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MAY 2024
INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION
NEWSLETTER



Traditional Games at Senator Joyce Fairbairn

OKI TO OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

A message from Mrs. Christiansen:

It's that time of year again where we get to celebrate all the hard work our staff and students have done throughout the year! Teachers be sure to get your nominations in to admin for our Honour Night awards night on May 30th!

There are also a few special commemorative days this month. Click on the date to find resources for your classroom! -->

I'll see you at our next school visit!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

- [Red Dress Day](#) 
May 5
- [Bear Witness Day](#) 
May 10
- [Moose Hide Day](#) 
May 16
- [Indigenous Grad Night @ LCI](#)
May 21
- [Indigenous Honour Night @ GPMS](#)
May 30



Faceless Dolls for Red Dress Day @ G.S. Lakie

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS!

Check out what our Middle School's did this month!



Faceless Dolls at G.S. Lakie

Gilbert Paterson's Tiger clan lunch group began making moccasins this month! We'll have students dancing in no time!

Senator Joyce Fairbairn's

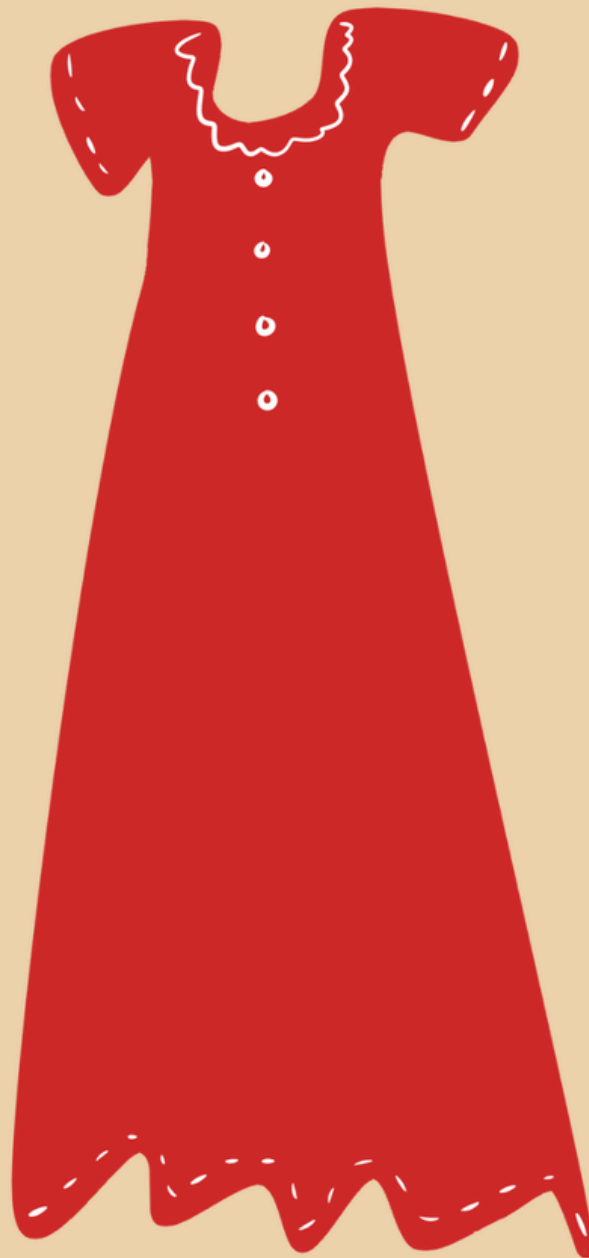
Pisspsksiksi lunch group practiced Indigenous artwork and started learning to make beaded medallions this month!

For Senator Joyce Fairbairn's Health days, Mrs. Christiansen taught students how to play handgames! Team Poos is the reigning champion over team Spoopi!

Students in G.S. Lakie's Indigenous students leadership group made faceless dolls for the school bulletin board to commemorate Red Dress Day on May 5th.



RED DRESS DAY - MAY 5 2024



Join Amnesty International Canada in remembering and honouring missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples





Dear Teachers:

To participate in Red Dress Day, we encourage you to read *"If I Go Missing"*, by Brianna Jonnie along with your students. This graphic novel skillfully combines elements of graphic fiction and non-fiction to provide insight into the unique dangers faced by Indigenous teenagers in Canada today.

The book's text is adapted from a letter written by 14-year-old Brianna Jonnie to the Winnipeg Chief of Police. The letter went viral and was the inspiration for a documentary film. In her letter, Jonnie criticizes the authorities for failing to promptly investigate cases of missing Indigenous People. She implores them to treat her as an individual, rather than simply as an Indigenous person if she were to go missing.

The book features artwork by Indigenous artist Neal Shannacappo, who vividly depicts a scenario in which a young Indigenous woman goes missing and portrays the reaction from her community, friends, the police, and the media.

The book also includes an author's note for young readers about the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit, transgender, and gender-diverse+ peoples crisis in Canada.

CBC article: <https://www.cbc.ca/books/if-i-go-missing-1.5392096>


CBC documentary: <https://youtu.be/R13ojSThGQQ>

We also invite you and your class to turn to the section on "How to create Faceless Dolls" during your lesson. Our goal is to bring awareness to the more than 4,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit, transgender, and gender-diverse+ peoples in Canada. We urge you to join our advocacy by creating as many faceless dolls wearing red dresses as possible! Each faceless doll symbolizes a missing or murdered Indigenous woman, girl, two-spirit, transgender, or gender-diverse+. And each is a way of honouring and commemorating their lives.

Imagine the impact of making 4,000 faceless dolls (or more!) right across this country.

We can't wait to see how you have displayed your Faceless Dolls.

You can tag us on social media:

 @nwac_canada on Instagram and  @nativewomensassociationofcanada on Facebook.



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#RedDressDay

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FACT

Indigenous girls under 18 are more likely to be reported missing than non-Indigenous girls under 18.



2

FACT

Indigenous girls make up 7% of the total population of girls in Canada, yet they represent 50% of all female homicide victims in Canada between 2001 and 2017.

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FACT

Indigenous girls are often targets of sexual exploitation and trafficking, with many being lured away from their homes and communities and forced into exploitative situations.

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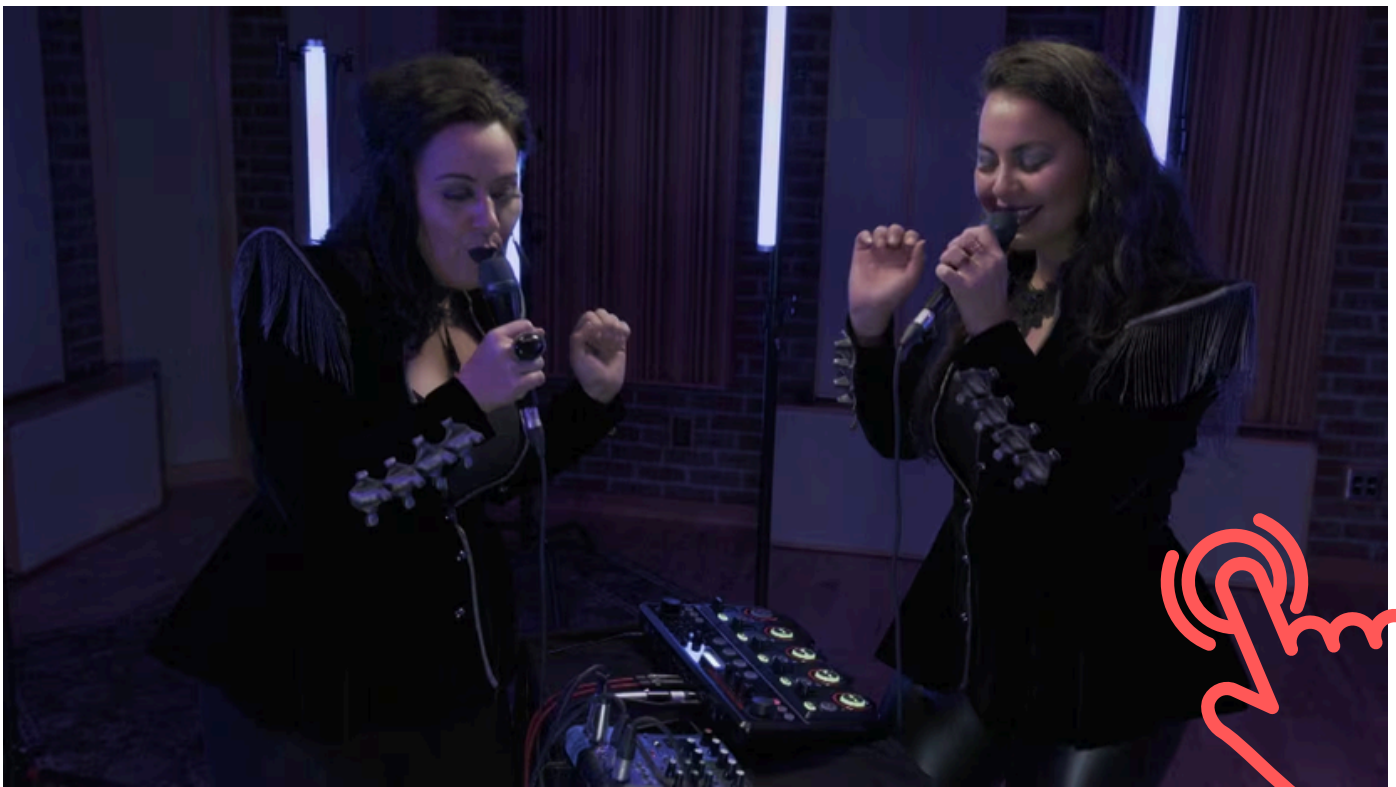
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INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE NEWS
NOW!

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Meet the Inuit throat singers revitalizing the tradition and engaging new audiences



"One day when a group of men went out *hunting* ... they never came back to the community to *feed the women and children*...Two women went down to the ocean and they started *mimicking different animal noises* with their throats. That's how they caught their food to feed their children...

This... is the origin of throat singing"

- Nikki Komaksiutiksak