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October Newsletter

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

Reminder: Friday Oct. 25 is a provincial professional development day and schools across the province, including YouLearn, will be closed. As well, YouLearn and all schools throughout the district will be closed the afternoon of October 30 for staff inquiry.

Indigenous Graduating Students - Strengthening Connections

Jessica Stelkia, SD53's Indigenous Graduation Coach, has organized a day for Indigenous graduates to connect with post-secondary and career representatives: Uvic, UBC, OC, NVIT, UBC Medical and the RCMP on **Monday October 28** at the Nk'mip Campground Clubhouse in Osoyoos. A bus will leave from SOSS at 9:30 AM and return for 2:15 PM. Interested students are asked to email Jessica (jstelkia@sd53.bc.ca) directly for more information or to RSVP and reserve a spot for Monday.

Remembrance Day Content

Once again, the Royal Canadian Legion is holding its annual Youth Remembrance Day contest. Students are encouraged to honour Canadian Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through entering one or more of their three contests: poster, written word, and video. Awards are given to local winners who then become eligible for regional and national awards. Over the years, we have had several YouLearn students participate in this contest, win prizes, and advance to the regional and national levels. For more information visit: [National Youth Remembrance Contests](#). The deadline for this year's submission to be in our [Oliver YouLearn office](#) is **Tuesday November 12**.

Students, please discuss with your YouLearn teachers how your entry into any of these contests might be content for marks. Good luck!

AROUND THE PROVINCE

Learn, Play, Thrive - Neurodiversity Summit

"Learn, Play, Thrive" is an organization hosting a free Neurodiversity Summit for parents starting on **November 1, 2024**. This event will feature 20-minute interviews with Neuro-Affirming Professionals covering a variety of topics. Recordings will be available for the month following each presentation, allowing parents to listen at their convenience. To register and/or get more info. visit: [The Learn Play Thrive Neurodiversity Summit for Caregivers | Learn Play Thrive for Parents](#)

Learning Fund for Young Adults Grant

Young adults (17-36) who have been in care for 12 or more cumulative months either through MCFD or Indigenous Child and Family Services are welcome to apply for a \$1500 grant to support education, employment, and training. For more information, check out the following [letter](#) or [poster](#) from the Ministry. Help spread the word to anyone who might qualify for this opportunity by forwarding this information to them.

ChildCareBC Website Update

The [ChildCareBC website](#) has been refreshed with a new look and feel to help families, child care providers and partners easily find needed information. It is divided into six helpful sections. Visit the new site and feel free to provide ChildCareBC with feedback using their [redesign feedback form](#).

- [ChildCareBC programs](#)
- [Information for families](#)
- [Information for partners and providers](#)
- [Support for early childhood professionals](#)
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