings and Seasonal Art

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Mae-lee Clees-mus Ee Ee-yus Xuh-oo-us S-chul-ae-nung



Michelle Stoney is a Gitsxan artist.
Please find Michelle Stoney's Colouring Pages
here:

[Michelle Stoney Colouring Sheets](#)

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colouring pages.

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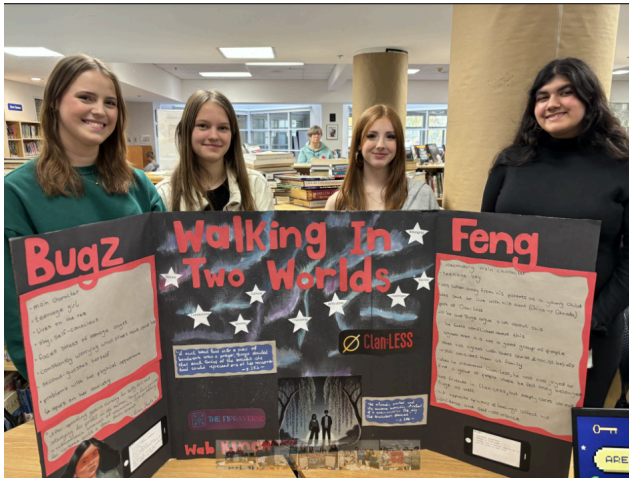
Around the District

North Saanich Fry Bread Day - HÍSWĶE Mariah Curley for sharing these photos of NSMS
preparing fry bread..



Claremont Book Fair - HÍSWKE Allison Lambert and the EFP 11 teachers at Claremont for organizing the Indigenous Book Fair. Many students spoke with authority and wonderful enthusiasm about the books they'd chosen to read.





Live It Earth documentary about ƳSÁNEĆ culture

A five-person film crew from Live It Earth spent a week on ƳSÁNEĆ territory filming members of the ƳSÁNEĆ community for an upcoming educational documentary about ƳSÁNEĆ culture, told through the cycles of the ƳSÁNEĆ moons. The finished film will be made available on the [Live It Earth website](#), where it can be seen by Saanich students and learners from around BC. Original footage of the interviews with elders will be given back to the ƳSÁNEĆ community for their own use.

The team arrived at the start of PEKELÁNEW (the moon that turns the leaves white) and began filming at Goldstream, where Indigenous students from Brentwood, KELSET and Bayside fished for salmon.





A key component of the project is a student workshop. Four secondary students from Stelly's picked up cameras and shadowed the crew as they filmed elders talking about traditional cultural practices, such as reef net fishing, hunting, and longhouse, as well as how some of those practices still take place today. Filming has taken place in all four W̱SÁNEĆ communities.

This work is funded by a grant received by the Indigenous Education department, and has been facilitated by teacher leader Darcy McNee and Indigenous Support Liaisons, Muriel Morris, Landon Underwood, and Ambrose Underwood.

The documentary is expected to be completed in the spring of 2025, around the time of SXÁNEL (the bullhead moon.)

Images from top to bottom:

- Elder Verna Ellsworth
- Stelly's students with videographer
- Elder Vern Jacks



[Live It Earth](#)

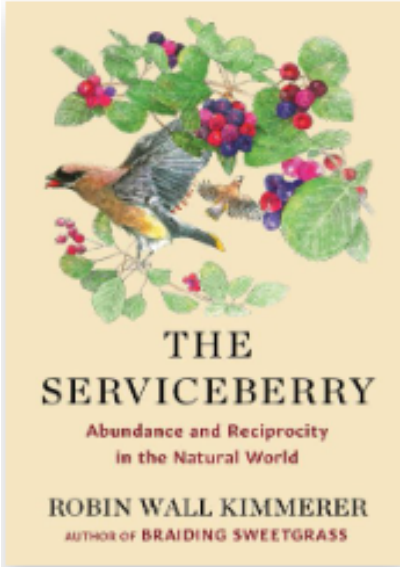
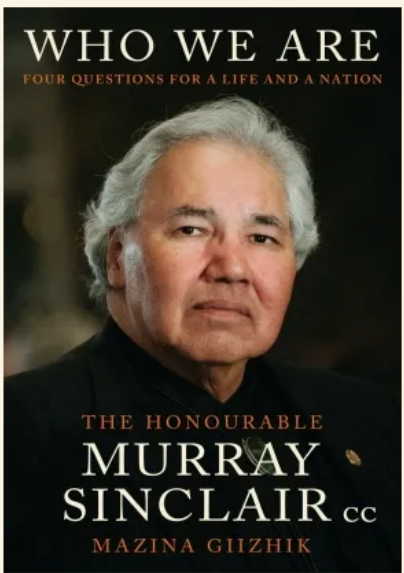
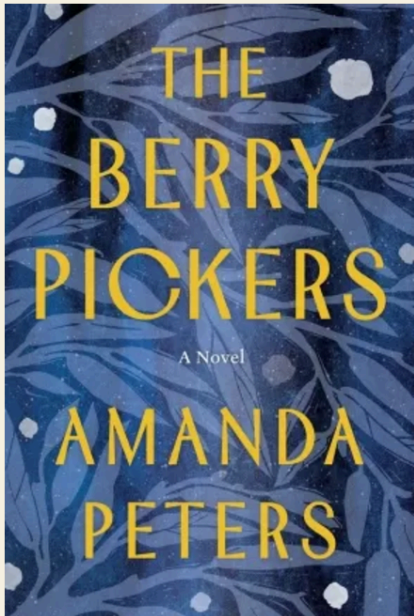
Live It Earth is an amazing teaching resource featuring story-rich bilingual resources informed by Indigenous Perspectives. Find how-to videos, inquiry guides, slide shows and more.

Creating Teacher Accounts:

- Teachers need to enter an **authentication code** - FocusedED2023! and district/school email address to set up an account. Subsequent logins will

	require district/school email address and your selected password.
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Winter Break Reading

		
The Serviceberry	Who We Are: Four Questions for a Life and Nation	The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Professional Growth

4 Sessions: January - May
THE MEDICINE OF STORIES
IN EDUCATING HEARTS, MINDS AND SPIRITS

FACILITATOR
Monique Gray Smith



Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer
January 30



Richard Van Camp
March 27



Linda Kaser
April 24



Judy Halbert



Leone Prince
May 29



Check out [The Medicine of Stories in Educating Hearts, Minds and Spirits](#), offered through the Outdoor Learning School and facilitated by Monique Gray Smith. Guests include Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, Leone Prince and Richard Van Camp.

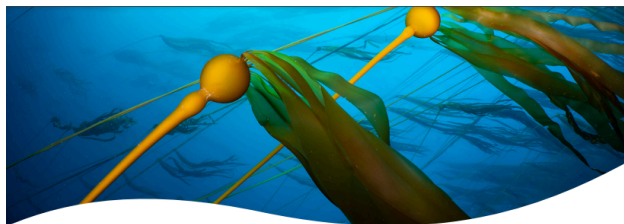
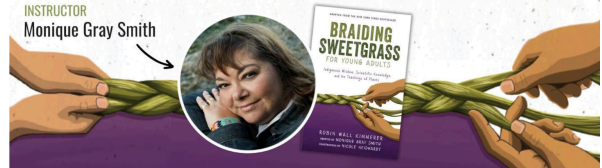
Check with your school Pro-D rep about using your funds for a program like this.

The Outdoor Learning School and Store is offering a four-session professional development opportunity with Monique Gray Smith. [Braiding Sweetgrass for Educators](#) begins in January and the early-bird registration is very reasonable.

January 2025 OUTDOOR LEARNING COURSE

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS FOR EDUCATORS

INSTRUCTOR
Monique Gray Smith



Centering Indigenous Pedagogies in Math Education: Assessment

Webinar Series

Jan 22, Feb 26, and April 16 2025
3:30-5:00 p.m. PT
Register for one or all sessions

Join us for the continuation of this webinar series with leading scholars and classroom educators. This season's 3-part series focuses on assessment practices in math education guided by Indigenous pedagogies and perspectives such as Indigenous Storywork, teachings from the land, and culturally responsive mathematics education.

Registration Now Open



Offered with support from UBC Edith Lando Virtual Learning Centre, UBC Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, David Robitaille Professorship in Math and Science Education, Indigenous Math Education Network, Dogwood 25, BC Rural Education Advisory, and BC Ministry of Education and Child Care.



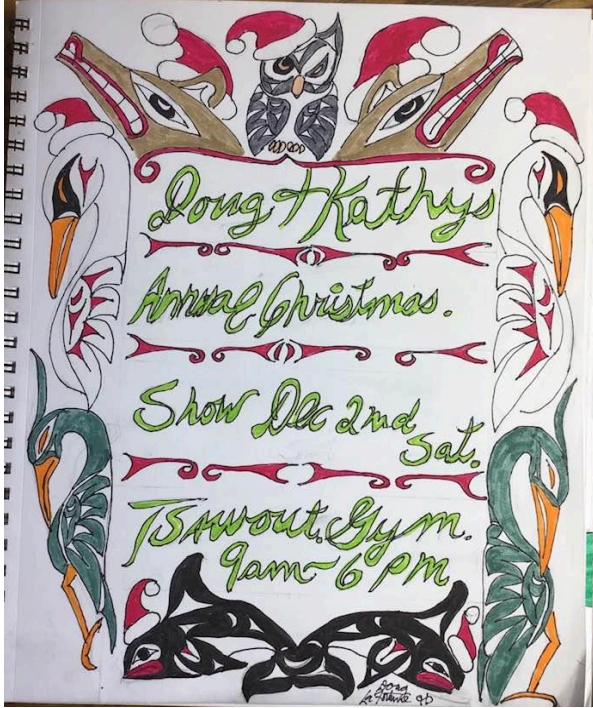
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You can also access webinars from last year's series [here](#).

Community Opportunities:



Doug + Kathy's Annual Christmas Show Saturday December 2nd

9am - 6pm

All are welcome

Tsawout Gym

7728 Tetayut Rd, Saanichton

Indigenous Pop-Up Shop YYJ Winter Craft Fair

Instagram: @indigenouspopupshopyyj

Saturday December 21st, 2024 10am-3pm

1110 Hillside Ave (Norway House)



Contact Us

Sherry Burton - Resource kits, General Inquiries

Sally Morgan - Indigenous Grad Credit courses and Indigenous Ed Bulletin

Landon Underwood and Melissa Rickson - Cultural Competencies, Community Connections

Tina Savea - Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada, Blanket Exercise

We'd love for you to share photos, student art work, book recommendations and community opportunities! Please email smorgan@saanichschools.ca