

DAY OF SUCWENTWECW

April 5, 2019

BALANCING OUR ACTIONS: THE SELF, THE FAMILY, THE COMMUNITY, THE LAND

First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL)

The theme has been modelled after the First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL) which is also prevalent in our new BC Curriculum. This theme is closely connected to the FPPL: *Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.*

It highlights the understanding of balancing our actions and how those actions impact everything around us, even for generations. That each person must take responsibility for his or her actions, and that all actions have consequences, positive or negative. This principle lends itself to authentic learning situations and social justice in all content areas.

Change in Focus / Purpose 2019

After five years we will be encouraging schools to shift their focus / perspective on the day. Some schools have already begun this journey. We will be acknowledging Aboriginal people, worldviews, and perspectives by making the day learner centred. This is also respectful of reconciliation as well as recognizing the role FPPL plays within our new curriculum.

- **Gathering** – Instead of a formal assembly, the day would include a gathering, where more formal acknowledgements can be made to guests / elders / community. This gathering can be traditional and move away from the formal assembly style that is typical.
- **Presentation of Learning** – The main focus of the day is on the opportunity for students to have a '*presentation of learning*' that will include the school community that honours the day. This can be done in any way the school feels comfortable with, but the focus should be on the students learning around the theme and the explicit connections to Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives.

Time Line

<i>Early Fall 2018</i>	Poster – Call for submissions and selection of Poster for 2019
<i>New Year 2019</i>	Poster Release – Posters will be sent to schools
<i>Winter 2019</i>	Big Book / Little Book
<i>Friday, April 5 2019</i>	Day of Sucwentwecw (Day of Acknowledging)

More specific details will be sent to schools as we move into 2018 – 2019.