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2025 Secwépemc
CALENDAR





Williams Lake Gathering Place for Indigenous students and communities

Photo courtesy of Kiera Elise



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Pellkwetmín STAY AT HOME MONTH

January

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
December 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		1 New Year's Day	2	3 TRU Ribbon Skirt Day	4 National Ribbon Skirt Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Round Dance
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Indigenous Storytelling
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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Tsellte7úy ey es q7ese7úys es estpénlléxwes "The weather is still too cold to go outside."
A crisp winter morning in the Tkemlúps valley.
Photo courtesy of Alexis Gottfriedson



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Pellctsípwénten CACHE PIT OR CELLAR PIT MONTH

February

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Family Day	TRU reading break				
			KAFS- Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society TRU Event			
23	24	25	26	27	28	



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The Xgwélemc (fox) comes to life in Bill Frymire's four-part art installation on the Kamloops campus.

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🔊 Xgwélemc



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2	3	4	5	 6	7	8
TRU Indigenous Awareness Week						
9	10	11	12	13	 14	15
Daylight Saving Time begins	TRU IDays		Waneek Horn Miller at Cplul'kw'ten (House 5)			TRU Pow Wow
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
BC Association of Friendship Centers- GATHERING OUR VOICES Youth Conference						
				First day of spring		 22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					 29
	National Indigenous Languages Day					



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Tsí́kíse7 (Chickadee)



🔊 Tsí́kíse7

Pesl7éwten MELTING MONTH

April

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teqmekstésq̓t SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 
		April Fool's Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	SD 58 Merritt-Princeton Transitions Day Event					
					Good Friday	
 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Easter Monday		SD 27 Williams Lake Transitions Day Event			
 27	28	29	30			
					March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Kúkpí7 Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Chief, TRU President Brett Fairbairn, TRU Board Chair Hee Young Chung, and TRU Chancellor DeDe DeRose at the groundbreaking ceremony on September 19, 2024 for the new Indigenous Education Centre at TRU. Casimir and DeRose are using pétse, traditional digging sticks, created by Secwépemc artist Ed Jensen.

Photo courtesy of Marissa Dederer

Pell7é7Ilqten DIGGING ROOTS MONTH

May

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
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 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	MMIWG National Day of Action TRU MMWIG Event	Métis Nation BC (MNBC) Transitions Day Event				
11	 12	13	14	15	16	17
					Moosehide Campaign	
18	19	 20	21	22	23	24
	Victoria Day				Le Estowicwéy (The Missing confirmed at Kamloops Indian Residential School 2021)	
25	26	 27	28	29	30	31



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc artist Ed Jensen creating TRU's new ceremonial mace. Carved from juniper and jade, the mace represents a coyote (skelép) and is carried by the university registrar in every convocation ceremony.

Photo courtesy of Marissa Dederer



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Pelltspántsik MID-SUMMER MONTH

June

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
1 National Indigenous History Month	2	3 ☾	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 ☀	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 ☾	19	20 Indigenous Education Welcome for New TRU Employees Event at Secwépemc Territory Marker (OM Law Elevators) Summer solstice First day of summer	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
22	23	24	25 ●	26	27	28 Kamloopa Pow Wow at Tkemlúps te Secwépemc Arbour
29 Kamloopa Pow Wow	30 Kamloopa Pow Wow				May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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Moose antler carving by Wilfred Robbins Sr. from Esk'etemc





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Peltqwel'wélt GETTING RIPE MONTH

July

Xetspés'qt SUNDAY	Nékwés'qt MONDAY	Selés'qt TUESDAY	Kellés'qt WEDNESDAY	Mesés'qt THURSDAY	Tselkstés'qt FRIDAY	Te'qmekstés'qt SATURDAY
June S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 Canada Day	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Indigenous Summer Science Camp	








Traditional dip net fishing at Siwash
Photo courtesy of Geraldine Bob



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Pesqelqlélten MANY SALMON MONTH

August

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				 1 Indigenous Summer Science Camp	2
3	4 British Columbia Day	5	6	7	8	9  International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
 31						



September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day



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Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nékwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labour Day		Welcome Back Breakfast			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				First Friends' Feast		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Fall equinox First day of autumn					
28	29	30			August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
	TRU TRC and Orange Shirt Day Event	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day				



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Tcets' (Elk)



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Pesllwélsten ABANDONING MONTH

October

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Thanksgiving					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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Williams Lake First Nation T'exelcenc Elder Kristy Palmantier learning to cut, hang and dry deer meat from Elder Jean William

Photo courtesy of Geraldine Bob

Pellc7ell7úllcwteń ENTERING THE PIT HOUSES MONTH

November

Xetspésq̄t SUNDAY	Nekwésq̄t MONDAY	Selésq̄t TUESDAY	Kellésq̄t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̄t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̄t FRIDAY	Teq̄mekstésq̄t SATURDAY
October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Daylight Saving Time ends					Mid-term Break	National Indigenous Veterans Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mid-term Break		Remembrance Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Louis Riel Day						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	National Addictions Awareness Week					
30						



St. Joseph's Residential School Hockey Team
Photo courtesy of Geraldine Bob



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Pelltetéqem CROSS OVER MONTH: DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER

December

Xetspésq̓t SUNDAY	Nékwésq̓t MONDAY	Selésq̓t TUESDAY	Kellésq̓t WEDNESDAY	Mesésq̓t THURSDAY	Tselkstésq̓t FRIDAY	Teq̓mekstésq̓t SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 ☉ Winter Feast	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 ☾	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 ●
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 ☾
Winter solstice First day of winter			Christmas Eve	Christmas		
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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On the cover



The Xgwélemc (fox) comes to life in Bill Frymire's four-part art installation on the Kamloops campus. *Photo courtesy of Neil Manuel.*



The Indigenous Education image shows Skélep (Creator, Trickster, teacher) on his educational journey at TRU. This image is synonymous with Indigenization and represents working in partnership and supporting one another.

Meaning of colours in the image:

Dark blue represents Séwllkwe (Water)
Green represents Specéc (Air)
Brown represents the Tmicw (Land)
Orange represents the Skwékw7es (Sun)
Yellow represents the Mégcen (Moon)



TRU is proud to be the university of choice hosting the highest numbers of Indigenous students of any B.C. post-secondary with 11 per cent at the Kamloops campus, 28 per cent Williams Lake campus and seven per cent Open Learning. The TRU service area also includes the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx nations.