

# **Aboriginal Education Plan**

## Ecole Pauline Johnson- 2014/15

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### **Rationale:**

This school plan has been developed with the goal of increasing student awareness of Aboriginal history and cultural heritage within our school community. We would like to explore our school's history and connection to Pauline Johnson, and integrate it into our playground redevelopment project.

### **Summary of proposed activities:**

Social Studies units at several grade levels

#### Grade 1

- fieldtrip to Grouse Mountain (long house)
- Grade 1 visit from Faye Halls from the Squamish Nation to talk about seasons and family

#### Grade 3

- Social Studies - The government of local Aboriginals (including elections, and management of their political issues) with a comparison between the municipal government of West Vancouver and that of the local native government.
- Science - the solar system with emphasis on the constellations from a North American and Aboriginal viewpoint.
- Further units on Structures and Plants will cover a comparison and discussion from their viewpoint.
- Language - Pauline Johnson was discussed as being a poet and the namesake of PJ.
- Social Studies - Isaac Van der Horst, the curator of the West Van Museum is being invited to do a presentation to the students including a discussion of Pauline Johnson and the municipality in the 19th century.
- Art - native art will be discussed (design etc)

### Language Arts Grade 4-6

- Aboriginal Stories (contes et légendes) that address issues past and present
- Fieldtrip to Museum of Anthropology (potlatch)

### Grade 4

- fieldtrip to NVOS Long House

### Grade 5

- unit of inquiry on government and residential schools

### **Resources:**

- [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ach/lr/ks/rrds/rrds\\_infsht-fra.asp](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ach/lr/ks/rrds/rrds_infsht-fra.asp) (French resources)

### **Assistance Required:**

- Advice from our school district team on interesting opportunities
- Contacts and funds for cultural events supporting our goal
- Review and update of our library collection with assistance from the district committee.