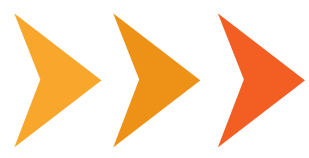


# Welcome back & Hello Áwákaasiiki'somm! Deer Moon: September

Keep an eye out over the next few weeks and see if you notice more áwákaasii (ahwa-gah-see) around! Blackfoot is a very descriptive language and September is called 'deer moon' because of the abundance of deer that are in the area during this moon.

At 2 minutes & 48 seconds into this video you can hear how to properly pronounce áwákaasii



Announcements  
will start the  
week of  
September 16th!

## Save the Date

September 22nd: Indigenous Arts at Galt Museum 1-7pm FREE

🎨 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Métis Dot Art with Melanie Morrow

🎨 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Cree Fish Scale Cards with Maria Livingstone

🎨 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Blackfoot Beading with Deserae Yellow Horn

September 25th: 10th Anniversary of the Buffalo Treaty

September 22nd: Treaty 7 Day

September 27th: Division Wide Orange Shirt Day & Faceless Dolls due

September 30th: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

## Important change in language for Land

## Acknowledgements

Since time immemorial this has been the land of the Blackfoot people. The Métis, who's families originated from the Red River Settlement (Manitoba), have had documented history in Southern Alberta since the early 1800's. Historically, the Métis Nation of Alberta was divided into "Regions," with Region 3 covering Southern Alberta. The MNA has since updated their terminology from "Regions" to "Districts," and Southern Alberta is now referred to as Foothills District #1. However, several Métis communities across Alberta, including eight settlements, remain unrepresented by the Métis Nation of Alberta. *To avoid unnecessary political complications, it is sufficient to state that Southern Alberta is recognized as part of the Métis homeland or to acknowledge the Métis people residing in Lethbridge.* It's important to be mindful of the language used in your land acknowledgment!



# Faceless Dolls

Please let me know if you would like to participate in making 'Faceless Dolls' with your class this year and how many students you have and I will send you supplies and instructions. Dolls are due back to the office by September 27th.

Over the last few years students across Lethbridge School Division have created 'Faceless Dolls' as a reconciliation and awareness project. These dolls are then donated to the Sisters in Spirit MMIWG2+ Vigil held at Galt Gardens on October 4th.

Click the picture for more details!



# Buffalo Treaty

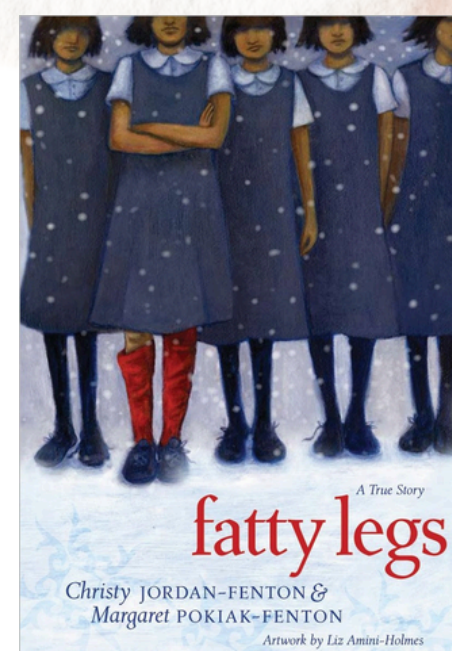
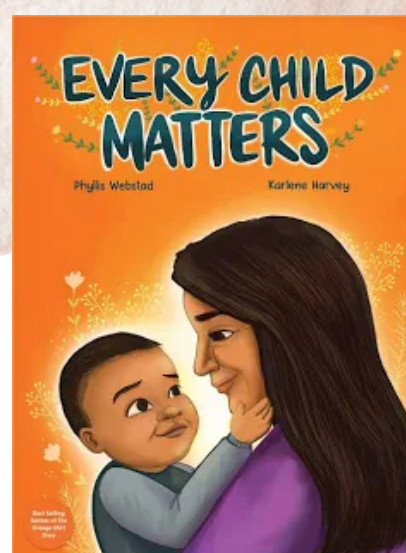
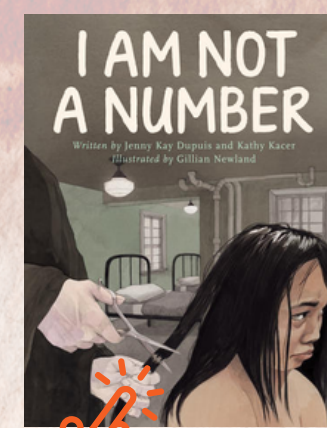
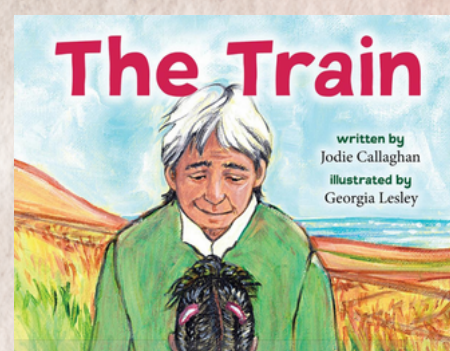
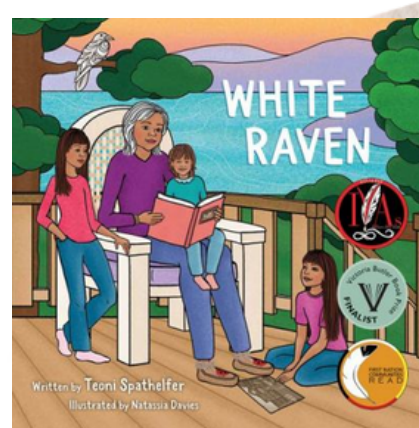
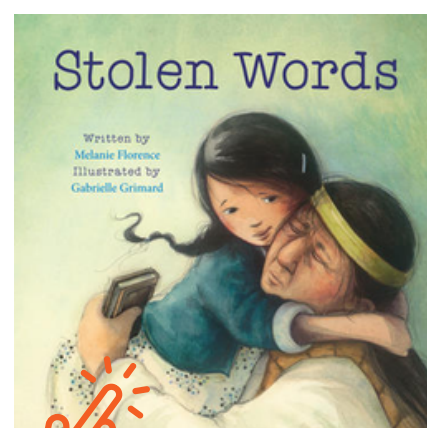
This year is the 10th Anniversary of the Buffalo Treaty. There is a celebration happening on the Blood Reserve where your Indigenous Education team will be singing the Buffalo Treaty on behalf of our school division.

We're so excited to share our learning with you. Find more about the Buffalo Treaty by clicking on the photo!



# National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Our division wide Orange Shirt Day will be on Friday, September 27th. Here are a few book ideas for your classroom! Some of them have read alouds!





## Some prompts for talking to students about Orange Shirt Day and Residential schools....

What do we know about Residential schools?

How should children feel when they are at school?

Is it fair to tell people not to celebrate their culture and their traditions?

What are some things we think or know about different Indigenous groups?

Why do you think that or how do you know?

What are ways that you can celebrate Indigenous culture?

What are you interested in learning more about?

## Things to think about at the beginning of the 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!
- The CRC (curriculum resource center) has many Indigenous kits that have been put together by our team!
  - Turtle Kit
  - Eagle Kit
  - Porcupine Kit
  - Traditional Plant Kit
  - Tipi Kit
  - Traditional Foods Kit
  - Ribbon Skirt Kit
  - Rock your Mocs
  - Cordeillera Region and Totem Poles
  - Dream Catcher Kit
  - Inuit Kit
  - Métis Kit
  - Buffalo Kit



Happy  
School  
Year