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Indigenous Pathways Areas of Focus

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



Aseniwuche Winewak Nation & Wahkohtowin Law & Governance Lodge Language Bundles

Wahkohtowin Law & Governance Lodge and Aseniwuche Winewak Nation are excited to share Cree language bundles. These bundles, prepared by Johanne Johnson, feature 7 Cree Principles identified by Aseniwuche Elders and knowledge holders as fundamental to Aseniwuche Winewak Nation historically and today.

- **Nehiya Pimatisiwin** - principles & related laws connected to the Cree way of life
- **Nehiyawesin** - Maintaining the collective identity of Aseniwuche Winewak through language
- **Wahkôtowin** - recognizing that all things are related in the world and respecting all relations
- **Miyo-Wicihtowin** - the importance of good communication, kindness, and respect to achieve unity
- **Sihtoskâtowin** - understanding that individuals cannot "do it alone" and we need to support and help each other
- **Manâcihtâwin** - the principle of respectful relationships between all beings, animate and inanimate
- **Tapwewin** - the obligation to speak the truth and be honest

Link: [Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge](#)

Link: [Aseniwuche Winewak Nation Facebook Page](#)

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**ASENIWUCHE
WINEWAK NATION**



Métis Nation of Alberta Adopted a New Constitution.

- In an Alberta-wide ratification vote held throughout November, 15,729 Métis Nation of Alberta citizens cast their ballots, with 15,241 voting "Yes" to adopting the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.
- "With our Constitution, we are one step closer to fully implementing our nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship with Canada as well as Alberta." - Audrey Poitras, President, Métis Nation of Alberta. Link to [News Article](#)



Jordan's Principle - History in the Making

- "Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle to ensure First Nations children get the services they need when they need them." - First Nations Child & Family Caring Society
- A history lesson & changes to come (updated November 2022): educators and high school students are encouraged to visit [Jordan's Principle - Timeline and Documents](#) link to learn about this history of this Canadian human rights issue and what it means for First Nations, Métis and Inuit children in Canada. Link: [Timeline](#)
- Film Link: [Jordan River Anderson, The Messenger National Film Board of Canada](#)
- Information Sheet Link: [Jordan's Principle \(English & French\)](#)

Classroom & School Resources

- One Book, Endless Possibilities: [Google Doc Thelma, A Métis Girl Who Was Born in a Storm & Thelma Poster](#)
- Book by Julie Coulter Bellon: [A Métis Christmas, Thelma's Gift](#)
- Historica Canada's publication sharing the voices of Indigenous educators and scholars: [Indigenous Perspective Education Guide](#)
- The Canadian Encyclopedia Article: [Sadlermiut Inuit](#)
- The history of this land starting in the year 1632: [Acts and Treaties Through Canadian History](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

- **Spotlight Series Event:** Decolonizing & Indigenising our Assessment Practices Featuring Dr. Dwayne Donald. He is a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. Dr. Donald also holds a Canada Research Chair in Reimagining Teacher Education With Indigenous Wisdom Traditions. His work focuses on how Indigenous wisdom traditions can expand understanding of curriculum and pedagogy. Event Date: Tuesday, January 10: 5:00 - 6:30 PM (PST). Link to register (must be a CAFLN member): [Spotlight Series](#)
- ERLC Free PD session, January 16: [Languages of the Métis](#)
- ERLC Free PD session series, January 2023: [Weaving Ways: Educational Synthesis and Indigenous Knowledge Systems](#)

Links to Guide Professional Practice

ALBERTA & CANADIAN RESOURCE LINKS

- [Teaching Quality Standard](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - English](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - French](#)
- [Orange Shirt Day Organization](#)
- [Teacher Guide - Beyond 94 Truth and Reconciliation in Canada](#)
- [Acknowledging Land & People](#)

GYPSPD RESOURCE LINKS

- [GYPSPD Board Approved Land Acknowledgement](#)
- [Smudging & Pipe Ceremonies, AP 162](#)
- [Resources To Support Indigenous Competencies from TQS - Doc with links](#)

*"Miyo-Manitowi-Kîsikanisi
Oskaskêwiki Miyopayiwîn"*
"I want to wish you a Merry Christmas"
The Legacies with W. T. Goodspirit
[Link to YouTube Audio](#)

