



Attention: Grade 4 Teachers

C/O Administrative Assistants

Indigenous Education presents...

Kumugwe Cultural Society

Big House Experience

Thursday May 15, 2025

Grade 4 students in SD71 will have the amazing opportunity to witness Big House traditions with Andy Everson and the Kumugwe Dancers. Space is limited in the Big House, therefore this is **ONLY** for Grade 4 students. Students from other grades, particularly split classes, are not able to attend. Sessions will be booked on a first come; first served basis (*you may not get your preferred session*). **Schools must reserve and pay for their own transportation to and from the event.** The funds to pay for this transportation must come from **school-based funds** not targeted Indigenous Education funding. Please book all grade 4 students from your school for the same session.

Morning

Arrive by **9:30 am**

Big House Experience **9:45 – 10:45 am**
Depart back to your school @ **11:00 am**

Afternoon

Arrive by **12:15 pm**

Big House Experience **12:30 - 1:30 pm**
Depart back to your school @ **1:45 pm**

Please have your **school's Administrative Assistant email** tabitha.dehr@sd71.bc.ca with the following information regarding the Grade 4 students from your school:

1. preferred **morning** or **afternoon** session, or if you have **no preference**
2. **name** of contact teacher
3. **number** of Grade 4 attending
4. **number** of adults attending (include teachers, EAs & parents)

Thank you for advising all students, staff and chaperones attending of the protocol while in the Big House:

- **No food** is allowed
- **Walk only** when in the Big House
- Use **inside voices**
- **No talking** once the ceremony begins
- **Remain seated** for the ceremony



Please be respectful of the fact that you are on private property and know where your students are at all times. Check in with an Indigenous Education Staff member at the front of the Big House, as a group, when you arrive.