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# MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Indigenous Education

### Girls Group, Gr 10-12



Senior Girls Group has launched, exploring identity and belonging, traditional nutrition, and wellbeing, with each session beginning with a smudge, incorporating mindfulness and grounding, and closing with reflection and journaling.



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### CNA Presentation



CNA visited MSS to share an opportunity for Grade 11 and 12 students to attend a mining conference, tour UBC, and visit the Museum of Anthropology.

### Lunch Time Lahal



The Welcome Room hosted a lunchtime game of Lahal and will now offer it every Thursday, alongside Monday and Friday Smudging, Tuesday Hand Drumming, Wednesday Homework Club, all during lunch.

### Big Buddies Bake and Read



Bench Elementary joined two MSS classes for Big Buddies, where students enjoyed reading together and baking cupcakes.

