

Newsletter



Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023

Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023 is a national week-long program open to all schools across Canada brought to you by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR):

- Dates: September 25-30, 2023
- This year's theme is ***Honouring the Survivors***
- Programming available for all grade levels
- Registration is required: **[Register Your Class Now](#)**
- Free!

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The **Residential School Timeline** available on the NCTR website is a valuable tool to help conceptualize when and where residential schools were introduced in Canada.

The timeline begins in year 1831 and leads up to year 2015 when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its executive summary and the **94 Calls to Action**.

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Classroom Resources

- **Reconciliation Through Education** resources from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) offer:
 - Resources organized by grade
 - Educational Programs
 - Truth & Reconciliation Week
- **The Survivors' Flag:**
 - *"The Survivors' Flag is an expression of remembrance meant to honour residential school Survivors and all the lives and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada. Each element depicted on the flag was carefully selected by Survivors from across Canada, who were consulted in the flag's creation"* ~ NCTR
- **The Bentwood Box:**
 - *"The Bentwood Box is a lasting tribute to all residential school Survivors. The sacred box and the items in this collection are deeply personal symbols of their experience"* ~ NCTR
- **The Decolonizing Lens:**
 - *"The Decolonizing Lens is a film and discussion series that features the work and words of Indigenous artists from Winnipeg and beyond. The Decolonizing Lens creates a space to celebrate the work of Indigenous filmmakers in Canada and the incorporation of Indigenous actors, directors, producers and narratives in film"* ~ NCTR



Literature

- NCTR's Highlighted Reports:
 - **Where are the Children Buried?**
 - **Where are the Children Buried? Figures and Illustrations**
- Pamela Rose Toulouse's educator resource (lessons & activities): **Truth and Reconciliation in Canadian Schools**
- **With Our Orange Hearts** by Phyllis Webstad (all ages)
- **Orange Shirt Day Study Guide** by the Orange Shirt Society (grades 5-12)
- **Speaking Our Truth** by Monica Gray Smith (grade 4-8)
- **Valley of the Birdtail, An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation** by Sniderman & Sanderson (young adult+) *Copies available to borrow ~ contact Jenn Albrecht
- **Our Voice of Fire, A Memoir of a Warrior Rising** by Treaty 6, Alberta author Brandi Morin (young adult+)

Professional Development Opportunities

- Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium Offerings - click each date for registration information:
 - **Sept. 11** ~ *How to Overlay Indigenous Ways of Knowing Into Your Elementary Curriculum: An Overview*
 - **Sept. 12** ~ *Ensuring Truth & Reconciliation Activities/ Orange Shirt Day Are Truly Meaningful*
 - **Sept. 18** ~ *Resources to Meet the TQS FNMI Criteria*
 - **Sept. 19** ~ *The First Thanksgiving Myth: Reconciling Thanksgiving Day for FNMI*
 - **Sept. 25** ~ *Honouring Orange Shirt Day*
 - **Sept. 26** ~ *Creating Authentic Land-Based Acknowledgements for Your Classroom*



Further Education

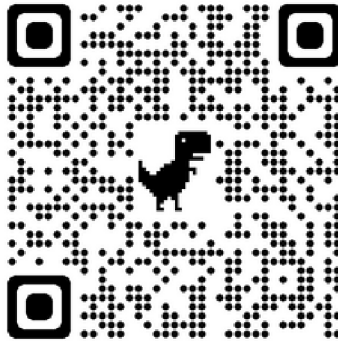


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- The First Nations University, Indigenous Continuing Education Centre (ICEC), is proud to offer an exclusive tutorial introducing the National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education (NCCIE) website and its online Teaching Resource Centre for Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators.
- For more information, read the **NCCIE Tutorial letter** from Reila Bird, Director of Indigenous Continuing Education, First Nations University of Canada.
- Visit the **ICEC Website** to explore all program offerings at the First Nations University of Canada.



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- “The Faculty of Native Studies offers continuing education programming for a broad range of professionals and lifelong learners. Our courses have been designed to build specialized and enduring skills and competencies for application in a wide array of professions and settings. We are training lifelong learners because we believe that increasing knowledge will”:
 - improve lives,
 - equip conscious allies,
 - assist professionals to better service clients and perform their jobs more effectively,
 - lead to new solutions,
 - build strong communities; and,
 - contribute to Indigenous self-determination”
- Click the **QR Code** above to access the following courses offered by the Faculty of Native Studies:
 - Tackling Structural Racism
 - Indigenous Canada
 - Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership
 - Indigenous Peoples and Canada
 - Indigenous Peoples and Technoscience
 - Countering Stereotypes of Indigenous Peoples

Links to Guide Professional Practice

ALBERTA & CANADIAN RESOURCES

- 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
- Acknowledging Land & People

GYPSPD RESOURCES

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

