# Indian Residential School Day of Learning

**September 18, 2013**

**Canada Education Park (Building A) Campus Schedule of Events**

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**Ongoing Activities (locations TBC):**

- The People, Places, and Memories of the Indian Residential Schools: A Story in Photographs
- 100 Years of Loss: The Residential School System in Canada Display
- Words and Images: Displays to honour the Indian Residential School Day of Learning – Abbotsford Library (G170)
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Guest Speakers:

Jean Barman
Schooled for Inequality: Remembering the Fraser Valley’s Three Indian Residential Schools

Stories of Truth and Reconciliation – 3 Crows Productions
Dallas Yellowfly, an intergenerational survivor, joined by elders who survived the residential school system, will convey their messages through traditional mask storytelling and sharing personal experiences. The local Elders will share their life changing experiences while attending St. Mary’s Indian Residential School in Mission, BC. This presentation will focus on building an understanding within the entire community about the effects of the residential school system for First Nations people and non-Aboriginal people.

Presentations

“House of No Spirit”: Building the Indian Residential School System in Canada
Although it is common knowledge that Indian Residential Schools (IRS) operated in Canada for over a century, the architecture of the IRS system remains largely unexamined. This is a serious oversight, considering how important these buildings were to implementing the social engineering aims of government and churches. This presentation investigates the architecture of the IRS to better understand how their designs served the colonial project of uprooting the cultural, social, economic, and political life of Indigenous populations.

The Rights of the Child: How we understood them then and how we think of them now – Yvon Dandurand
The lecture will explore how the rights of children, and in particular indigenous children, are presently affirmed and protected by international human rights norms and standards and how these norms and standards can guide the development of humane, effective, and culturally sensitive child welfare policies.

First Nations Government: 10 000 Years of History Workshop
This is a role drama set in two eras: pre-contact and post-contact. Information shared is: consensus decision-making, Sto:lo people, First Contact, Reserve policy, Residential School laws and DIA – determined Leadership.

Hearing About Residential School Experience in Writing
Indigenous writers have shared their experiences and understandings of the impacts of residential schools through first-hand accounts, plays, poetry, and political critiques. In these sessions, attendees will hear readers will present a selection of writings from local and national writers that focus on the cultural and multi-generational impacts of residential schools that operated in the Fraser Valley and other areas in Canada - and consider approaches to healing, and reconciliation.

Film Screenings

Journey of Heroes Conference
The Journey of Heroes Conference was part of the Advocacy and Public Information Program project funded by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and delivered by the Coqualeetza Cultural Education Center that went from October 2011 to March 2012. The conference brought together a number of participants involved in the project and emphasizes the importance of working together for our future generations.

Stolen Children
After decades of waiting, Aboriginal Canadians received a formal apology from the Federal Government on June 11, 2008. This landmark event in Canadian history recognized the loss of culture caused by the Church-run residential schools that thousands of Aboriginal children were forced to attend. It also acknowledged the physical and sexual abuse that many suffered in those institutions. In this package of documentaries from The National, CBC explores the impact of residential schools on former students and the larger community, presenting ideas for what more can be done to address this painful chapter in Canada’s history.

Survivors of the Red Brick School
Travel to Cranbrook, BC with the Baptiste family (Osoyoos Indian Band) as they revisit the school that was their living nightmare... that changed their lives forever. This is a moving tribute to the courage of all the families who survived the trauma of Canada’s hidden shame.

The Day of the Apology June 11th, 2008
This video provides highlights of June 11, 2008 in the House of Commons, the day the Prime Minister of Canada issues an apology for the Indian Residential Schools system. Included are responses from the various First Nations representatives who were present on the floor of the House of Commons.

The Fallen Feather
The Fallen Feather provides an in-depth critical analysis of the driving forces behind the creation of Canadian Indian Residential Schools. Using historical source documents, survivors’ personal testimonies and detailed analysis from community leaders, the film explores in detail, the Federal Government’s primary motivation in the creation of these schools. While examining the influences of Indian wars, Sir John A. MacDonald’s National Policy, Land Claims issues, the film details how all of these events and visions contributed to the development of these schools. The film argues that the lasting effects that First Nations in Canada suffer today can be traced back directly to their experiences within these schools. Finally, we as Canadians are all challenged to re-examine our shared history.

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The Legacy of Hope Foundation Series
The Legacy of Hope Foundation series includes three films:
• **Our Stories...Our Strengths** which includes powerful and moving interview excerpts from two Residential School Survivors
• **We Were So Far Away** which shows eight Inuit Residential School survivors talking about their experiences
• **Where are the Children?** which contains Indian Residential School survivor’s testimonies and an overview of the Indian Residential School system.

The Meaning of Life
This film looks at a very unusual prison, and at a fascinating model for rehabilitating prisoners - a collaboration between the Chehalis Nation of British Columbia and Correctional Service of Canada. Filmed over the course of two years at Kwëkwëxwelhp (formerly known as the Elbow Lake Correctional Facility), the film examines a different way to look at the concepts underlying punishment and rehabilitation and the idea that the current prison system can be significantly changed by including community in the process.

The Residential Schools
Seen from a First Nations perspective we come to realize just what effect these schools have really had on First Nations people - then and now! And we start to realize some of the healing that has begun as a result of finally facing the truth about these schools.

We Were Children
"As young children, Lyna and Glen were taken from their homes and placed in church-run boarding schools. The trauma of this experience was made worse by years of untold physical, sexual and emotional abuse, the effects of which persist in their adult lives. In this emotional film, the profound impact of the Canadian government's residential school system is conveyed unflinchingly through the eyes of two children who were forced to face hardships beyond their years. We Were Children gives voice to a national tragedy and demonstrates the incredible resilience of the human spirit." --APTN website.

Which way is home?
Which way is home is Delores Adolph's story of her true experience at St. Mary's Residential School and her return to her community at a vulnerable age. Delores courageously reveals the secrecy, lies and pressures to surrender her aboriginal identity and her triumphant success in overcoming the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and the trauma passed down the generations in her family.

Ongoing Activities

The People, Places, and Memories of the Indian Residential Schools: A Story in Photographs
This presentation connects the idea of the Indian Residential School to real people in particular places, so that viewers may relate to this difficult history in a more concrete way. The slide show is comprised of images gathered from various public image repositories, with citations provided with each image.

Everyone is encouraged to think of the Wall of Words as a place for reflection, introspection, and communication. Anyone can come to this wall and write on it reactions and reflections about the events of the day, expressions of reaching out, suggestions of paths to healing and reconciliation, personal experiences, and creative pieces, in any way and of any length each writer deems appropriate.

100 Years of Loss: The Residential School System in Canada Display
This display is a visual timeline of the history and legacy of the Residential School System.

Words and Images: Displays to honour the Indian Residential School Day of Learning
The UFV Abbotsford and Chilliwack campus libraries have created displays of books, reports, videos, photographs, timelines, and posters on Residential Schools and Aboriginal history and culture.

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