

TRC NEWSLETTER

SD 83 North Okanagan/ Shuswap



Red Dress Day May 5

The Truth: Indigenous women and girls are **five times** more likely to experience violence than any other population in Canada and this violence tends to result in more serious harm. (afn.ca)

Action: We need to build a strong foundation for healing, justice, and reconciliation, governments and institutions must change. (mmiwg.ffada.ca)

honouring our women... protecting our women... standing up for our women

Teaching Guide (K-12)
<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/NIMMIWG-THEIR-VOICES-WILL-GUIDE-US.pdf>

SD Teaching Unit (grades 9-12)
<https://24.files.edl.io/oIW9Td4GyZu1OhzoGsl4i8z9ID7ytcloJFgPnvNgb6Uy4HK.pdf>

Lil' Red Dress



Project

lilreddressproject.ca

Upcoming Dates:

April 22 International Mother Earth Day

April 29: International Dance Day

May 5 Red Dress Day

May 10 Bear Witness Day



Recommended resource:

If I Go Missing

Brianna Jonnie, with Nahanni Shingoose

This graphic novel represents the unique dangers of being an Indigenous teenager in Canada today. Recommended for grades 7 to 12.



"... the issues (MMIWG) extend well beyond our criminal-justice system, and we must look at the root causes of this tragedy."

Judy Wilson-Raybould

Recognition: Cindy Blackstock

is a member of the Gitksan Nation and has been a strong activist for Indigenous children's rights for many years. She is a professor at McGill University, the Executive Director for the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, and the author of the Spirit Bear books.



Bear Witness Day should be an awareness day for all ages



May 10 is Spirit **Bear's** birthday and an important date in the history of Jordan's Principle at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. Jordan's Principle (www.jordansprinciple.ca) is a child first principle and legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson.

This is for all students in some way. We need to understand the issues around inequities in Canada and the governments unwillingness to fulfil court rulings.