

**April 26, 2018**

# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

**N'we Jinan** is a non-profit organization that travels to communities across North America with a mobile recording studio. Its goal is to allow Indigenous youth to express themselves creatively, with a professional touch.

N'we Jinan presented their Album Launch Party Concert Showcase in Vancouver on April 21<sup>st</sup> celebrating the National Release of Dreamkeepers, featuring 100+ First Nation Youth performers from various communities across Canada.

Sk'elep students from grades 7 and 6 wrote and performed "We Won't Forget You" in a video that launched in December, 2017. The students performed their song in Vancouver at the Launch Party Concert Showcase.

The music video explores the dark realities of residential schools while focusing on the outcomes that have allowed culture and language to be taught in today's First Nation schools. Our youth brought forward a heavy message in this video "They were sitting in the dark and now we're letting in the light".



We are all so very proud of our students for sharing their talents and voices in this powerful video and representing Sk'elep School at the N'we Jinan Album Launch.

Kukwstsetsemc to all students who performed and represented our school with pride.

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**To celebrate Earth Day/ Waste Reduction Week April 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**, help to reduce the amounts of plastic being used and to recycle the bags so they can be remade into something new, students and families were asked to bring in as many plastic shopping bags that they could over the week! We participated in the Plastic Bag Grab Challenge and collected 😊 **4,454** bags. All bags collected were taken to Walmart to be recycled into new items!

As a school, for participating in this challenge, we will be entered and eligible to win some cash prizes for the school that we can use towards field trips, guest presenters, curricular resources and other student needs in the school!! Kukwstsetsemc for your support and to the PAC for doing all the counting!

**Welcome to Spring** everyone. It looks like the weather is finally starting to cooperate, the hot weather is upon us. Please keep in mind when your child is dressing for school that there is a clothing and footwear policy. All students are expected to dress in clothes that are suitable for school activities and a learning environment. The following types of clothing are not allowed:

- Shirts/tops with midriff showing
- Spaghetti straps
- Halter tops
- Short shorts
- Short skirts
- Muscle shirts
- Low hanging shorts/pants/jeans
- Shirts with inappropriate slogans or messages

Spring brings a lot of activity here at the school, so it will be important that you are paying attention to the messages coming home from teachers via the agendas and newsletters.

**Tick Season** is here.

*What are ticks?*

Ticks are tiny bugs, about the size of a sesame seed, which feed on blood. Different ticks prefer feeding from different types of animals. Sometimes, a tick will bite a person instead of biting an animal. While most tick bites do not result in disease, some do.

Ticks live in tall grass and wooded areas. They are easiest to spot on a person when they are actually sucking blood. Ticks burrow part way into the skin, bite, draw blood, and then drop off. The feeding tick's mouth will be under the skin, but the back parts will be sticking out. When they are full of blood they are usually blue-grey in colour. This is called an engorged tick.

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**Immature tick**  
(approximate actual size)



  
**Female adult tick**  
(approximate actual size)

**Female adult tick**  
(approximately 10 times actual size)

### *What should I do if I find a tick on my skin?*

If you find a tick on your skin, you need to remove it as soon as possible. Check your entire body and clothing. Do not stop when you find one tick. There may be more. Make sure the lighting is good, so you do not miss seeing the tick(s). If you cannot reach the tick or see it clearly, get someone else to remove the tick for you or see a health care provider to remove it. Be sure to check for ticks on your children and pets if they have been out in an area where ticks can live.

### **When to see a health care provider to remove the tick**

See your health care provider to remove the tick if it has buried itself deep into your skin. This happens if the tick has been on you for several hours or even a day or two. When a tick has burrowed deep into your skin, it is very hard to remove the tick without leaving some mouth parts behind, which can cause an infection.

### **How to remove a tick yourself**

If you can remove the tick yourself, follow these instructions.

1. Use tweezers to gently get a hold of the tick as close to its mouth as possible. The body of the tick will be above your skin. Do not touch the tick with your bare hands. Wear gloves if possible.
2. Steadily lift the tick straight off the skin. Do not squeeze the tick because this can force its stomach contents into the wound and increase the chance of an infection. Do not jerk, unscrew or twist the tick because this may separate the head from the body. It is very important to make sure that all of the tick, including the mouth parts buried in your skin, is removed.
3. Once the tick has been removed, clean the area with soap and water. You may also put a small amount of antibiotic ointment on the area. Wash your hands with soap and water.

### *What are the symptoms of tick-related diseases?*

If you have the following symptoms within days or weeks after being bitten by a tick, report them to your health care provider right away. Tell your health care provider when and where a tick bit you.

- General symptoms of fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue, or weakness of the muscles of the face.

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- Skin rash, especially one that looks like a bull's eye, which may or may not be in the area of the bite.
- In very rare cases, paralysis may occur. The paralysis usually starts in the feet and legs and works its way up to the upper body, arms and head. The paralysis usually starts within a few hours to a day or two days after the bite.

## Camps at BIG Little Science Centre, Summer 2018

Camps that include movement, science exploration and experimentation, construction, and loads of hands-on fun are always how we share science with your children. Sign up now for a week (or more) of summer science awesomeness. Camps run daily from 9:00am to 3:00pm, for a week at a time. Cost is \$180 per week, members receive a \$10 discount. Registration form is attached or you can find it online <http://blscs.org/scamps.htm>

### Super Wow Science Camp:

**Week 1 from July 9 to 13**

**Week 2 from August 13 to 17**

### **Enjoy hands-on science activities mixed with games, experiments, crafts and art.**

Bubbles, rockets, chemistry, crystals, dinosaurs, volcanoes, treasure maps, puzzles/mysteries, roller coaster construction, Zorbs, and much more!

Each week contains different activities and most requested favourite activities, allowing children to participate twice over the summer.

Active science learning allows a child's brain to discover the world around them while their body is busy. Fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) science at its best.

For ages 5 and up. Children must have completed Kindergarten.

### Summer Robotics Camp:

**July 30 to August 3**

**Robotics Camp is a favourite camp that is for children who like to design, build, and program their own robots.** Using the Mindstorms LEGO robotics systems, campers will create their own works of art/science and put them through their paces. Learn how to go fast, be strong, use sensors, run mazes, and much more. Extra coding opportunities and games will be included to help campers create the ultimate robots! Outdoor fun will include the water slides and Zorbs and more.

For ages 9 and up.

See you this summer for wonderful interactive science fun.

Sincerely,

Susan Hammond, Assistant Operator, BIG Little Science Centre

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## Upcoming Events for May Mark on Your Calendar

May 10

Soap Box Derby Grade 7's  
9:00 am

May 14

Non Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL

May 21

VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL

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