

Upcoming Events

May 5 - Red Dress Day

May 10 - Jordan's Principle: Bear Witness Day

May 16 - Moosehide Campaign

June - National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day

What is Jordan's Principle?

About Jordan's Principle

Jordan's Principle makes sure that Indigenous children with status or living on reserve in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them. Funding can help with a wide range of health, social and educational needs, including the unique needs that First Nations Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA children and youth and those with disabilities may have.

Jordan's Principle is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. He was a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba.

Helpful Links and Resources

[Jordan's Principle / Gov't of Canada](#)

[Victoria Native Friendship Centre / Jordan's Principle](#)



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Moose Hide Campaign



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN
CAMPAGNE MOOSE HIDE

[Victoria Event May 16](#)

[Story of Moose Hide Campaign Video \(6 mins\) Gr 9 - 12](#)



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MMIWG2S / Red Dress Day

Please consider carefully sharing stories of violence with your middle and secondary students. These are important but sensitive subjects to explore and may be triggering for some. Be sure to offer supports for all students when delivering sensitive information.

Red Dress Day or Red Dress Campaign is an annual event held by the REDress Project in memory of the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls across Canada.

May 5th marks Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People.

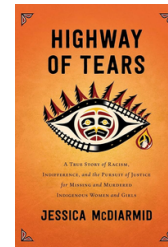
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[Missing Nimama Video \(17 mins\)](#)



Graphic Novel gr 7 and up
[If I Go Missing Trailer \(1 min\)](#)



Red Dress Day Resources

What is Red Dress Day?

[Their Voices Will Guide Us](#)
(Teaching resource from the BCTF)

[Youtube Video \(4 mins\) A Look Back at the MMIWG Inquiry](#)

[Their Voices Will Guide Us Student and Youth Engagement Guide \(PDF download\)](#)

Two-Spirit Stories and Poems



Indigenous Accomplishments



Canoe Journeys



graphic novel

Powwow Season



National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated on June 21, which is also the summer solstice. Many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their heritage and culture around this time of the year for many generations. This is a time to learn about the unique cultures, traditions, and experiences of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. It is a time to honour Indigenous stories, achievements, and contributions.

June is National Indigenous History Month, which is a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Community Events

National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations at Royal Roads

Yellow Wolf Powwow at Stelly's School, Saanichton

Canoe Journeys

The annual canoe journey is a gathering of canoe cultures from Indigenous nations from coastal communities such as Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. The canoe journeys emerged after years of government oppression. It first took place in 1989 and since then, it has become an annual event attracting many Indigenous families and teams from around the Pacific Rim canoe culture.

Powwow Season

Powwows are powerful intergenerational gatherings that promote culture and community. They are large gatherings with representations of Indigenous groups across Canada. In the nineteenth century, powwows became homecoming celebrations when families and communities who were separated by government policies, could be reunited.

Today powwows are a place for people to meet and celebrate traditional Indigenous singing, dancing, and culture. It is a time for Indigenous people to honor and preserve their heritage. A powwow is a place for Indigenous people to demonstrate the strength and vitality of their culture and legacy. As national Indigenous Day approaches on June 21, it marks the beginning of the powwow trail





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THE AGENDA OF EVENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY
THIS DAY IS CO-HOSTED BY THE INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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