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Social Media

Staying in touch is easy using social media. But it's important to be proactive and protect yourself from the harms of social media.

Tips to Using Social Media Safely

Ensure posts are private and only seen by direct connections.

Review privacy settings frequently – especially after application updates.

Think before you share...

Personal Information
Location
Life News
Financial Information
Other's Updates

More information about social engineering and social media available [HERE](#).

Learn more at [ECNO.org](https://ecno.org)



RESTORING THE BALANCE: A SHORT HISTORY OF GENDERED COLONIZATION IN CANADA

Explore the gendered nature of colonization and genocide in Canada, with particular reference to the histories of Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirited and transgender people.

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Navigating Difficult Conversations: Gender Identity



This webinar explores how to facilitate open and respectful classroom conversations about gender identity.

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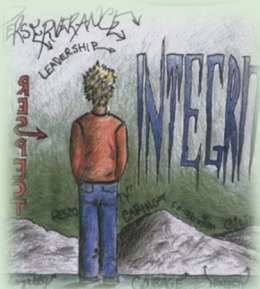
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Integrity

I show integrity when...

- *I do the right thing*
- *I am honest and sincere*
- *I determine my values and what matters to me*
- *I am consistent*
- *I am true to who I am*
- *I do what I say I will do*
- *I do not give in to peer pressure*
- *I am able to be me*



Student Excellence: New Mural at Superior Heights!



On May 18th, students at Superior Heights C. & V. S. unveiled a five-panel mural celebrating Indigenous culture. The stunning Woodland style mural was created by a dedicated group of students from the Northern Indigenous Youth Council and the Art Club, with the support of local Anishinaabe artist Lucia Laford (Waawaaskone Kwe).

This mural is a powerful symbol of reconciliation and a reflection of Superior Heights' collective commitment to honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. While working alongside and under the guidance of Lucia, students and staff learned about Anishinaabe culture and ensured authentic representation of First Nations values. Well done Superior Heights students and teachers Sarah Bingham and Sarah Cormier!



"We are incredibly proud of the students who worked on this project and grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside Lucia Laford." – Ms. Sarah Cormier



Student Excellence: Indigenous Day Celebration at Elliott Lake!

On May 18th, ELSS held their largest ever Indigenous Day Celebration – one month ahead of National Indigenous Day (June 21st). The day began with a prayer from elder Marilyn Pelletier, and a grand entry led by eagle staff carrier, Junior Brousseau. The day included two powwow drums (Sagamok drum group, North Shore Ogitchiidaa, and Our Lady of Fatima Little Drummers), powwow dancing, traditional games, resource tables, and Elder tea-time. There was also a teepee in the courtyard with Marilyn Pelletier, Junior Brousseau, and Isabelle Meawasige as the teepee storytellers. Seven schools participated in the event and every Indigenous student participated as either helpers, dancers, servers, or supporters of the event!



Way to go, ELSS! We can't wait to see what next year brings!



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!

Pride month is a chance for everyone to come together to celebrate the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ communities! Celebrations include events such as parades and symposiums, and invite everyone to celebrate progress and achievement while also remembering and honouring victims of hate crimes, discrimination, and oppression.

As we as educators celebrate this month, we also reflect on the ongoing hardships members of 2SLGBTQI+ communities face in their fights for equitable rights in our schools. We recognize that our schools and classrooms must work to respect and include all students, and we reflect on our personal practice and how we can better show up for our 2SLGBTQI+ students and staff.

RAINBOW-WASHING

Like with all forms of activism work, we must be careful not to be performative in our actions. Rainbow-Washing is the act of using the pride flag or rainbow colours and imagery to indicate support for 2SLGBTQI+ communities – but often only during June and, in the case of businesses, to earn quick cash. While a good start, without true efforts to improve outcomes for 2SLGBTQI+ peoples, these month-long rainbows are not true acts of allyship. As educators, how can we avoid performative actions in our classrooms and schools and move toward true allyship?

International Day for Countering Hate Speech

June 18, 2023

“Addressing hate speech does not mean limiting or prohibiting freedom of speech. It means keeping hate speech from escalating into something more dangerous, particularly incitement to discrimination, hostility and violence, which is prohibited under international law.” – UN Secretary-General, António Guterres

Courageous conversations in our classrooms are a powerful way to eliminate hate speech in our schools.

2SPIRIT ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE
2SLGBTQ+ NETWORKS PRESENTS:



2Spirit & LGBTQ+ Events in honour of PRIDE MONTH June 20th to 25th

Tuesday 20th - 2Spirit & LGBTQ+ Allied Youth Art Night
Wednesday 21st - Tabling at Indigenous Day at White Fish
Thursday 22nd - Rainbow Info and Art Expo
Thursday 22nd - HIV/AIDS Vigil and Social
Friday 23rd - 2SLGBTQ+ 1/2 Workshop
Saturday 24th - All Ages Pride Prom
Sunday 25th - Let's Go To Bellevue Park - Family Picnic

This week of events is brought to you by the 2Spirit Organising Committee of Baawaating and the 2SLGBTQ+ Network. Chi miigwech to all of supporters, sponsors and donors. For more information please email Ozhawa Anung at Purplesyrette@gmail.com. Follow our Facebook page for our schedule of events.



JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 19, 2023

Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This holiday is considered the longest running African-American holiday and has been called America's second Independence Day. Although not formally recognized in Canada, some Black families see today as a time for rejoicing and reflecting. Today showcases the strength of Black communities – the resilience, joy, and contributions that Black folx have made to Canada. Today is also a day for reflection regarding our country's history of slavery, intergenerational trauma, and the ongoing call for Canada to continue to do better. In Canada, August 1st is recognized as Emancipation Day across the nation, as August 1st, 1834 was the day the British Empire officially abolished slavery.

As we reflect on our lives on colonized lands and on the government imposed borders that we live near by, the following quote is of importance:

“Because Blackness has no borders, because Indigeneity has no borders, because the concept of US and Canada was a colonial-created construct, we know that the celebration of emancipation is felt all throughout North America.” - Syrus M. Ware

International Day for Countering Hate Speech

June 18, 2023

Observed by inviting governments, international organizations, civil society groups, and individuals to identify, address, and counter hate speech.

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

June 19, 2023

On this day, we stand in solidarity with survivors and commit to supporting the most vulnerable people as they struggle to live in dignity and peace in the midst of humanitarian crises.

World Refugee Day

June 20, 2023

An international day dedicated to honouring people who have had to flee their home country. We champion their right to seek safety, support their economic and social inclusion, and advocate for their assistance.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2023

A day to celebrate the history and diverse cultures of First Nations, Inuit, & Métis peoples.

National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism

June 23, 2023

In remembrance of the 329 lives lost in 1985 Air India bomb explosion, today remembers all victims. Today we also remember that there is not a single group or religion that perpetuates terrorism and question our assumptions about what is and isn't "terrorism".

Canadian Multiculturalism Day

June 27, 2023

Honours the many cultural communities that build a strong and vibrant Canadian society.



National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada. This month is an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions, and experiences of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements, and resilience of Indigenous communities, who have lived on this land since before the creation of Canada, and whose presence continues to impact us all.

This month is also a time to reflect upon the systemic and systematic oppression that Indigenous people continue to experience. It is a call to reflect upon our progress and shortcomings in our work for Truth and Reconciliation – specifically for us as educators. We encourage staff to reflect on Calls to Action 62 to 65 and examine how we can continue to work towards improving our practice in these areas.

2023 Weekly Themes

June 1 – 6: Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people

June 5 to 11: Environment, Traditional Knowledge, and Territory

June 10 to 18: Children and Youth

June 19 to 25: Language, Cultures, and Arts

June 26 to 30: Reconciliation



Resource Links to Support Teaching and Learning

[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Website](#)

[Learning Resources about First Nations, Inuit and Métis Across Canada, Government of Canada](#)

[Resources for and About Indigenous Education – Deepening Knowledge - OISE](#)

[Books for Indigenous Joy – King County Library System](#)

[A Guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action for Education – People for Education](#)

[Useful Links for Indigenous Education – Ontario Teachers' Federation](#)

[Being an Ally – Queens University](#)