

## Upcoming Dates

September 22 - Fall Equinox

September 27 - Orange Shirt Day in schools

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

October 14 - Thanksgiving

October 22 - Jordan River Anderson's birthday (see Jordan's Principal bottom left on page 2)

## Reconciliation Documents

The following 2 documents lay the foundation for the work that is presently being done in Indigenous Education.

### DRIPA

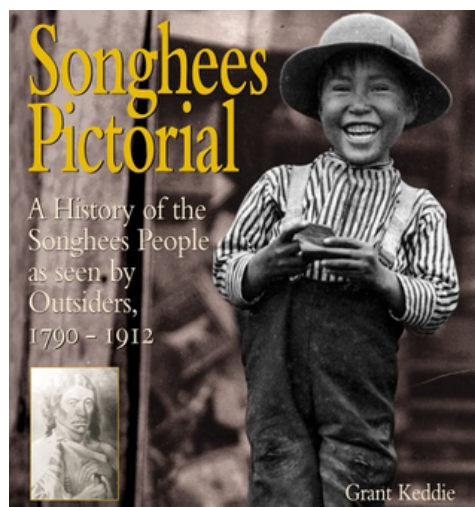
This action plan outlines significant actions the Province will undertake in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Peoples over the next five years; 2022 - 2027" (DRIPA)

### Truth and Reconciliation Commission

This report has been published for nine years. The Indigenous communities have done their part telling their truths, and retelling their emotional stories. From this truth telling comes the 94 Calls To Action. It is now our job as Canadians to familiarize ourselves with the Calls to Action and find ways to put them into action.

### Spirit Bears Calls To Action

(English and French versions)



## A Warm Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Welcome to the new school year, a new beginning, renewed relationships and exciting learning opportunities. As we embark upon a new year together, we acknowledge the ləkʷəŋən people, past and present, on whose traditional territories our schools are located. We give thanks and recognize that we live and learn on the traditional territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and that they have been stewards of these beautiful lands for thousands of years. We strive to move forward in ways that honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, DRIPA and the Local Education Agreements of the 4 Houses (Songhees, Esquimalt, Metis and Urban Peoples House). We raise our hands to the ləkʷəŋən people and give thanks for their continued stewardship, teachings, knowledge and generosity. Hay'sxw'qa si'em

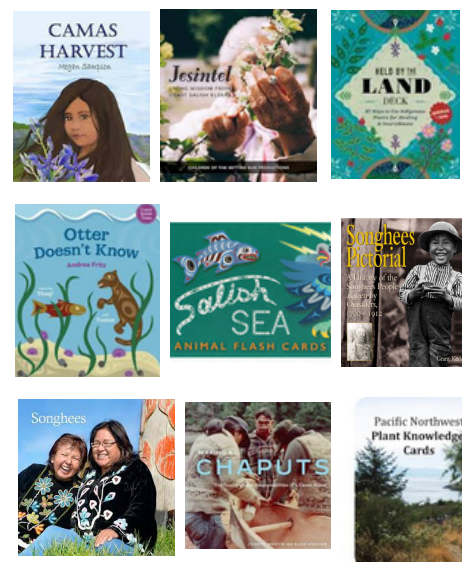
Learning about the local Nations is an important piece in our journey of Truth and Reconciliation. A beautiful way to start the year is by listening to Butch Dick's Territorial Welcome, and the "Place to Smoke Herring" video.

### Butch Dick's Territorial Welcome

Lekwungen; Place to Smoke Herring (15 mins)



## Borrow our Local Resource Bin



## Relational Responsibility

The Greater Victoria School District collaborates closely with the Four Houses—Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, UPHIA (Urban Peoples House Indigenous Advisory), and the Métis Nation—as well as the Indigenous Education Council and the Elders Advisory Council.

Together, they guide the work of Indigenous Education throughout the district.



Sept 30, 2024  
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

South Island Powwow 2024

**3RD ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND POWWOW**  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**HOST DRUMS**  
SMOKEY VALLEY & WILD RIVER  
**MC**  
FRANCIS JAMES

**SPECIALS**

YOUTH	TEENS	ADULT	DRUM
JUNIORS		INDIVIDUAL	GROUP
1ST \$500	1ST \$500	1ST \$3,000	1ST \$6,000
2ND \$300	2ND \$300	2ND \$1,500	2ND \$3,000
3RD \$200	3RD \$200	3RD \$750	3RD \$1,000

**DRUM PRE-REGISTRATION:**  
DANCE REGISTRATION ON-SITE GATES OPEN 10:00 AM

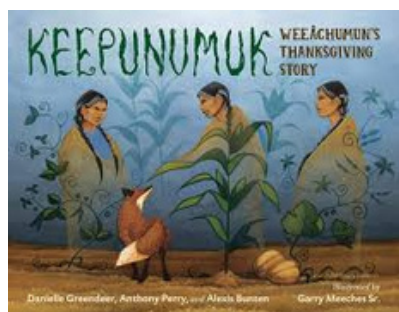
<https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>

SD 61 Indigenous Education Department Library



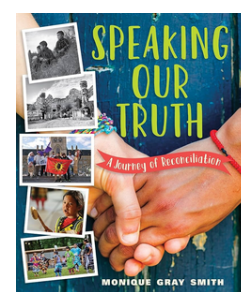
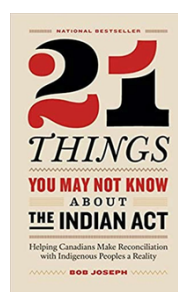
The Indigenous Education Library is temporarily being housed and stewarded at Margaret Jenkins Elementary. Resources are available to all SD61 staff to browse anytime online at [destiny.sd61.bc.ca](https://destiny.sd61.bc.ca) (select Indigenous Education Library, bottom right), or in person by appointment. We have a wide variety of resources available including learning kits, book sets for classrooms, professional reading and book clubs, maps, puppets, and more. Items can be picked up or delivered through the school mail. To borrow materials, set up an appointment to browse the collection and any other enquiries, please email [iedlibrary@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:iedlibrary@sd61.bc.ca)

Thanksgiving: An Indigenous Perspective



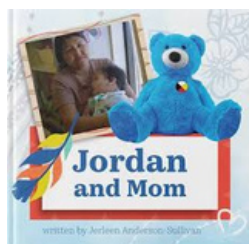
Featured Resources for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Click here to view our [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Resource Collection](#)



Jordan's Principal (one of the TRC's 94 Calls To Action)

The Story that Inspired Jordan's Principal (5min video).



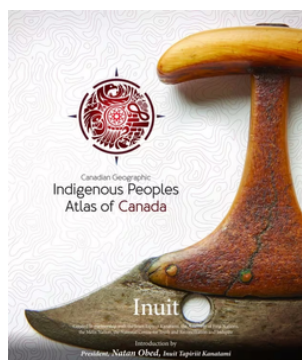
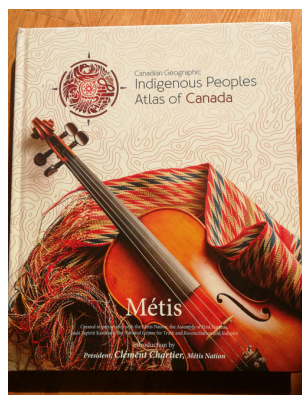
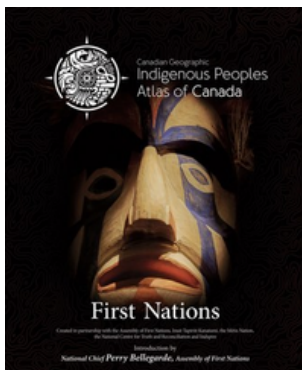
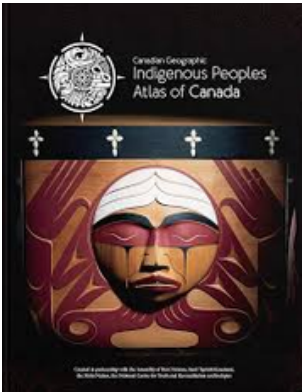
We have SETS of *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act*, *The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation*, and *Speaking our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation* that are available for classroom use and/or teacher personal and professional development.



More teacher friendly resources about Truth and Reconciliation can be found at [The First Nations Caring Society](#).

## Resource Highlight Grades 6 - 12 Canadian Geographic Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada

This set of books provides excellent information on Canadian Indigenous People. They can be used as stand alone books or as a companion to the map.



## SD 61 Indigenous Giant Floor Map



The Indigenous Education Department has purchased the Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada Giant Floor Map. This is an incredible resource and provides the opportunity to view Canada through a very different lens. This floor map does not have any political borders. Its distinguishing features are Indigenous languages, treaty borders and terrain, as well as Indigenous place names. It is a beautiful example of the vastness and diversity of Canada's terrain and of the Indigenous Nations across our country. Important thing to consider before requesting this map;

- Space - does your school have space for the map? The map is 8 meters by 11 meters. It takes up about half the space of a gymnasium, with additional space needed for students to gather around the perimeter of the map.
- The map weighs approximately 150 pounds and requires 2 or more people to set up and put away.
- If using your gym to display the map, check gym rentals incase the map needs to be put away each day
- To make borrowing the map worthwhile, encourage your entire school to take part in activities while the map is at your school
- Our district currently has 2 maps available to be borrowed and the borrowing period is for 2 weeks
- All teachers are encouraged to teach lessons on the map while the map is housed at their school
- The map is for K-12 and comes with lessons plans and activities for all grade levels as well as supplies included with the map kit. These lessons should be reviewed ahead of borrowing the map so that a plan of how the map will be used is established. All lesson plans as well as additional resources can be found online here:

[Giant Indigenous Floor Map Online Resources](#)

If you are interested in borrowing the map for your school, please email [iedlibrary@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:iedlibrary@sd61.bc.ca)

Indigenous Teacher Consultants are happy to work with staff to help become familiar with how to use this beautiful map.

## Indigenous Peoples Giant Floor Map of Canada



## What is happening with the IED Website?

The IED Website is waiting for an overhaul.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on updating this service.

While there is still relevant information on our website, we do recognize that some of the material is dated.

Please connect with any member of our team, listed on the right, if there is information that you need help locating.

## Indigenous Education Library Team

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The role of Indigenous Teacher Consultants is to work with SD61 staff to help build capacity of Indigenous knowledge, resources and Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

## Indigenous Guest Speakers In Schools

If you plan on inviting Indigenous guests into your school, please be sure to go through the IED Department First. Hay'sxw'qa

To view and browse the IED library collection online, please visit [Destiny@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:Destiny@sd61.bc.ca) and select *Indigenous Education Library* from the bottom right.

[Click here to browse the Library Collection on Destiny](#)

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