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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.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards, 2023

- The Alberta School Boards Association, Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards 2023, is open for nominations! The award recognizes First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in pursuing their personal education paths. These awards celebrate the unique qualities of students who inspire their peers, teachers, education leaders and community members while celebrating the ways of their people. Each student embraces their own gifts, strengths and potential, respecting the agency of other students to do the same in their own ways.
- Students from K-12 can be nominated by other students, teachers, principals, superintendents, education directors, trustees, school staff, Elders, Traditional Knowledge Holders, or members of the education community.
- GYPSD students have been well-represented in years past; this is a fantastic opportunity to recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, courage, and commitment to their culture and educational pathways.
- For assistance with application packages, contact Learning Services Consultant Jenn Albrecht: jennalbr@gypsd.ca or 780-725-3134
- Link: [ASBA Awards Page](#) & [Honouring Spirit Award Package](#)





First Nations Educator's Conference

- The Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre is hosting the First Nations Educator's Conference in Calgary on February 1 & 2, 2023. Join educators from Treaty 6, 7, and 8 and be part of a positive impact on education for children in our communities! Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Keynote speakers include The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Dr. Pam Palmater, Dr. Leroy Littlebear, Michael Redhead Champagne, Dr. Dwayne Donald, Kerrie Moore, & Daryl Kootenay. There will also be a Youth Panel from Treaty 6, 7 & 8!
- Virtual spots are still available! Link: [First Nations Educator's Conference](#)



North Central Teachers' Convention - February 9 & 10

- Indigenous Education sessions at this year's event are numerous!
- In addition to a wide variety of keynote speakers to choose from, educators have the opportunity to participate in the following Indigenous Education sessions: Fox Chaser - A Winter on the Trapline Film and The Indigenous Peoples' Experience, both by Chris Hsiung; Engaging in Indigenous Education events and Dance by Nicole Kelly and Jessica Smeall (GYPSD teachers); Decolonization Skateboards by Kristian Basaraba, and four different sessions by Phillip Campiou: Make Your Own Tipi, Smudging Circle, Wahkohtowin, and Winter is a Time for Stories.
- Link: [NCTCA 2023](#)

Classroom & School Resources

- High School Fashion & Design: *The Power of Style: How Fashion and Beauty Are Being Used to Reclaim Cultures* by (author) Christian Allaire
- High School Literature: *#NotYourPrincess Voices of Native American Women* edited by Lisa Charleyboy & Mary Beth Leatherdale
- Young Adult Fiction: *Four Faces of the Moon* by (author) Amanda Strong, afterword by Dr. Sherry Farrell Racette
- Young Adult Non-Fiction: *Great Athletes from Our First Nations First Nations* by (author) Vincent Schilling
- Young Adult Non-Fiction: *First Nations Hockey Players* by (author) Will Cardinal

Professional Development Opportunities

- [Weaving Ways: Educational Synthesis and Indigenous Knowledge Systems](#) - January Sessions
- [Indigenous Storytelling](#) - January 19, 4:00 - 5:00
- [Indigenous Ways of Knowing](#) - January 20, 3:30 - 4:30
- [Residential Schools and the Ramifications for our Students](#) - January 24, 4:00- 5:00
- [Talking About Racism in Schools](#) - January 24, 4:00- 5:00

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](#)

GYPSD RESOURCE LINKS

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

"The only time you see my heart is when I talk through poetry."

Jesse Thistle

Author of *Scars and Stars*

