

# The Cawing Crow Chronicle

May 2026

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



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## Upcoming

- May 4- Indigenous Grade 9 Students Tour MBSS
- May 5- RED DRESS DAY
- May 13- Indigenous Leadership Meeting
- May 15- Non-instructional Friday (no school)
- May 18- Stat Holiday (no school)
- May 28- Indigenous Leadership Activity Day
- May 29- Professional Development Day (no school)

# Parkland Information

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## Elders in Residence

Pheb Goulet  
Joan O'Neil  
Dorothy Ratch  
Mel Ratch  
Winnie Vitaliano



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## Indigenous Websites

### Communities:

[?aqam](#)  
[Tobacco Plains](#)  
[?akisqnuq](#)  
[Yaqaq 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](#)



Red Dress Day, observed annually on May 5th, is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SGBTQI+ people (MMIWG2S+) in Canada. Inspired by artist Jaime Black's REDress Project, it uses red dresses hung in public spaces to symbolize the high rates of violence against Indigenous women, calling for justice and remembrance.

What can you do on this day?

- Wear Red
- Attend the Red Dress Day Event at Rotary Park on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Event hosted by Laurie Middle School.



# 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.**

**Who: Elders Dorothy & Mel Ratch**

**When: Most Thursdays, see Dates Below.**

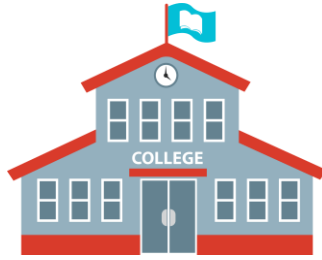
**Time: 1 pm to 2 pm. Please see Miss Marie for a time slot.**

**Where: The Gathering Place.**

**Dates:**

| May 14 | May 21 | June 11 | June 18 |
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On Thursday, April 23rd, grade 9 students from Parkland Middle School and Laurie Middle School visited the College of the Rockies (COTR). Students toured the trades buildings, the East Kootenay Teacher Education Program (EKTEP), visited the Dental Assistant Program, and got hands on learning in the Nursing Sciences. Students, elders, and staff were very impressed with variety of programs offered, supports, and technology. Thank you, Elders Dorothy and Mel Ratch, for supporting SD#5 students on this tour.

Afterwards, students enjoyed a pizza lunch with Elders Pete and Dolly Andrew and participated in mini drum making in The Place Where People Gather. Indigenous Education from Parkland and Laurie are coordinating with College of the Rockies staff to make this an annual event.







On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Parkland Middle School students made Bison Soup and Bannock with Elders Dorothy and Mel Ratch. It was a filling and delicious way to go into the weekend.





It is that time of year when the geese and goslings cross the road near Elizabeth Lake Lodge. Please slow down and give our feathered friends time to cross safely.

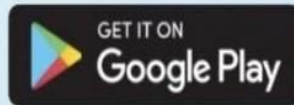
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**WORD OF THE DAY**

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**WORD OF THE DAY**

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**Lightning**

**"In a world where you can be anything, be kind"**

**I may be just a crow,  
but I remember the souls  
who were soft with me.  
If your heart is tired,  
I will stay nearby.  
We never forget kindness.**

