

September 2022:

iitaomatapapitsisko: When the leaves change colour 

Áwákaasiiki' somm: Deer moon 

iitáipa'ksiksini'kaayi pákki'pistsi: When cherries are over-ripe 

Blackfoot is a verb based language and is extremely descriptive. Blackfoot words can not always be translated directly to English and vice versa.

Words may change depending on the geographic location of the group as there are different dialects for different groups.

Tips and Tricks for starting the school year:

- If you have any Indigenous students in your class, ask them if they have a traditional name and if they'd like you to use it.
- If there are any Indigenous kiddos or families in your class, take the time to get to know them! Many of our families have phenomenal cultural knowledge and skills!
- Remember that your Indigenous Education Teacher team is here to support you- resources, team teaching, presentations, advice, PL, and more!

Dates to look forward to:

- September 5th: Labor Day- No School
- September 19th: Powley Day
- September 22nd: Treaty 7 Day
- September 26th-30th: Pathways to Reconciliation
- September 29th: Division Orange Shirt Day
- September 30th: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- No School



Wondering where to get your Orange Shirt this year?

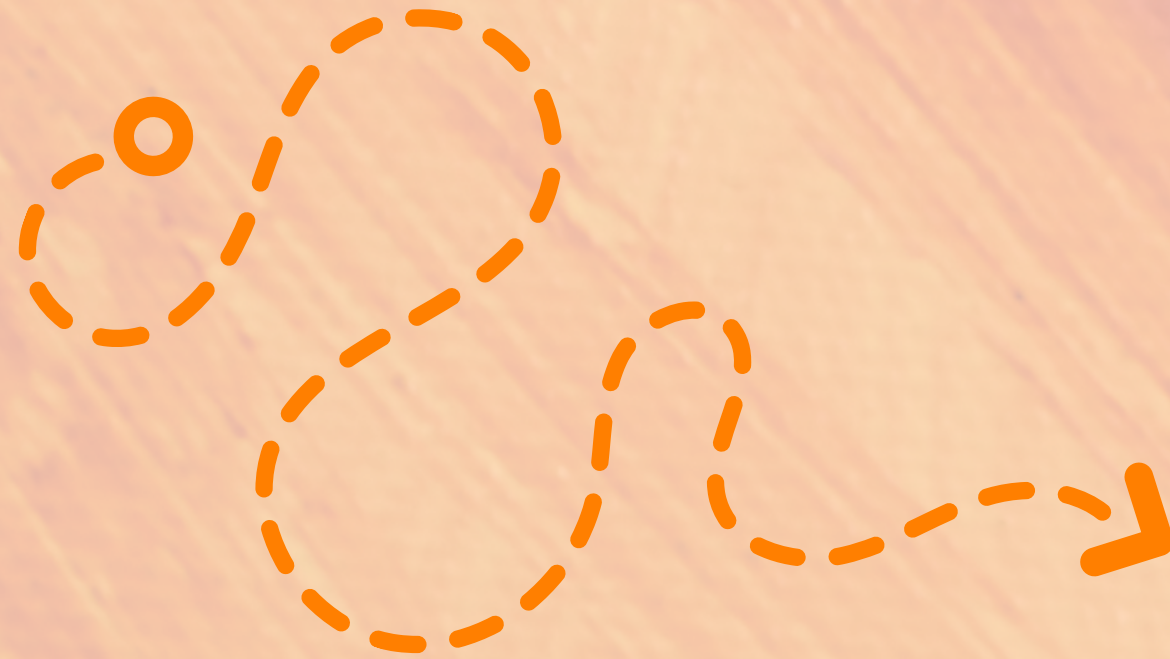
[Métis Trading Post](#)

[Red Rebel Armour](#)

[Eagle Spirit Gifts](#)




[Orange Shirt. Org](#)

Click on the links to check out some of these shirts!



Lethbridge School Division 2022 Orange Shirt Day Project

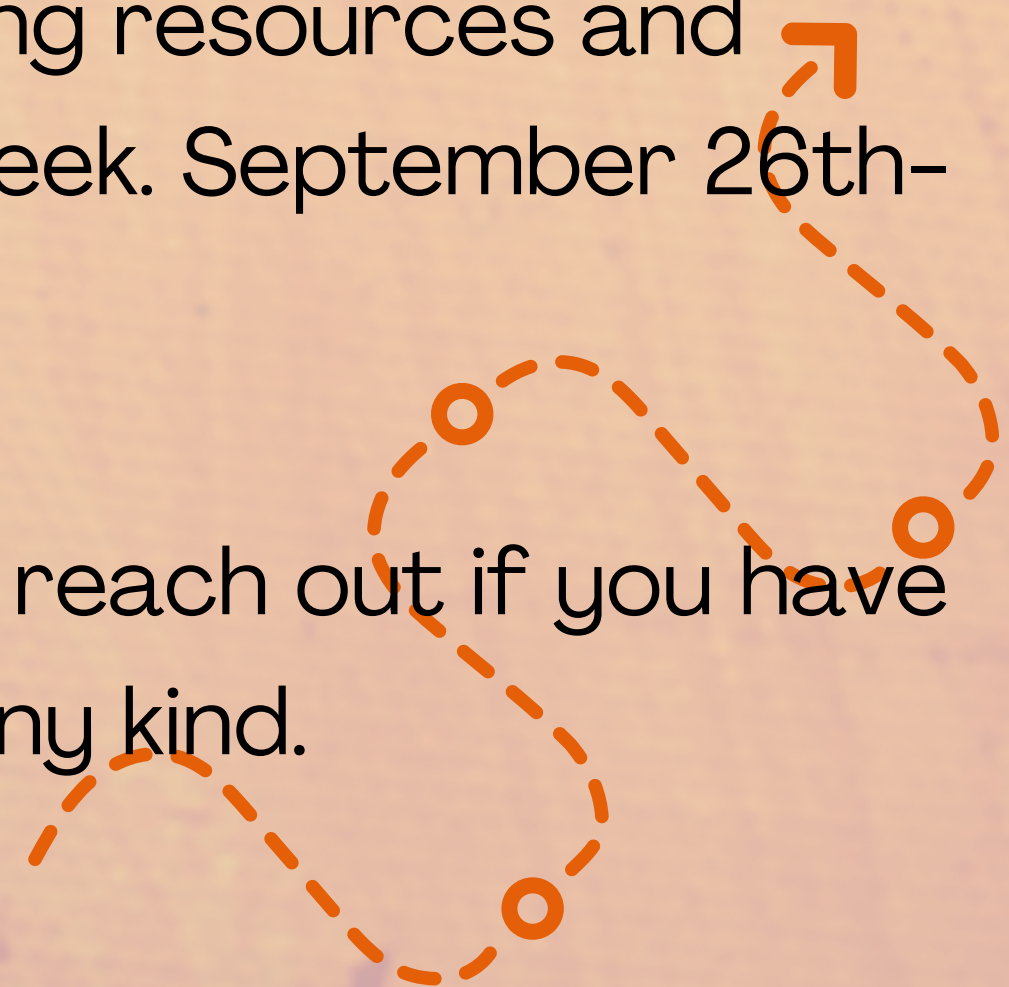
Pathways to Reconciliation

-  Every student in our school division will receive a rock that they will place in an agreed upon space in their school grounds. The idea is for all schools to create a "Pathway to Reconciliation", a word, or an image relating to reconciliation or Indigenous culture.
-  Rocks will be delivered on Monday, September 12th and Tuesday, September 13th to all schools.
-  Your Indigenous Education Teacher will be providing resources and teaching materials leading up to Reconciliation Week. September 26th-30th.

We are challenging schools to be creative! Please reach out if you have any questions or need support of any kind.



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Are you looking for ways that you and your students can engage in reconciliation? Take a look at some of our upcoming projects and let me know if you want to be involved!



Faceless Dolls Project

The NWAC, Native Women's Association of Canada "are grateful and humbled that organizations and individuals are making their own Faceless dolls in tribute and in solidarity".

Not just a craft! Each Faceless doll represents an Indigenous woman or child who has been lost. Beads, ribbons, and feathers make these dolls look beautiful! Be mindful of these details as you create your dolls and think about the beads, the feathers, the ribbons, and how they're historical, cultural, and meaningful parts of Indigenous life. Thank you for your handwork and donation to the Sisters in Spirit, MMIWG 2022 vigil.

Materials needed for dolls:

- templates
- ribbons
- felt
- beads
- marker
- feathers (optional)
- fabric
- glitter glue (optional)
- yarn
- white glue (optional)
- scissors

Watch our Video till the end for a special gift from Shawnee Big Bull

Everyone is welcome!

What? Sisters in Spirit MMIWG2S Vigil

When? October 4th, 8pm

Where? Starting at City Hall - Ends at Galt Gardens



Sisters in Spirit Walk & Vigil Oct. 4th

October 4th is a day when we honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two Spirit and LGBTQQIA people. This event is also in support of families who have been tragically touched by the loss of their loved ones.

Students in the division are invited to make faceless dolls which will then be donated to the Sisters in Spirit Walk & Vigil. Click on the image on the left to see the Faceless Dolls elementary resource for more information. Please send me an e-mail if you and your class would like to participate in making Faceless Dolls. Dolls must be in to the Indigenous Education no later than September 29th.



POPPY PROJECT

November 8th: Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 11: Remembrance Day

What?
Last year, Lethbridge School Division made and donated over 500 nature painted poppies to the Legion. In honour of the 101st anniversary of the Poppy, Aboriginal Veterans Day, and Remembrance Day we would like to collect "Nature painted poppies" again to turn into buttons to donate to the Lethbridge Legion.

How?
Poppy templates will be sent to you for your students to paint with natural paint that you create in class. You can then send the painted poppies back to Melanie or Jenna at the Board Office.

When?
Poppy paintings are due October 27th, 2022. But! Feel free to send back earlier if completed!

Nature Painting
Indigenous people have been using nature to dye and paint items for generations. Dye's have come from natural fruits, vegetables, plants, rocks, and clay. Natural dyes have been used for decoration, art, face and body painting, and in several celebrations and ceremonies.

The Blackfoot used natural paint on hides, tipi's, rawhide shields, raw hide bowls and containers, Buffalo robes, and parfleche bags.



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