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Indigenous Pathways 2021-2022 Areas of Focus:

- Encourage school staff and students to demonstrate knowledge and respect for diverse cultures.
- Build awareness/understanding around traditional territories and how they can be learned about and acknowledged appropriately.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards, 2022

- The Alberta School Boards Association, Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards 2021 is open for nominations! Students from K-12 can be nominated by other students, teachers, principals, superintendents, education directors, trustees, school staff, Elders, or members of the education community.
- GYPSD students have been well-represented in years past; this is a wonderful opportunity to recognize Indigenous students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, courage, and commitment to their culture and educational pathwa

Link: [ASBA Awards Page](#)



The Ida Halpern Collection - Celebrating Indigenous Music & Culture

- "*Indigenous communities hold the rights [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples] to the songs recorded by Halpern, and it is the responsibility of the Royal BC Museum to facilitate these rights*" Genevieve Weber, author.
- The Ida Halpern fonds is an extensive collection of audiovisual, text, and photographic items documenting the songs, ceremonies and culture of Canada's west coast. The precious archive includes 342 sound recordings, 735 images, and a variety of multimedia items, as well as a 32-minute recording of an interview of Ida Halpern speaking about her work along with a selection of music: [The Ida Halpern Collection](#)

Honouring An Indigenous Icon - Buffy Sainte-Marie

- The iconic artist, Buffy Sainte-Marie, will appear on a Canada Post commemorative stamp! To learn more about the "artist, activist and icon," visit the Canada Post Stamp Collecting page. Link: [Collectible Stamp](#)
- *Indigenous Circle* host, Creeson Agecutay, pays tribute to Buffy Sainte Marie in his November 18th article - Link: [Honouring Buffy Sainte-Marie](#)

"I live my life with a moccasin in both worlds" - Kamamak, Mack Brown

- Mack grew up in the Grande Yellowhead area and now makes her home in Calgary on Treaty 7 territory. She is an artist, teacher of Cree traditions, and facilitator with government and educational institutions. Mack's content is engaging and inviting: "*Wichewin! Come with me! Let me take you on a journey, dancing in the in between, celebrating culture, the heartbeat of mother earth and the stories of the land.*"
- Mack recently hosted the Alberta Indigenous Tourism Summit and will be featuring her artwork at Maskêkosihk Pison Âtawêwikamik, a Holiday Market at the River Cree Resort & Casino on December 3 & 4.



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Links: [Kamakamak's Website](#), [Warrior Women](#), [Indigenous Tourism Alberta](#), [Market](#)

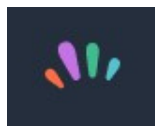
Student Activity Bank

- *Celebrating Indigenous Innovators* - calling all inventors, entrepreneurs, dreamers and artists! Audience: middle & high school students in all subject areas. The 51-minute video includes an interview with the designer of Marc Andre Fleury's new goalie mask! Link: [APTN InFocus!](#)
- Games! Games! Games! Five Indigenous Games For Children from *Active for Life*, an organization dedicated to raising physically literate youth. Link: [GAMES!](#)
- *Moon of the Crusted Snow* - a novel by Anishinaabe author, Waubgeshig Rice. This dystopian story explores themes of winter survival, resilience, and colonialism. *CBC Books* provides a book review and interviews with the author. Audience: young adult/adult. Link: [BOOK!](#)
- *A handmade gift* - craft a braided bracelet! Supplies required: embroidery thread, time, and a bit of patience! From the resource: *Celebrating Indigenous Peoples in Canada*. Link: [Gifts!](#)
- *Winter Solstice in the Cree Tradition* - a visual story by Elder, Wilfred Buck. Audience: all ages with intersections with Science, Art, Music, History, Culture and Language Arts. Link: [Solstice!](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

- Teachers, have you discovered Hapara Indigenous resources? You'll find over 180, K-12 resources by investigating *Workspaces*, *Discover*, *Alberta Program of Studies*, search terms: *Indigenous*, *First Nations*, *Metis*, and *Inuit*. Hapara can be found in the Google Waffle. Link: [Hapara](#)
- TikTok in The Classroom? Learn how *TikTok Canada* liaised with Indigenous storytellers, artists and creators to launch a new online program: *TikTok Accelerator for Indigenous Creators*. People of all ages are TikToking, including teachers & students! Seize the opportunity to consider how this content can be woven into digital citizenship lessons: Link: [TikTok](#)
- Calling Indigenous photographers, including students! The *Exposure Photography Festival* is accepting submissions until January 7, 2022. Emerging and experienced Indigenous photographers are welcome to submit their work.

Link: [Mino-Pimatisiwin - Reclaiming the Good-Life](#)



"An insight is not an insight if it doesn't lead to action."

Dr. Cindy Blackstock, Gitzxan First Nation

Canadian Social Worker, Professor, Activist, and Executive Director of The First Nations Family and Caring



Links to Guide Professional Practice

ALBERTA & CANADIAN RESOURCE LINKS

- Teaching Quality Standard
- Leadership Quality Standard
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - English
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - French
- Teacher Guide - Beyond 94 Truth and Reconciliation in Canada
- Acknowledging Land & People
- Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) December Professional Development Opportunities with an Indigenous Focus

GYPSD RESOURCE LINKS

- GYPSD Board Approved Land Acknowledgement, Administrative Procedure 204
- Indigenous Family & Student Resources

