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Indigenous Pathways Lead Teachers' Newsletter



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Welcome to our new 2021-2022 school year!

My name is Jennifer Albrecht, and I am your Indigenous Pathways Teacher Consultant. As part of the Learning Services Team, I am here to support you in your role as Indigenous Pathways Lead Teacher.

My goal is to provide ongoing support by way of helping you locate supportive resources and provide opportunities for you to connect with fellow Indigenous Pathways Lead Teachers across the division as we work collaboratively to learn more about how each of our school communities is cultivating awareness, connection, healing, and knowledge. I look forward to working with each of you individually and as a team this year.

Through collaboration, last year's team determined two areas of focus. These two areas of focus will be our anchor points for the work and learning we do together this year:

- ***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.***



Board Motion On September 30

- In conversation with students, parents, colleagues and the wider community, please refer to our Board Motion regarding the September 30 decision. Our GYPSD calendar is unchanged, and schools will be honouring Orange Shirt Day by planning special events.

Indigenous Pathways School Funding 2021/22

Please have a conversation with your principal about funding for your school for 2021/22.

Points for your consideration:

- Funding is based on the number of students in your school who self-identify as First Nations, Metis and Inuit at the time of registration.
- School teams will be asked for feedback on funds spent on Indigenous Pathways initiatives. Information and a spreadsheet will be forthcoming.

Considerations for Orange Shirt Day 2021

- Communicate with your colleagues about how the day will be acknowledged in your school. Dedicate time during a staff meeting to discuss: What has been done in the past? What worked well? What will you try that is new?
- Share Resources for Orange Shirt Day. Suggestions & links:
 - Invite Elder and/or Knowledge Keepers to your school to share in or lead activities.
 - **Free** - [Beyond The Orange Shirt Story](#), by Phyllis Webstad on **Sept. 20 @ 12:00 MST, for ages 12+**.
 - [Phyllis' Story, The Original Orange Shirt](#)
 - [The Story Or Orange Shirt Day](#)
 - [Teacher Resources - Grades K-12](#) (with printable stickers)
 - [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was given Royal Assent on June 3, 2021](#)
 - Please share event pictures! Email: communications@gypsd.ca



Orange Shirt Day Wrap-Up & Virtual Coffee Break

- Thursday, September 30 at 3:45 p.m. for Indigenous Pathways Lead Teachers
- Watch for a Google Meet invitation.
- This will be time for our Indigenous Pathways Team to connect and to share how our GYPSD school communities chose to honour Orange Shirt Day. I look forward to connecting with you!

Sharing an idea you care about is a generous way to change your world for the better - Seth Godin

Links to Guide Professional Practice

ALBERTA & CANADIAN RESOURCE LINKS

- [Teaching Quality Stanard](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - English](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - French](#)
- [Orange Shirt Day Org.](#)
- [Orange Shirt Day Retailers](#)
- [Teacher Guide - Beyond 94 Truth and Reconciliation in Canda](#)
- [Elder Phillip Campiou on family history & teepee painting](#)
- [Paper teepee template](#)
- [Acknowledging Land & People](#)

GYPSD RESOURCE LINKS

- [GYPSD Board Approved Land Acknowledgement](#)
- [Ecole Jasper Elementary - Heart Garden Reconciliation Project](#)
- [Summitview Middle School - Voices Indigenous Day 21](#)
- [Resources To Support Indigenous Competencies from TQS - Doc with links](#)

