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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.

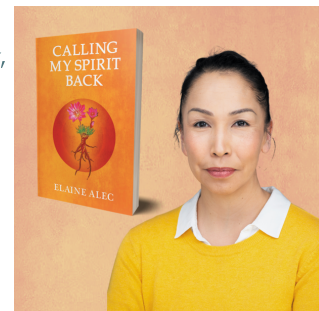


Métis Traditions Program in Eagle Point Provincial Park

- Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council offers an exciting, new education program: Métis Traditions! This field excursion to the Drayton Valley area includes Métis teachings and customs while learning about the medicine wheel, creating talking sticks, sharing in tipi teachings, and examining artifacts of the traditional trapper lifestyle.
- For more information, visit: [Eagle Point-Blue Rapids](#)

Calling My Spirit Back - The Work of Elaine Alec

- Elaine Alec, author, political advisor, women's advocate and spiritual thought leader, and teacher, wrote, *Calling My Spirit Back*, a collection of stories about "teachings, prophecy and shared throughout the years by Elders, language speakers, Medicine People and helpers."
- Elaine's current workshops include Cultivating Safe Spaces, Vicarious Trauma & Resiliency Training, and Calling My Spirit Back Spiritual Retreat.
- Visit Elaine Alec's Website to learn more: [Elaine Alec's Website](#)



Tanya Tourangeau - Reconciliation Strategist

- *Leading Truth and Reconciliation with Tanya Tourangeau*, Reconciliation Strategist, is a YouTube interview conducted by #3uniques podcast host, Brenda Rigney. This 32 minutes interview explores reconciliation in Canada.

Link: [Interview with Tanya Tourangeau](#)

- Check out #3uniques with Brenda Rigney on YouTube, Spotify, Apple, Google Play, and LinkedIn if you enjoy the interview. Link: [#3uniques](#)



Medicine Wheel Education Resources

- *The Medicine Wheel Education Online* provides parents, students, teachers, and school districts access to authentic Indigenous stories and curriculum-based interactive lesson plans in a virtual format. Thirteen Indigenous authors are currently being featured!
- Resources are available in English and French.
- To learn more about the resources and authors, visit [Medicine Wheel Education](#)

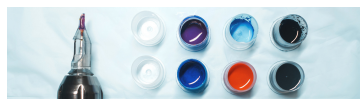
New, Acclaimed Indigenous Fiction

- *49th Shelf* is a website brimming with literature and resource recommendations. Check out their recent list of acclaimed Indigenous fiction for youth and adults. Link: [49th Shelf](#)
- Teacher guides, literature recommendations for K-12 can be found at *49th Kids for Teachers* Link: [49th Kids for Teachers](#)
- Follow *49th Shelf* on Facebook & Instagram, and become a member: [Sign-Up 49th Shelf](#)



Classroom Resources

- Do you remember *Fraggle Rock*? DeRic Starlight of the Tsuut'ina Nation (near Calgary) worked as a puppeteer on 13 new episodes of *Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock!* Students and teachers alike are sure to enjoy learning more about DeRic's adventure! Link: [Fraggle Rock Article](#)
- What happens when you combine student artistry with acts of service? A beautiful, community warming hut is built! CBC Indigenous reports on this student initiative: [Article & Video](#)
- *Gathering Through the Generations* is an online event hosted by the Métis Nation of Alberta. Ages 12-29 and 60+ can participate. Highlights include song, performances, a moose call competition, stories, and bingo! Links: [Event Information](#) & [Online Registration Form](#)
- *The Water Walker*, written by Joanne Robertson, tells the story of Nokomis (an Ojibwian grandmother) as she walks to raise awareness of our need to protect Nibi (water) for future generations and for all life on the planet (gr. 1-3). Links: [Book](#) & [Teacher Guide](#)
- Calling all artists! *Alberta College of Body Art* is proving to be an alternative to the traditional trade school route for high school students. Cree tattoo artist and entrepreneur, Bobbie Jo Matheson, is offering aspiring, Alberta artists an opportunity to learn the industry through a post-secondary program. To learn more, visit CBC Indigenous Canada: [Tattoo College!](#)



Professional Development Opportunities

- "Are you passionate about Indigenous relations? Do you want to take off the backpack and become an active ally? Have you ever asked yourself, where do I start?! This course is for YOU!" Link: [First Steps as an Indigenous Ally - Self-Guided Course](#)
- The Learning Network is offering: *Indigenous Stories of Indigenous Systems Connected Space and Place*, February 15. Registration link: [The Learning Network](#)
- *Ten Peaks Innovation Teachers' Conference Online* will be held in May. It is an Alberta conference focused on energy, environment and climate (for K-12 educators). Link: [Ten Peaks](#)

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) February 2022 Professional Development Opportunities with an Indigenous Focus

GYPSPD RESOURCE LINKS

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

"How do we practice self-determination, and where does it begin?

It begins by going to the water and reminding ourselves that everything we need to know comes from within."

Elaine Alec

Author, Political Advisor, Women's Advocate & Spiritual Thought Leader, Teacher

