The Cawing Crow Chronicle



November 2026

Grateful to live, learn, and work in the homelands of the Ktunaxa People.



Upcoming

November 10- Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11- No School

November 16- ROCK your MOC's all week

November 16- Louis Riel Day

November 17- MBSS Metis Flag Raising

November 20- No School

November 25- Indigenous Leadership Meeting & Elder Talks

November 30- MOVIE MONDAY

November 27- Pajama Day

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Indigenous Websites

Communities:
?aqam
Tobacco Plains
?akisqnuk
Yaqan Nukiy

Games:
Indigenous Games for Children (Youth)
Creative Spirits

Languages:
First Voices
First Voices Kids (Ktunaxa Songs and Stories)
Michif

Museums:
Glenbow Museum
Museum of Anthropology

ʔaq̓am Wood Day

October 9th Photos





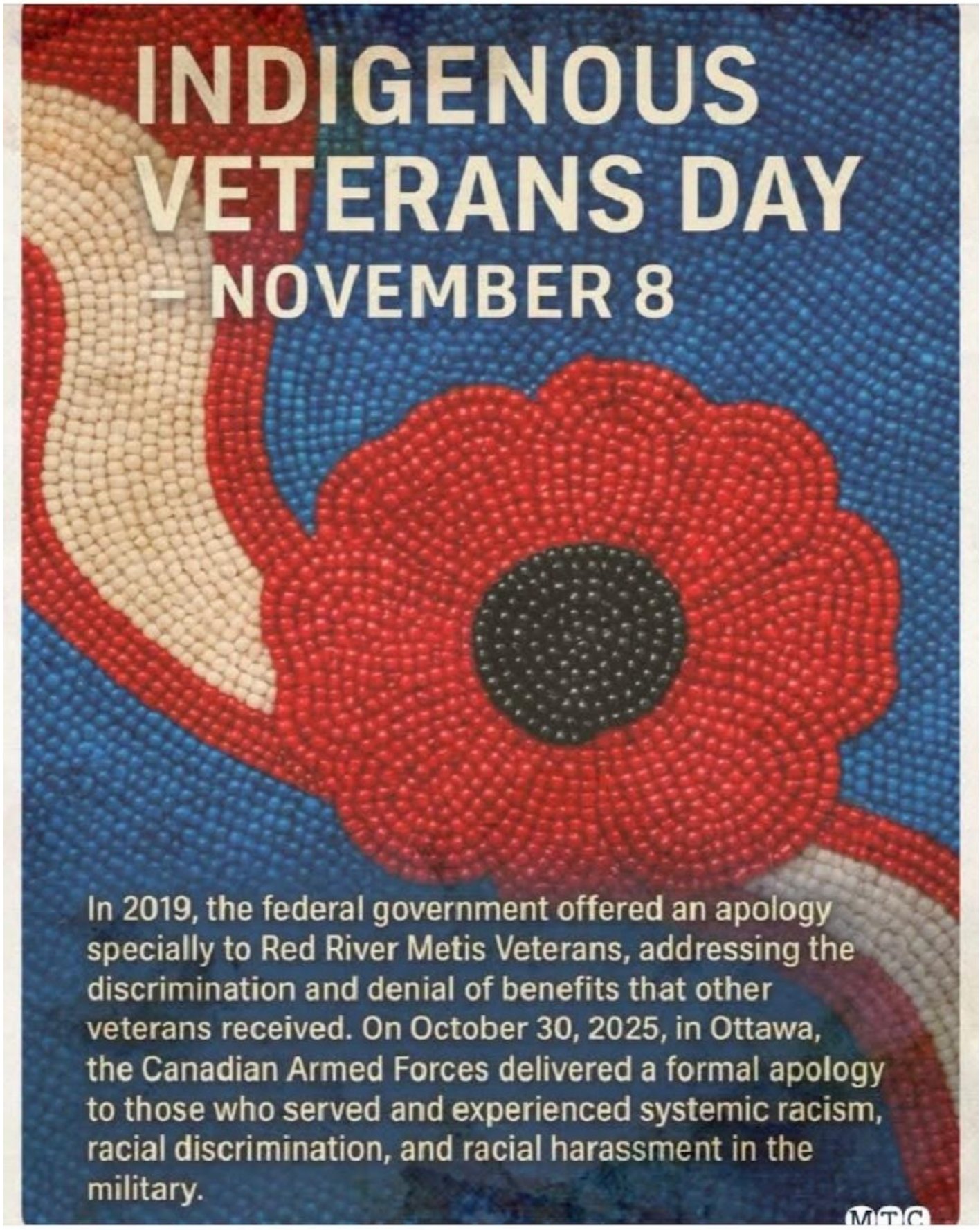


Students, from Laurie, Parkland and Mount Baker joined in for another successful Wood Day out at ʔaqam. Students chopped, gathered, and filled trucks full of firewood to be delivered to community members' homes. This meaningful annual initiative is a wonderful example of students giving back to their community, demonstrating teamwork, and respect for Elders and community members. Through their hard work and generosity, students learn the importance of helping others and strengthening community connections.



Indigenous Leadership students and staff from Parkland, Laurie and Mount Baker travelled to Calgary, Alberta on October 29th for team building activities at ACTIVATE. Activate turns traditional team building workshops into energetic, hands-on experiences designed to bring teams together. These interactive challenges promote communication and collaboration. Indigenous Leadership teams focused on bonding and celebrating each other's strengths.




INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 8
In 2019, the federal government offered an apology specially to Red River Metis Veterans, addressing the discrimination and denial of benefits that other veterans received. On October 30, 2025, in Ottawa, the Canadian Armed Forces delivered a formal apology to those who served and experienced systemic racism, racial discrimination, and racial harassment in the military.
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National Indigenous Veterans Day - November 8th

Every year on November 8, we observe National Indigenous Veterans Day to honor the profound contributions, sacrifices, and brave service of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis soldiers who served in the military. For generations, Indigenous peoples have stepped forward to defend freedom and peace, serving in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and modern global peacekeeping missions.

Overcoming Adversity to Serve.

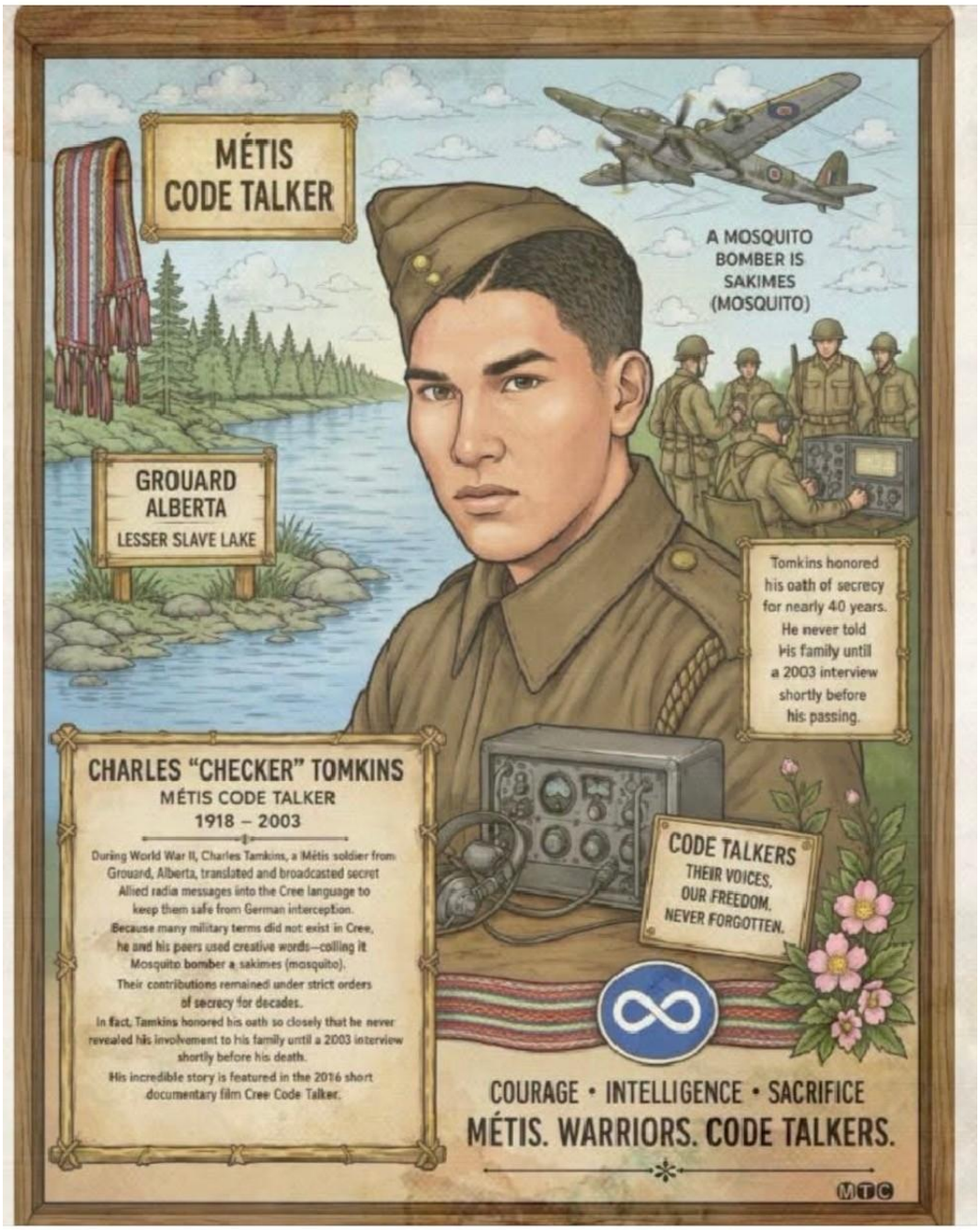
What makes the service of Indigenous veterans even more profound is the immense adversity they faced. When many volunteered during the World Wars, they did not hold the same rights as other citizens at home, and many faced systemic discrimination.

Yet, they volunteered by the thousands, bringing unparalleled skills in scouting, sharpshooting, and communication to the front lines.

Furthermore, heroes like Charles Tomkins honored strict oaths of secrecy, keeping their heroic wartime contributions hidden from the world—and even their own families—for nearly 60 years.

National Indigenous Veterans Day is a vital time to reflect on their stories, ensure their legacies are never forgotten, and say a deeply earned thank you to the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis warriors who answered the call to serve.





The Sacred Legacy of the Code Talkers.

Among these incredible heroes were the Indigenous Code Talkers, like Métis soldier Charles "Checker" Tomkins. During World War II, these soldiers used their native languages—such as Cree, Ojibwe, and Navajo—as unbreakable secret codes to transmit critical military messages. Because many modern military terms did not exist in their languages, they had to be incredibly creative. For example, Charles Tomkins and his peers translated a Mosquito Bomber airplane into the Cree word sakimes (mosquito). Their swift thinking and linguistic mastery saved countless Allied lives, creating a code that enemy forces could never decipher.

Mount Baker Secondary School

METIS FLAG RAISING

NOVEMBER 17TH AT 11 AM

1410, Baker Street Cranbrook
Meet at the flagpole



All Are Welcome

See Miss Marie for a permission form.

ELDER TALKS

Elders will answer questions and help youth navigate life's challenges with integrity, and cultural understanding. Through the 7 Sacred Teachings of Love, Respect, Wisdom, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, and Truth. Please see Miss Marie If you would like to attend

Who: **Elders, Dorothy & Mel Ratch**

When: **Wednesdays**

Time: **1 pm to 2 pm.**

Where: **The Gathering Place.**

Dates: **November 25th & December 9th**





Study SPOT



Tuesdays, 3:00 to 4:45pm at Foundry EK

100 12th Ave S, Cranbrook BC

- Free snacks
- Homework help
- Chill vibes
- Connect to tutors

Our peer support team knows that schoolwork or learning something new can feel overwhelming. We wanted to set up a low-key, supportive space to help you find joy and satisfaction in learning and facilitate your academic success!

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For all things to be connected

·FOUNDRY· EAST KOOTENAY

Operated by: Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Service Society

If you have any questions, email cheyenne.atwood@kkcfss.org!

For all Foundry Upcoming Events, see FOUNDRY binder in the Gathering Place, Or visit https://foundrybc.ca/centre/eastkootenay/?tab=calendar-groups

MOVIE MONDAY



November 30th

Over the Lunch Hour in the Gathering Place

Bring a Friend!

Popcorn Provided!



CROWS

know teamwork,



be like a Crow!