

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Home of the Hornets!

Our Mission:

At SOSS, we inspire and support individuals to develop their full potential and to demonstrate a respectful, responsible commitment to community and society.



Principal's Message

Second semester is now underway and students are settled in their new classes. Report cards were sent home this Tuesday with students so if parents have not received these, then they should ask their children for the first semester report card or come to the school and we can reprint one. If you have any questions regarding your son or daughter's courses for this semester, please do not hesitate to call one of our counselors.

Course planning for the 2016/17 school year will begin next week with counsellors visiting various classes. I would like to emphasize that we build our timetable and decide what courses we will offer, based on students' course selections. As a smaller school, these offerings can be limited so it is very important that students are thoughtful in making their selections for next year.

The EPIC program has now started as 21 of our students embark on a new learning adventure. We are excited to see the growth of this program and the increased engagement of our students. In this newsletter you can find a link to our EPIC webpage where you can follow some of the projects and experiences these students are having. Today they had a winter survival day up near Mt. Baldy so there should be lots of fun photos to share.

This week school staff, parents, and district staff met for a day to review the District's Vision and Mission statements. This strategic planning process will help guide our educational direction for the district for the next few years. A sub-committee from the original working group will be looking over the information put forth and summarizing it into a coherent form. Great progress was made and some final decisions should be published in March.

This year's musical production of Footloose is well under way. 35 students are currently involved in the play which will come the Venables Theatre in April.

A reminder that our library is open every day at lunch and after school for students needing a place where they can complete assignments or study for exams.

Happy Family Day All!

-M. Toneatto

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Reminder!

All visitors to the school must use the main entrance and check in with the office upon arrival.

Did you know...

February was the last month added to the Roman calendar, and so it got the leftovers: only 28 days.

Important Dates to Remember

February 2 & 10	Grad Trans presentations, 3-5:00pm, Library
February 8	Family Day, school closed
February 18	PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm– Library
February 19	Professional Development Day, school closed
February 24	12:05, Early Dismissal– Inquiry Day
Feb 29-Mar 4	Grad Photos
March 2	Grade 7 Parent/Student Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library
March 2	Grade 9 Course Planning Meeting, 7:30 pm, Library
March 3	Digital Literacy Assembly, 1:30pm
March 4	Course Selection forms due
March 11	Course verification forms sent home
March 14-28	Spring Break, school closed

**Graduates of 2016!**

Please remember to be checking our grad page on the school website regularly to learn about important dates and scholarship opportunities. Deadlines are approaching quickly.

Provincial scholarships have been redesigned as of this year. Just search B.C. Provincial Scholarship Program and read about the following scholarship opportunities:

- ◆ B.C. Excellence Scholarships
- ◆ BC. Achievement Scholarships
- ◆ District/Authority Scholarships
- ◆ Graduation Program examinations Scholarships
- ◆ Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship
- ◆ Passport to Education
- ◆ Secondary Apprenticeship Scholarships

If you have applied to any post secondary institutions please be sure to check your email account regularly. The information they send is very important and often time sensitive. Don't forget to check each institution's Financial Aid section as there may be awards you can be applying for.

What's Happening at SOSS**Skills Canada**

Mr. Hofman is looking for senior students interested in participating in the Skills Canada competition. The competition will take place in Kelowna on March 4th, and includes Automotive, Carpentry, Construction, Drafting and Welding trades. See Mr. Hofman asap to sign up for this event.

Peer Tutoring

It is important that students get off to a strong start in their academic courses. If you think your child may need extra assistance, we can connect them with a peer tutor. Please contact Mrs. Nazarov: mnazaroff@sd53.bc.ca, or 250-498-4931 ext.81811 to take advantage of this excellent service.

**Grad Fundraising**

Bring in your grocery receipts from BuyLow and SuperValu! The more we collect, the more credit we earn towards purchasing food for various grad activities.

A second meat & flower fundraiser is coming up in the spring.

Grad Transitions

Congratulations to all the Grads who presented on February 2nd. If you did not present on the 2nd, please ensure you are signed up for the second session on February 10th.

Grad Photos

Grad photos take place February 29-March 4th. Please sign up at the office asap.

*"The way to get started
is to quit talking and
begin doing."
-Walt Disney*

**Important
DATE!**

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

GRADE 7 PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

Location: SOSS Library

We are inviting you and your son/daughter to attend our
Grade 7 student and parent information evening.

Agenda

- *Course selection process
- *Course selection forms
- *Special programs
- *Extra-curricular programs
- *Transition information
- *Questions

We believe that this information is important to your family in terms of planning
for a smooth transition from elementary to high school. If you have any further
questions regarding this evening, please contact
Mrs. Karin Maertins-Batchelor at 498-4931 ext. 81009

We look forward to seeing you!

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High School Graduation Program Parent Meeting

(Grade 9's going into Grade 10)

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016, 7:30 pm

SOSS Library

Course selection is an important time of the year for students.
Good decisions regarding course selection today, may impact future
career plans. To assist students and parents/guardians with career
planning, we would like to invite parents/guardians and students who
will be in Grade 10 next year to attend an information session regarding
the requirements for the Graduation Program.

Agenda

**Graduation Requirements
Work Experience and Career Programs**



Senior Boys Basketball

The Seniors Boys Basketball team finished the season strong. They won the last tournament of the season

at Pleasant Valley Secondary School. The Hornets finished first in the South Central Zone with a big win over Summerland beating them by 50 points. The boys begin the playoffs playing George Elliott in the first round. The winner of the the South Central Zone Championship Feb 11/12 will host the Valley Championships February 25-27.

Athletics Calendar

February 5&6 Jr Boys Sagebrush Shootout, Main Gym
 February 10 Sr Boys South Zone Semi-Finals, 6:30pm, Main Gym
 February 11 Jr Boys South Zone Semi-Finals, time TBD, Main Gym
 February 11 Sr Boys South Zone Finals, time TBD, Main Gym
 February 12 Jr Boys South Zone Finals, time TBD, Main Gym
 February 25-27 Sr Boys Valleys, Main Gym

Rotary Opportunities for Students

Attention students in grades 10-12, the Oliver Rotary Club has two exciting opportunities for you. The Rotary Adventures Program will take place May 1st-4th in Ottawa. This is an all-expenses paid trip for you to gain a better understanding of our country though meetings with political leaders, senior officials, and touring the city to visit historical sites. If you appreciate the diversity of Canada and the privileges and responsibilities of being a Canadian citizen then this is the trip for you.

The Adventures in Tourism program is held in Kelowna April 3rd-9th. This will be your opportunity to experience the tourism industry in the Okanagan Valley. You will visit the downtown core and arts district of Kelowna to learn of the heritage and attractions which contribute to tourism today. If you appreciate our Okanagan Valley and want to learn more about what it has to offer then this is the program for you.

Only one applicant will be selected for each program, so for more information please see Mr. Kitt or Mrs. Nemeth this week.

ACE IT/Dual Credit Program

Are you interested in Trades?.eg.. Welding, Carpentry, Heavy duty, Cooking, Electrical, etc
 Want to spend a semester at college learning a trade?

Want your tuition paid for while at college as a high school student?

An ACE IT program is a program where students are working towards their certification in a trade governed by the ITA as they complete Level 1 Technical Training.

The ACE IT program enables students to earn both high school graduation credits as well as credit for the first level of technical training, usually at Post Secondary while still in high school. Some students can enroll in a "Foundation" program, what used to be called "Pre-Apprenticeship" program in order to get hired as an apprentice. Programs vary in length from 24- 40 weeks.

These programs take students with little or no experience and provide them with the skills necessary to get hired in their particular trade. In addition, students receive Level 1 technical training as well as some work based training hours towards their apprenticeship.

During this next semester, we have 19 students in our district at college enrolled in a trades program.

*"A warm smile is the
 universal language of
 kindness"*

-William Arthur Ward

February Fun Facts:

The greatest single-day snowfall recorded in Canada was February 11, 1999, when Tahtsa, British Columbia, was blanketed with nearly a metre and a half of the white stuff (145 cm, to be exact).

News from your PAC

At the PAC meeting held January 21st, a small but appreciative group had the opportunity to hear from Principal Marcus Toneatto and School Trustee Rob Zandee. The current issues around the facilities plan and resulting proposals were discussed at length. In addition, we learned about some of the results of the recent student forum, with some of this input from students to be incorporated into changes around rules regarding phone use during class time. Other insights from this diverse group of students may lead to future changes around awards assemblies, and other school events.

PAC spending for the 2014/15 school year was presented by outgoing Treasurer Paula Martins. Some of the more unusual items were \$500 for safety work boots for the Work Experience program, \$2,595 for an Automotive Diagnostic Scanner for the Tech Ed mechanics shop, and \$1000 for mirrors for the Weight Room to ensure safe techniques are being used.

The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm. Join us!

Spring Music Trip

All Grade 8-12 music students are invited on the Spring Music Trip to Vancouver on May 24th and 25th. For \$150, students will have the opportunity to see the musical Billy Elliot, watch a Vancouver Symphony concert, tour the Sarah McLachlan School of Music, and spend a day at Grouse Mountain. A parent meeting will be held on February 29th at 6pm in the SOSS Band Room for anybody who is interested. Please contact Ms. Ante for more de-

E.P.I.C.

The EPIC program is underway and the students are adjusting to their new experiences in learning. In the first week the students were introduced to wilderness survival to prepare for their first day trip on the Friday, shop safety and metal salvaging for building their own snowshoes and were oriented to Google Classroom so that they can capture their learning on mobile technology to share with others. Look for

the class website and blog posts on our school website under Academics.

**Satisfaction Surveys**

Are you a parent of a current grade 10 or grade 12 student? If so we would like your feedback. The Ministry of Education Satisfaction survey provides important information to the Ministry, the School District and our school regarding the progress of SOSS and education in general. If you have a child in grade 10 or grade 12 you have received an email with the link to the survey. Please take 5 minutes of your time to complete this survey.

Special note, if you have a child in both grades, you may complete the survey twice. Once for each child's experience.

For those of you without email or web access, you are welcome to come into the school and we will set you up so you may complete the survey here at SOSS.

website to use to access the survey is:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/ParentSurvey.asp>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

*"All you need is love, but
a little chocolate now
and then doesn't hurt."
-Charles M. Schultz*

*"They invented hugs
to let people know you
love them without
saying anything."
-Bill Keane*



SALTS (Sail and Life Training Society) trip will take you on a journey that will be remembered for a lifetime. Over the four days on board, students take on the vital roles that are required to sail the ship, including navigating, sail raising, anchoring, etc. Students will have many opportunities to view and interact with the beautiful scenery and wildlife that is vastly different than what we have in the Okanagan. The SALTS trip brings all the participants together, they learn that there is value in themselves, each other, and in the world around them.

Visit www.salts.ca for more information or contact/email Mr Kitt rkitt@sd53.bc.ca or Ms Ibaraki libaraki@sd53.bc.ca

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Monday March 28th

- ◆ Leave mid-morning for Victoria via busette
- ◆ Check into hotel & explore Victoria

Tuesday (morning) – Friday (afternoon)

Events during the sailing trip...

- ◆ Learning the basics of sailing, navigation, knot tying, ship duties, etc. everyday
- ◆ On-shore exploration of remote beaches or marine parks
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Delicious meals and snacks
- ◆ Group events every evening
- ◆ Much more!!

Friday April 1st

- ◆ Return to Osoyoos/Oliver after disembarking the boat (late Friday night)

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$700. This amount includes all expenses that you will have on the trip (outside of souvenir purchases), including travel (busette and ferry), hotel, SALTS trip, and meals over the five days. Students will be provided money by a chaperone before meals are needed to be purchased (Monday night in Victoria and Friday night on the trip home). This amount can be reduced by being involved in fundraising events that we can organize as a group.

*"It doesn't matter
where you are, you
are nowhere com-
pared to where you
can go."
Bob Proctor*

Digital Literacy Events

Digital Literacy Assembly with Jesse Miller

Thursday, March 3 (1:30pm-2:40pm) for students
Parent Presentation for the district in Osoyoos in the evening
<http://www.mediatedreality.com/>

Internet/Social Media Safety Education & Digital Literacy Program

Thursday, May 12 (10:30-12:30) for students
Parent Presentation 7:00pm-9:00pm (Frank Venables Theatre, tentative)
<http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca/programs/internet-safety/internet-safety->



• SOSS ABORIGINALS •

What's coming up...



**Our EPIC Program has started!!!
Keep an ear out on what we have in
store for the semester!**

SD53's Celebration of Traditions Annual Pow-wow April 1&2, 2016

Similkameen Elementary
Secondary School Gym

High-school students will be invited April 1st for the afternoon session. Any and all are welcome to come out and support our event! Anytime throughout the weekend!

Twisted Arrow's Archery

~OIB Youth Programs~
Monday's 4:00-6:00 @
Oliver Cadet Hangar
Meet at Youth Centre 3:30



Work Ethic Recipients

(students with Good or Excellent Work Ethic marks in all classes)

Tony Abellan	Rayleen Chyzzy	Emily Gaspar	Nikki Khela	Selina Preston
Chace Alaric	Aiden Cook	Kiera Gaudet	Aidan Kitt	Christina Raposo
Josh Allenbrand	Jonah Cook	Manvir Ghadu	Jade Klaus	Vishal Ratte
Brendan Ancheta	Sahil Deol	Melissa Gilbert	Molly Koenig	Bret Rollison
Satbir Aujla	Joel Desjardins	Harnoorat Gill	Ali Lantz	Samantha Sampson
Taylor Hoath	Siobhan Detkavich	Ishika Gill	Ethan Larose	Sumeet Sandhu
Jasmeen Bajwa	Andrew deVos	Loveleen Gill	Sally Lee	Madison Scheuren
Daytan Becker	Komal Dhaliwal	Navneet Gill	Nadia Lee	Alicia Schutz
Mercedes Benz	Harmendeep Dhaliwal	Sahij Gill	Kendra Leinor	Cooper Seminoff
Lauren Bjornson	Harvenus Dhaliwal	Simi Gill	Kyton MacFadden	Anmol Sidhu
Madelyn Bjornson	Kanwarpreet Dhaliwal	Kulbir Grewal	Cobie Mackey	Benjamin Somerville
Madison Boen-Shekula	Navneet Dhaliwal	Sharon Grewal	Tyson Marsel	Azriel Starcic
Sienna Bontorin	Simran Dhaliwal	Marshall Hagel	Selina Mason	Abby Teigen
Gursharan Braich	Harleen Dhillon	Kara Hanley	Kenzie Harrington	Rebekah Thomas
Anmolpreet Brar	Jasleen Dhillon	Jalisa Harris-Louie	Sydney Meyer	Rose Tite
Gurleen Brar	Sabrina Dhillon	Tiffany Heinrichs	Michaela Mills	Marlysse Trampf
Kuwarjot Brar	Simrin Dhillon	Maxine Houle	Nataliya Morezewich	Galahad Schilling
Ravdeep Brar	Megan Ellis	Keianna James	Jasleen Morneau	Ashley Hicks
Sharnpreet Brar	Jayden Encina	Laatya James	Anya Nazaroff	Denilson Ventura
Tatum Brogan	Patricia Fortunato	Avery Kane	Logan O'Reilly	Xavier Ventura-Becker
Sarah Cairns	Sabrina Fortunato	Will Kane	Chayce Oberg	Freya Ware
Shane Calhoon	Braden Gale	Harjeet Khaira	Riah Podmorow	Chelsea Wilson
Sierra Callander	Mackenzie Gale	Mohamad Khawaja	Mathew Pottinger	Delaney Wise
Noah Cardoso	Ashley Ganzeveld			

Southern Okanagan Secondary Work Habit Rubric

Categories	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Attendance and Punctuality	- Consistently in attendance. - Consistently on time.	- Most often in attendance -Most often on time	- Usually in attendance. - Usually on time	- Often absent - Often late.
Preparedness (eg. prepared and ready to learn) (eg; binder, textbook, pencil, calculator, P.E. Strip, planner) (eg; completes homework and assignments)	- Consistently comes prepared to learn & be involved in class. - Consistently brings all required materials. - Consistently completes homework & meets deadlines	- Most often prepared to learn & be involved in class. - Most often brings all required materials. - Most often completes homework & meets deadlines.	-Usually prepared to learn & be involved in class. - Usually brings all required materials. - Usually completes homework & meets deadlines.	- Is often not prepared to learn or be involved in class. - Often forgets required materials for class. - Has several incomplete assignments. - Seldom does homework. - Often misses deadlines.
Responsibility (eg; listens to others, allows others to focus, is on task, takes care of equipment). (eg; works well with others, participates in discussion & other group activities, is not disruptive)	- Consistently respects others and the learning environment. - Consistently is a positive member of the learning community.	- Most often respects others and the learning environment. - Most often is a positive member of the learning environment.	- Usually respects others and the learning environment. - Usually is a positive member of the learning community.	- Still learning to respect others and the learning environment. - Still learning to be a positive member of the learning community.
Initiative (eg; a self-starter, sees what needs to be done, seeks help when needed/absent)	- Consistently takes initiative for own learning.	- Most often takes initiative for own learning.	- Usually takes initiative for own learning.	- Seldom takes initiative for own learning.

Honor Roll Recipients, 3.5-4.0 GPA

Tony Abellan	Neha Chahal	Ishika Gill	Nadia Lee	Erik Seidler
Chace Alaric	Rayleen Chyzzy	Jeevan Gill	Kendra Leinor	Cooper Seminoff
Josh Allenbrand	Aiden Cook	Kimran Gill	Tyson Marsel	Anmol Sidhu
Brendan Ancheta	Jonah Cook	Sahij Gill	Kenzie Harrington	Ian Silbernagel
Daytan Becker	Sahil Deol	Simi Gill	Sydney Meyer	Jordan Smith
Mercedes Benz	Joel Desjardins	Nathan Christian	Michaela Mills	Benjamin Somerville
Madelyn Bjornson	Andrew deVos	Marshall Hagel	Nataliya Morezewich	Sarah Stanley
Madison Boen-Shekula	Komal Dhaliwal	Jalisa Harris-Louie	Anya Nazaroff	Abby Teigen
Sienna Bontorin	Harmendeep Dhaliwal	Glynn Hopkins	Logan O'Reilly	Rebekah Thomas
Gursharan Braich	Jayden Dhaliwal	Maxine Houle	Chayce Oberg	Rose Tite
Harmeet Brar	Kanwarpreet Dhaliwal	Avery Kane	Michael Pendlington	Bradon Townsend
Kuwarjot Brar	Harleen Dhillon	Will Kane	Riah Podmorow	Marlysse Trampf
Manveer Brar	Sabrina Dhillon	Harjeet Khaira	Selina Preston	Freya Ware
Sharnpreet Brar	Patricia Fortunato	Nikki Khela	Vishal Ratte	Chelsea Wilson
Tatum Brogan	Jack Fortune	Aidan Kitt	Bret Rollison	Delaney Wise
Sarah Cairns	Mackenzie Gale	Molly Koenig	Samantha Sampson	
Sierra Callander	Harnoorat Gill	Ethan Larose	Sumeet Sandhu	

Merit Award Recipients, 3.00-3.49 GPA

Brooklyn Adams	Noah Cardoso	Sabrina Fortunato	Cole Hentzelt	Shawn Sandhu
Sam Anderson	Aaliyah Chapman	Braden Gale	Larissa Ingbritson-Hunt	Madison Scheuren
Satbir Aujla	Siobhan Detkavich	Ashley Ganzeveld	Keianna James	Alicia Schutz
Gurleen Bajwa	Gurshan Dhaliwal	Emily Gaspar	Jakob Keller	Dilman Sidhu
Jasmeen Bajwa	Harvenus Dhaliwal	Kiera Gaudet	Mohamad Khawaja	Muskann Sidhu
German Barahona	Manjot Dhaliwal	Manvir Ghadu	Jade Klaus	Bethany Smith
Alisha Bell	Manmeet Dhaliwal	Melissa Gilbert	Ali Lantz	Azriel Starcic
Lauren Bjornson	Navneet Dhaliwal	Arshan Gill	Chyna Lee	Emily Tavares
Tim Boonstra	Pravin Dhaliwal	Ikemjot Gill	Sally Lee	Joseph Trudel
Anmolpreet Brar	Ramvir Dhaliwal	Loveleen Gill	Kyton MacFadden	Galahad Schilling
Gurleen Brar	Simran Dhaliwal	Navneet Gill	Cobie Mackey	Ashley Hicks
Ravdeep Brar	Jasleen Dhillon	Brandon Gray	Selina Mason	Tristan Ventura-Becker
Kanver Brares	Justin Dhillon	Kulbir Grewal	Jasleen Morneau	Denilson Ventura
Mitchell Brett	Simrin Dhillon	Sharon Grewal	Grace Neily	Xavier Ventura-Becker
Gavin Buttar	Megan Ellis	Ethan Hagel	Mikayla Podmorow	James Wheeler
Charles Cairns	Jayden Encina	Kara Hanley	Mathew Pottinger	Ethan Williams
Shane Calhoon	Ryan Encina	Tiffany Heinrichs	Christina Raposo	Matthew Wilson

School District #53 Aboriginal Education Advisory Council Hosting

"Celebration of Traditions"

Traditional Pow Wow

April 1st & 2nd, 2016

Keremeos, BC

Similkameen Elementary Secondary School Gym

Host Drum—Northern Tribes

MC – Nelson Leon

A/D – Oly Bent

Friday:

10:00 am—2:30 pm - School Sessions

5:00 pm - Supper

6:00 pm – Grand Entry

Saturday:

9:00 am—11:00 am - Breakfast

1:00 pm – Grand Entry

5:00 pm - Supper

6:00 pm – Grand Entry

~SPECIALS~

Outgoing Jr. Boys Special

Other Specials TBA

Young Warrior & Princess pageant (Ages 10-18)

Hand Drum Contest—Saturday Supper Break

All Drums will be paid an Honorarium (minimum of 4 singers)

Registration: opens Friday & Saturday - 10:00 am

Vendors Welcome: \$50 and a Door Prize donation

Contact:

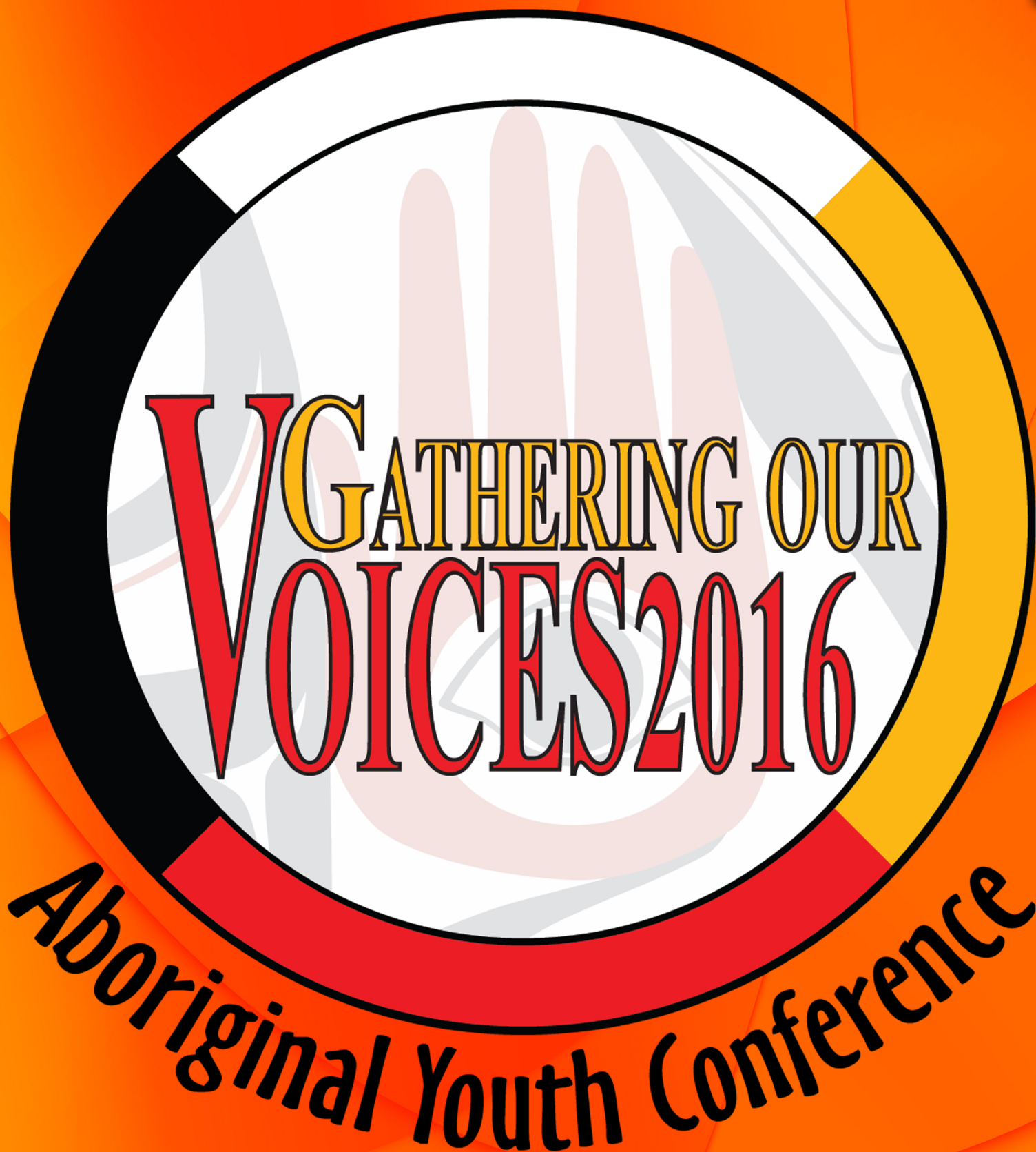
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BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
and the Victoria Native Friendship Centre

Proudly Present:



March 21-24, 2016 - Victoria, BC

Aboriginal Youth aged 14-24 are invited to take part in a dynamic conference focusing on health, language, culture, the environment, employment, education, sports and recreation.

How to Register

Visit Gathering Our Voices on the BCAAFC website: gatheringourvoices.bcaafc.com

Early Registration \$125 until February 5, 2016

Regular Registration \$175 February 6 – March 21, 2016

For every registered group of 5 youth, the 6th registrant is FREE!

Email: govcoordinator@bcaafc.com

Phone: 250-388-5522 or 1-800-990-2432 Fax: 250-388-5502



**BALANCING OUR
MINDS**

YOUTH SUMMIT

Balancing Our Minds 2016

Connecting for Wellness

February 11, 2016

Rogers Arena
Vancouver, BC

Registration is now open!

Balancing Our Minds is a free, one-day event for high school age youth in BC to learn about mental health, engage in fun activities, and participate in thoughtful dialogue. The event is organized by BC Children's Hospital with support from the Canucks for Kids Fund.

The purpose of the Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit is to:

- Increase understanding about mental health and substance use
- Build awareness of available mental health tools, resources and services
- Decrease stigma around mental health challenges

The 2016 event will focus on connecting and creating youth-driven dialogue to promote mental wellness in schools and communities!

Register by January 29th.

**For details and registration information, please visit:
keltymentalhealth.ca/BOM2016**

