

How do you get your family involved with Aboriginal Education?

First Step: Identify your children as having Aboriginal Ancestry.

How do I identify my children as having Aboriginal Ancestry?

You need to ensure that you have declared your children as having Aboriginal Ancestry on their school registration form.

Do you need proof of Ancestry?

No, you only need to self declare that your child or children in your care have Aboriginal ancestry and there is no other proof needed.

Consultation Form, what is it?

The Ministry of Education Requires that we consult with each family regarding their children in our Aboriginal Program. Each student or family needs a consultation form from our department so that we know that you are aware of our programs and that you want services from our department.. We may consult with you by phone or by form, this is a yearly process.

Siwal Si'wes Advisory Council

Mission Public Schools has an Aboriginal Advisory Council, Siwal Si'wes Advisory Council that consists of School District staff, School Board, First Nation, Metis & Inuit representatives and Community Members. All parents and caregivers of Aboriginal children are welcome to attend. The meetings are held at the École Mission Central at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

SSAC Co-Chairs— Agnes Giesbrecht and Karianne Buckner



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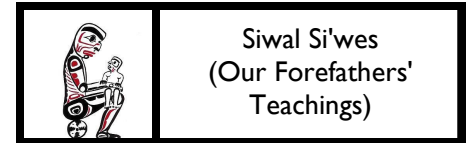
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Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Education Department



Siwal Si'wes—Halq'eméylem name given by Stó:lo Elders

Siwal Si'wes Logo—designed and presented to the department by Roy Hanuse

**Siwal Si'wes
Aboriginal Education
Mission Public Schools**

Mission Statement

Mission Statement for Siwal Si'wes -

To work collaboratively with all schools to ensure that Aboriginal students are successful in Mission Public Schools. While promoting and respecting the traditional territory of the Stó:lo People, we help foster an awareness and respect for all Aboriginal peoples for all students and staff in School District 75.

Siwal Si'wes Programs - Examples

(Not all Programs available in all schools)



Academic Support

Culturally Inclusive Activities

Language Experience Program

Student Recognition Dinners

Grade 6 Transition Days

Grade 7 Retreat

Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony

Artist in Residence and Elder in Residence



Important Dates

September 30, 2016—Orange Shirt Day

October 10, 2016—Thanksgiving

October 24, 2016—Reconciliation Tour @ St. Mary's

October 26, 2016—We Day

November 11, 2016—Remembrance Day

December 17/16—January 2/17—Winter Break

January 18/17—Cultural Day @ Cherry Hill

January 25/17—Cultural Day @ École Christine Morrison

February 1/17—Cultural Day @ E. S. Richards

February 8/17—Cultural Day @ Silverdale

February 15/17—Cultural Day @ École Mission Central

February 17/17—District Pro-D Day

February 22/17—Cultural Day @ Hillside Traditional Academy

March 1/17—Scholarship Application Deadline

March 11/17—March 26, 2017—Spring Break

April 14/17—Good Friday

April 17/17—Easter Monday

April 26/17—Student Recognition Family Dinner—MSS

May 24/17—Student Recognition Family Dinner—HMS

May 31/17—Student Recognition Family Dinner—HPMS

June 21/17—National Aboriginal Day

June 28/17—Last Day of School for Students

2014—2019 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Themes:

Theme 1: Honouring Culture and History

Theme 2: Positive Learning Experiences

Theme 3: Meaningful Contributions

Theme 4: Looking to the Future

District Principal
Joseph Heslip

Administrative Assistant
Marcy Buell

Liaison Workers

Susan O'Soup—Cherry Hill & Riverside

Deanna Dettieh—École Mission Central

Johnny Williams—Hillside & Cultural

Holly Gallant—Windebank

Marne Ferris—École Heritage Park Middle Secondary

Judy Cathers—École Christine Morrison & Cultural

Marla Mulholland—West Heights

Ramona Valenzuela—Hatzic Middle Secondary

Chris Gawthorn—Fraserview Learning Centre & Summit

Tracy Carr—École Mission Secondary

Rachel Schooner—École Mission Secondary

Connie Moojelski—Hatzic Middle & École Heritage Park Middle

Leslie Jensen—Hatzic Elementary & Silverdale

Kristy Hackel— E. S. Richards & Deroche

Brittany O'Rourke—Albert McMahon & Dewdney

Malila (Donna Giroux)—École Christine Morrison
—Aboriginal Language & Culture

Pipte (Peter Lindley)—Aboriginal Language & Culture