

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 15-19

Monday, June 15

- Budshah, Walton and Piercy to Maple Ridge Park all day
- Div. 3 Annys Dairy Bar Field trip
- Former HHE students Grad 2026 walk 12:50pm

Tuesday, June 16

- K and K/1 classes to Albion Waterpark 10:40-1:45
- Smith, Murdock and Kidd to Maple Ridge Park 10-1:45
- Div. 15 Craft Day

Wednesday, June 17

- Div. 14 and 23 Bowling 8:45-10
- Gr. 5/6 Entrepreneurial Fair
- 2 Peaks Refresher Pac treat day

Thursday, June 18

- Div. 15 Garibaldi Children's Festival 10-12
- Gr. 5/6 Entrepreneurial Fair

Friday, June 19

- Div. 22, 23, 24, 25 Dan Flags workshop 8:45-12
- Div. 1-5 Maple Ridge Park 10:30-1:30
- TCBY yogurt PAC treat day
- Gr. 7 Leaving Gym set up 2:30pm

Our Grade 5/6 students are excited to host their Entrepreneur Fair on June 17 and 18! Students have designed, created, and marketed their own handmade products, all priced under \$10. Families are welcome to send a small amount of money with their child if they would like to make a purchase. We are proud of our students' creativity and hard work and look forward to a successful fair.



Before School Clubs this week!
8:00-8:25

Breakfast Club and Haven are open Monday-Friday!

Gym club is open Tuesday and Thursday!

