

# MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA

## COMMUNITY UPDATE-Feb-2013

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### **Next Potluck**

Our next potluck is taking place Wednesday the 20th February in the gym of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre commencing at 5:30 pm.

THIS MONTH OUR FOCUS WILL BE OUR ANCESTORS AND LAURIE PAGE WILL TALK ABOUT HER 3RD GREAT GRANDPARENTS WILLIAM AND CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS. BERTHA LANDRIE WILL TALK ABOUT FRANCOIS BRUNEAU. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE ONE OF YOUR ANCESTORS AT A POTLUCK PLEASE LET BARB KNOW.

We ask that you bring your own cutlery and dishes to help keep reduce the use of foam, plastic or paper disposable items.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE POTLUCK WE ASK:

THAT YOU PARK ONLY ON THE SPORTS FIELD SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT OR ON THE STREET.

THAT YOU PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FROM THE LOWER DOOR OFF THE PARKING LOT AND

THAT YOU DO NOT WANDER IN THE HALLS OF THE CENTRE. THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO DISTURB THEM.

The potluck is held in the gym at the far end of that corridor

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### **Recycle Fundraiser 9 March 2013**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONTHLY FUNDRAISING EVENT WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. OUR LOCATION IS BEHIND THE ARCHIE BROWNING ARENA IN ESQUIMALT AND WE ARE THERE FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON. PLEASE LET BARB KNOW AT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE VOLUNTEER AT THIS EVENT.

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# Volunteers Needed In The Schools

MNGV has successfully completed the elementary component of our Metis Education Enhancement Program for Sooke School District #62 with a full contingent of Metis volunteers who dedicated their time and talents to the classrooms.

As we forge ahead with the Grade Four presentations in School District #61, we call upon our Metis people to participate in the program and the education of our Metis children by volunteering in classrooms of Victoria schools during the month of April.

We are very pleased to report that the Metis Education Enhancement Program has been very well received by elementary schools in both the School Districts which have a waiting list or additional requests for presentations.

We'd like to thank all of the Metis community members who have participated in the program for their time and splendid work in the classrooms. We also thank the SD's Aboriginal directors, Kathleen King Hunt and Nella Nelson, for their enthusiastic support of the program.

In addition to instilling a sense of pride, identity and belonging in our Metis students, the program is designed to actively involve Metis Nation members in the class room experience by demonstrating skills/ talents that reflect our culture and heritage.

We invite community musicians, dancers, artisans, artists, storytellers of all ages to accompany MNGV's Education Coordinator into the classrooms for a brief demonstration or to assist with cultural crafts.

Sharing our Metis story and culture with a group of youngsters is a very enjoyable and enriching experience. Your contributions are also highly valuable to our Metis children and their education. You will be warmly welcomed in the classrooms - the more Metis...the merrier!

The program consists of two visits per classroom. During Session One, the Education Coordinator presents a historical overview of Metis heritage and traditions to the class.

In Session Two, a community member demonstrates an aspect of Metis culture and then students are engaged in a cultural activity for the remainder of the class.

As a special guest, Metis volunteers are not required to go into the classrooms alone.

All school volunteers will require a Criminal Record Check. MNGV will provide you with a letter confirming your status as a volunteer which will waive the cost for a CRC. You can obtain a CRC form from the police detachment in your area to complete and return with the letter. A CRC takes from 2-4 weeks to process, depending on the detachment.

If you are interested, please contact Christine Donaldson at 250-592-8697 or email: [christinedonaldson9@gmail.com](mailto:christinedonaldson9@gmail.com) . She is also available at the potlucks to discuss any details of the program. You may also contact the MNGV office at 250-380-6070.

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