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MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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What's Happening at Merritt Secondary School



Our school community came together to honour Survivors, remember the children who never returned home, and learn about the ongoing impacts of residential schools. The day included a whole-school presentation, student volunteers, hand drumming, and an awareness walk to honour the past and support our shared commitment to truth and reconciliation.











WE ALSO APPRECIATED THE RCMP SUPPORT WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING THE AWARENESS WALK, HELPING KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE AS WE CAME TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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Tuesdays – Hand Drumming
Join us in the House of Honour with Erickson Sheena for hand drumming, connection, and cultural learning. Lunch is included.



Thursdays – Lahal
Come join Trent Abraham in the Welcome Room for a fun lunchtime of Lahal, friendly competition, and connecting with friends. Lunch is provided!









Fridays – Popcorn & Movie Time
Enjoy freshly made popcorn prepared by our students and available for purchase to help fundraise for classroom outings! Join Liz Phillips in the Welcome Room for a movie, some fun, and a relaxing end to the week.

Mondays – Homework Club
Start your week strong! Join Melissa Pinyon for homework help, catching up on assignments, and getting organized. Grade 12 students can also receive support with their transition plans and planning for life after high school.

Wednesdays – Board Games & Snacks
Take a break and enjoy some friendly competition! Join Courtney Dinahan in the Welcome Room at lunch for board games, snacks, and time to relax and connect with friends.

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CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

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Outdoor Education Grade 11/12: Canoeing adventure at Harmon Lake.

- *Indigenous Studies 12: Nature walk connecting with the land, local knowledge, and Indigenous perspectives.*
- *Cultural Learning: Dip net making to explore traditional skills, knowledge, and cultural practices.*



Welcome Dinner: Building Connections

School staff and local agencies came together to share a meal and build relationships. Agencies presented their services through rotating sessions, helping staff learn how to better support Indigenous students and families.









Participating agencies included Conayt Friendship Centre, Nlaka'pamux Health, Scw'exmx Child and Family Services, Scw'exmx Health, and Kʷu Stəmtíma? from Upper Nicola Band.



