



DAWHUT'EN? WHAT'S HAPPENING? SD57 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

KHUI - WINTER

Dakelh: Dec., Jan. & Feb.

'Eldziyaznun = Time of the Small Moon

'Eldzichonun = Time of the Large (Bright) Moon

Yussulnun = Time of Wet Snow (Flakes)



Tse'khene: Dec., Jan. & Feb.

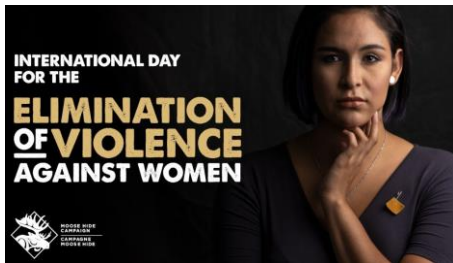
Meh tun tun chi = Time of the Ice Getting Thicker

Tli che usdats = Singed Dog Tail

Tatl'ah sas azi = Baby Bears are Being Born



16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence



Every year, from November 25 to December 10, people around the world come together for the 16 Day of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a campaign to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. This movement bridges the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25) and Human Rights Day (December 10) – a poignant reminder that gender-based violence is a fundamental violation of human rights. In Canada, this global campaign carries profound weight, particularly for Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people, who face disproportionate rates of violence.

Resources with more information:

- *[Reclaiming Power and Place](#) – national report on MMIWG
- *[NWAC fact sheet](#) on violence against Indigenous women
- *[Moose Hide Campaign](#)

NEW Dakelh Language Holiday Songs

Our amazing Dakelh Language Teacher, Cherie Chai, has written and recorded three new songs in Lheidli Dakelh, using familiar holiday tunes!

Audio recordings of Cherie singing and You can also see lyrics in both Lheidli Dakelh and the direct English translations on the [DLC Music LibGuide: Indigenous Music page!](#)

- ***Yusdune Nzoo** (In the tune of Frosty the Snowman)
- ***Luglos Gool Dot'en** (In the tune of Jingle Bells)
- ***Awet Khui Noye Hoont'i** (In the tune of We Wish You a Merry Christmas)

Learning Dakelh Fridays

With Cherie Chai, online via Teams (no registration required, on PD Reg so people can discover it easily)

Why: Learn some basic Dakelh to use in the classrooms and refresh our memory together.

Who: All staff interested! If the instructor is sick/absent, session can still go on as participants review previous lessons' materials, in this Teams folder: [Learning Dakelh Fridays with Cherie](#)

When: Every Friday (except NID and holidays) from 2:45pm to 3:15pm, starting November 1st

Meeting link: [Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 256 404 655 711
Passcode: FPC5At

Highlighted Resources

- *[Music Resources LibGuide – Indigenous Page](#) – NEW Dakelh Language Holiday Songs, created by Cherie Chai!
- *[Dakelh Phrases \(Lheidli\) LibGuide](#)
- *[DLC Resources to Support Truth and Reconciliation LibGuide](#)

SD57 Community Engagement Circles

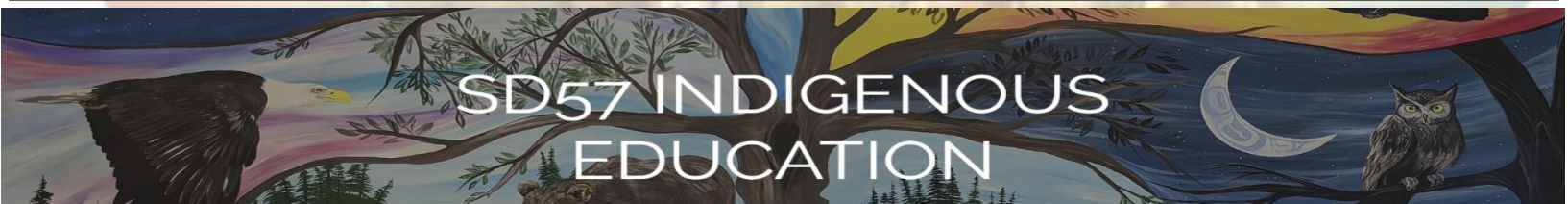
February 12, 2025: 6pm-8pm
PGSS School Cafeteria

May 7, 2025: 4pm-6pm McLeod Lake Indian Band Office;
Mackenzie Secondary Learning Commons

Join us for an evening of connection and conversation around Indigenous Education in SD57! Come share your experiences, ideas, and insights to further support Indigenous student success.

All Ages Welcome. Dinner and door prizes provided!
Register with Dorthy at 250-562-4843 or email her @ dstewart@sd57.bc.ca

Lheidli T'enneh 'ink'ez McLeod Lake Indian Band 'ink'ez Simpcw hubeh keyoh whuts'odelhti. Nts'ezla hubeh yun ts'uwhut'i, ts'uzt'en 'ink'ez ts'unuwhulyeh. We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh and McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nation on whose land we live, work and play.





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November Project at Glenview: Beading with Looms!



Bracelets made by Grade 6/7 Glenview Elementary students in November! Photos submitted by Carrie-Lynn Dexter, IEW

Soaring: Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering



Virtual Conference! April 8-9, 2025

Taking on a hybrid format, high school students from across the country will learn about career and post-secondary education options by participating in career workshops either in-person or virtually. Our virtual platform will house panel discussions, performances, workshops, resources, and tradeshow content during the event.

Check out the [2024 Soaring Programme](#) or visit the [website](#)
*Virtual Registration Guide [here](#)

Deadline to register is February 28, 2025.

Questions? Email communications@indspire.ca

Nela 'ineh! – You Help Us!

The Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Holders Advisory Committee (IEKHAC) are looking for schools to host their meetings. They occur on the Third Tuesday of Each Month (except December) from 11am – 1pm.

We need:

- space large enough for approximately 10 people
- access to a projector
- table space for lunch
- amenities for making tea/coffee
- and staff or leadership students to provide a school tour after lunch (usually 11:30)

If you are interested in hosting one of this year's IEKHAC Meetings, please contact Jennifer Pighin! Email: jpighin@sd57.bc.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 6th National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- Dec 21st to Jan 5th: [Khui Noye](#): Winter Break
- Jan 21st Elder & Knowledge Holder Advisory Council Meeting
- Jan 27th Non-Instructional Day

Special Guests for Indigenous Veteran's Day!



Larry Garnot (IEW Supervisor), Sonya Rock (Residential School Survivor and former VP of Nusdeh Yoh), and Clayton Gauthier (Knowledge Holder and Artist) together at Peden Hill Elementary for Indigenous Veteran's Day on November 8th

Have a good news story you'd like to share? How about some traditional knowledge you'd like to bestow on us? Feel free to email your submissions to Dorthy Stewart @ dstewart@sd57.bc.ca

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