

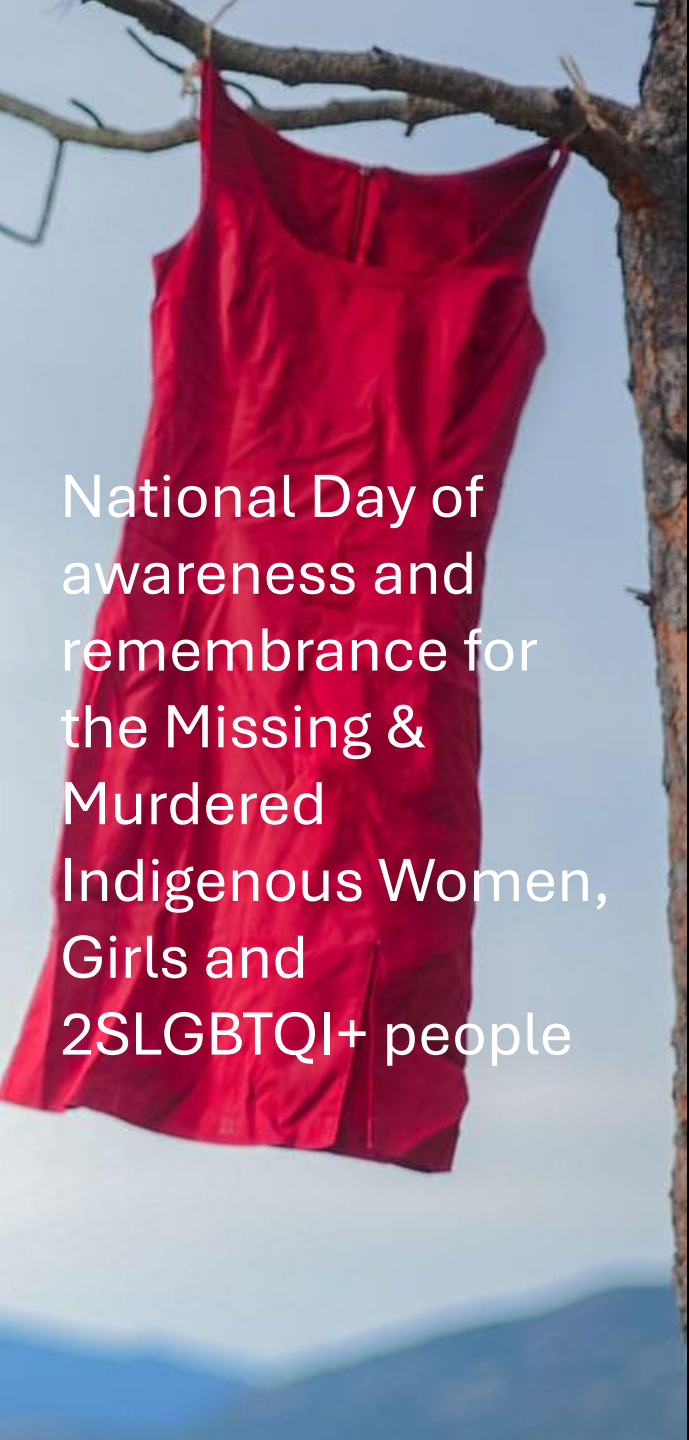
# Superintendent's Report

## TRUTH & OPPORTUNITY

May 14, 2025

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National Day of awareness and remembrance for the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people

## MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> – RED DRESS DAY

- In Canada, more than 6 in 10 Indigenous women have experienced physical or sexual assault.
- On Red Dress Day, and on every day, we honour the lives of MMIWG2S by using our voices to commemorate their spirits and their lives



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WALK

Students from North Saanich Middle School and Parkland Secondary School participated in a school-wide Acknowledgement Walk in honour of this day and the missing women and children.

They walked from NSMS to Parkland in a sombre and reflective walk around the track.

WSÁNEĆ Elders and community members offered songs, drumming and poignant words to the hundreds of students.





# HONOURING THE LIVES AND SPIRITS

The day in pictures ...







# W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEṈ

*“I think we should be the QELAXEṈ, butterflies, because if we all work hard, take care of our bodies, and support each other, we can become something beautiful.”*

To empower W̱SÁNEĆ girls with the tools and knowledge that through hard work and determination they can heal, find joy, and look out for each other.

By focusing on athletic development, cultural pride, and community cohesion the W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEṈ girls U13 basketball program is making a profound difference in the lives of W̱SÁNEĆ youth.



# W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEN

May 2-4 the W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEN travelled to the Indigenous communities of Hitacu, Tofino and Ahousaht.

Three University of Victoria Vikes Basketball players were invited – they supported the team and also ran a camp for basketball players in Ahousaht.



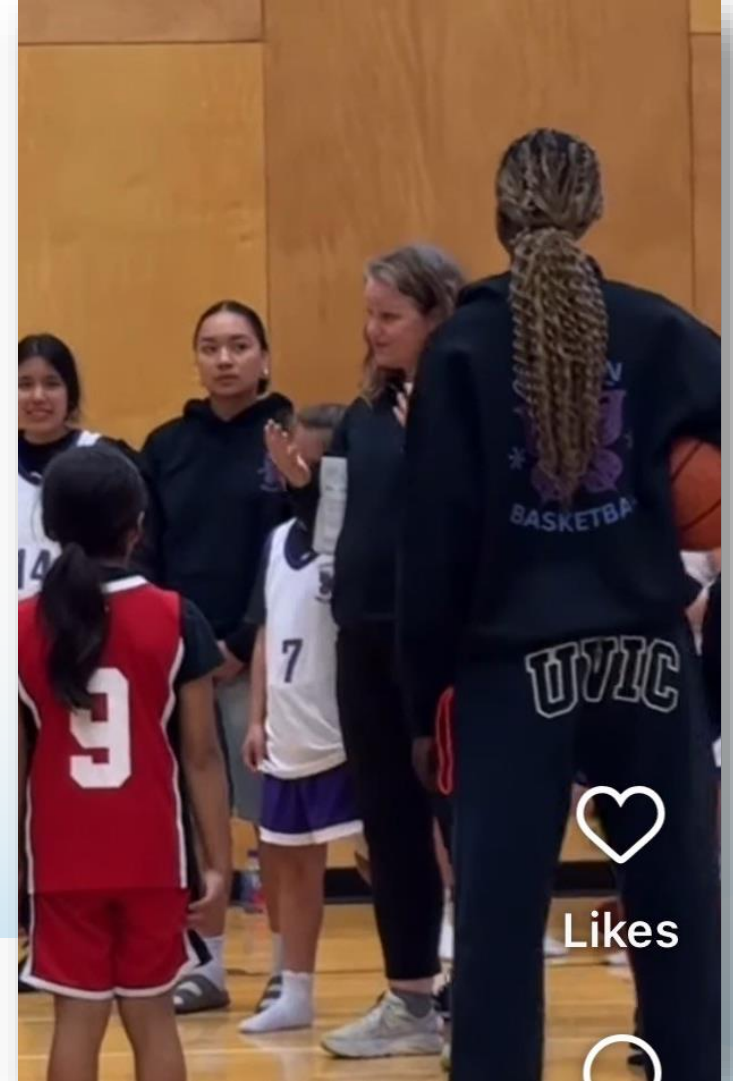
In each community the team played a game and shared food and games with the other teams and community members. It was an incredibly culturally rich experience in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

The 13 W̱SÁNEĆ athletes come from both Bayside and NSMS - the goal of the team is to be inclusive to all W̱SÁNEĆ athletes regardless of which school they attend.



# KIM GRAVES Vice-Principal, Bayside

The W̱SÁNEĆ QELAXEN Story





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