



## About National Indigenous Peoples Day

For generations, many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on June 21 or around that time of year because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

National Aboriginal Day, now National Indigenous Peoples Day, was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through the [Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day](#). This was the result of consultations and statements of support for such a day made by various Indigenous groups:

- in 1982, the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, called for the creation of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day
- in 1995, the Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous Peoples
- also in 1995, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day

On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister issued a [statement](#) announcing the intention to rename this day National Indigenous Peoples Day.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is part of the [Celebrate Canada](#) program, which also includes Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Canada Day on July 1.

The Government of Canada provides funding opportunities for community [celebratory events](#), as well as for [commemorations on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

### "WEEK AT A GLANCE" June 17-21

#### Monday, June 17

- Otter Coop Water Experience Div 1-6
- Div. 8 to Maple Ridge Park

#### Tuesday, June 18

- Div. 21-24 Albion Park 10-2
- Div. 13 and 16 bowling 9:45

#### Wednesday, June 19

- Gernaey/Smith bowling 12:00

#### Thursday, June 20

- Pride, Diversity & Inclusivity Lunch Event

#### Friday, June 21

- National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Parent Appreciation Morning
- Twin Day



### HHE Diversity Club

Our Diversity Club is hosting a Pride, Diversity and Inclusivity Lunch Event in the Gym on June 20. All students are welcome to attend!

There will be:

- Storybook Station
- Rainbow Face Paint
- Colouring station
- Presentation by a student
- Dance/Music

### Parent/Care Giver Appreciation Morning Friday June 21

The staff would like to show how much they appreciate you Friday morning before school. Stop by one of the outside tables for treat!

It takes a village to raise a child and we are so grateful you are all part of it!



### FVRL/Maple Ridge Public Library's Summer Reading Club 2024

**Summer Reading Club (SRC) registration for both online and in-person, takes begins June 21, 2024.** The library has something for everyone this summer - kids, teens, adults - and it is free! SRC encourages summer reading and offers lots of fun contests, activities and performers, most of which will be available online.

**This year's theme is "World Of Curiosities".** Get ready to explore your world of curiosities with your local FVRL's 2024 Summer Reading Club. Record your reading for a chance to win prizes every week all summer. The more you read, the more chances to win! [https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer\\_reading\\_clubs](https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer_reading_clubs)

**There's a club for everyone!**

- Kids (Age 0-Grade 6)
- Teens (grades 7 to 12)
- Adults

**How do I join?**

**Register online! Here's how:**

- Create your Beanstack account by visiting <https://fvrlca.beanstack.org>
- Join the 2024 FVRL Summer Reading Club challenge for your age group
- Track your reading progress and take pride! Read 15 minutes or more each day. Logging your reading unlocks badges and enters you into weekly prize drawings!

**Prefer paper? Here's how:**

- Register and pick up a reading record at your closest FVRL location.
- Track your reading progress and take pride! Read 15 minutes or more each day.
- Visit or contact your FVRL location to collect progress stickers (Kids SRC only) and enter prize draws!

**Please click the link below for video information on the program:** <https://youtu.be/4-3oYS61TJA>

**Enjoy your summer and Happy Reading! Mrs. B.**