

INDIGENOUS PATHWAYS

Indigenous Pathways Newsletter



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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.



Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty - *Roots & Raine Education. Collaboration. Innovation.*

- Alberta educator, Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty, was a guest presenter at our Annual Indigenous Education Camp 2022 held in Jasper on April 24 & 25. Etienna shared her work and spoke about the benefits of utilizing the outdoors as a classroom space to observe seasonal changes that align with the moon's phases in her Cree Moon teachings program.
- Visit Etienna's YouTube Channel and view videos of the Cree Moon teachings that guide teachers and students through an Indigenous perspective of seasonal change. Link: [Etienna's YouTube Channel](#)
- You can also find Etienna on Instagram at [@rootsandraine](#)

Mary Two-Axe Earley - *I Am Indian Again*

- "Mary Two-Axe Earley was a Kanien'kehá:kaiakón:kwe (Mohawk woman) who fought for more than two decades to challenge sex discrimination against First Nations women embedded in Canada's Indian Act, and became a key figure in Canada's women's rights movement. Despite attitudes and policies designed to oppress, Mary helped lead First Nations women from all over Canada in a movement to demand sex equality for First Nations women and their children that continues today's movement to demand sex equality for First Nations".
- NFB Film (high school level, 34-minutes). Link: [Mary Two-Axe Earley Film](#)
- Teacher Resource Link: [Mary Two-Axe Earley Resource](#)

National Indigenous People's Day - June 21

- Historical context explained: **Prime Minister Trudeau's Statement June 21, 2017**
- Celebrating Indigenous Peoples in Canada: **Learning & Activity Guide**
- Resources to Read, Listen, Watch and Try: **Begin Your Learning Journey**
- Poster: **Come Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day!**
- Printable, foldable, fact-focused game: **Cruncher Game!**
- YouTube community: **GCIndigenous**



Summer Opportunity - Internships Are Available!

- CAREERS the Next Generation will pair students with employers for a summer internship experience! Watch this 1-minute video and follow the link: **Summer Internship!**
- The Alberta government announced the *Alberta at Work Plan* to help Albertans, who may not know where to start, get back to work. This announcement included additional funding for apprenticeship programming. The over 30 million dollars invested will help Alberta youth explore in-demand career paths and discover their passion. Learn more: **Careers for Youth**

Summer 2022 Economic Development Youth Summit

- The 2022 Economic Development Youth Summit is designed for First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-Indigenous youth from across Canada between 18 and 30 years old. The Youth Summit will promote the field of Community Economic Development and the role of the Economic Development Officer to youth. For more information, visit: **Youth Summit**

Classroom & School Resources

- May 26, Ever Active Schools presents the *Still I Rise Celebrate & Share* virtual event for students and teachers. Presentations will focus on the areas of Elders, Arts & Culture, Physical Activity and Land-based Learning, with positive mental health and well-being, emphasized across all content. Link: **Still I Rise** Registration: **Eventbrite - Still I Rise**
- The *Q-MACK Virtual Learning Pack* is an engaging character education resource customized for a school to highlight the specific character attributes, traits, and values selected by their school board. "I'm a First Nations NBA Entertainer of 22 years hired by 4000 principals across 60 school boards nationwide. While motivating 2 million students with my Be An All-Star Assembly, principals encouraged me to create a resource to reinforce their school's specific monthly character traits." Link: **Q-MACK YouTube, Q-MACK Website**
- Historica Canada has partnered with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to provide a robust library of bilingual resources for grades K-12. The site highlights Truth and Reconciliation Week resources with a week-by-week guide followed by a lengthy list for use year-round. Link: **Historica Canada Educational Resources**

Professional Development Opportunities

- "Are you looking for training to help you get beyond awareness in your work with Indigenous Peoples? Do you want to improve your cultural competence and work toward reconciliation? Is the fear of doing or saying the wrong thing hindering your ability to develop effective Indigenous relationships? If the answer is "yes!" then Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples® training is for you." Link: **Working Effectively With Indigenous Peoples®**
- **ERLC May & June Indigenous PD Session Links:**
 - **Weaving Ways eCourse: How to Weave Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Your Everyday Practice - May 10**
 - **Indigenous Music PD 2022 - May 18**
 - **Indigenous Culture Camp 2022 Day 1 - June 1**
 - **Indigenous Culture Camp 2022 Day 2 - June 2**



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) May 2022 Professional Development Opportunities with an Indigenous Focus

GYPSD RESOURCE LINKS

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

"You have to show people your heart before you ask them to hold your hand"

Chief Cadmus Delorme
Cowessess First Nation

