

# Oki & welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!



## Áwákaasiiki'somm

### Deer Moon: September

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

### Save the Date

September 2 First day of school

September 12 Honouring Traditions & Reconciliation "Fall into Culture" @ Rotary Square 5-7pm

September 12 Honouring Traditions Fashion Show 7:30-9:30pm @ CASA

September 13 & 14 Honouring Traditions & Reconciliation Powwow @ Exhibition Park 1-8pm

September 14 Honouring Traditions & Reconciliation Run/Walk for Reconciliation Kinsman Shelter Area 10am

September 22 Treaty 7 Day

September 22 Fall Equinox

September 22 West Coulee Station Blackfoot naming ceremony

September 29 Division Orange Shirt Day 7 Faceless Dolls due back to Mel @ the Ed Center

September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL

#### What is a Treaty?

A treaty is a special agreement made between two nations or groups. These agreements were/are made for many reasons such as for peace, trade, cooperation, and are meant to benefit both groups.

In Canada, a treaty is an agreement made between Indigenous Nations and the British Crown/Canadian Government. These treaties were and are meant to guide the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for a cooperative life in the provinces.



[Click to learn more about Treaty 7](#)



## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

# Sik ooh kotoki 'Lethbridge'

### "We live in Sik ooh kotoki"

**Our reconciliACTION this September is to learn and call Lethbridge by it's traditional Blackfoot name.**

Printable posters attached to e-mail!

# Faceless Dolls

Let us know if you would like to participate in making ‘Faceless Dolls’ with your class this year.

**High School:** Contact your Indigenous Teacher/Grad coach with the # of students participating to receive supplies and instructions.

**Middle and Elementary School:**  
Email [melanie.morrow@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:melanie.morrow@lethsd.ab.ca) with how many students you have to receive supplies and instructions.

Dolls are due back to the office by **September 29th** to be included in the Sisters In Spirit Vigil that recognizes MMIWG2+ held at Galt Gardens on October 4th.  
Click on the Faceless Dolls picture to find links for more details.

## Welcome signs at West Coulee Station!



## 2025-2026 Indigenous Education Team

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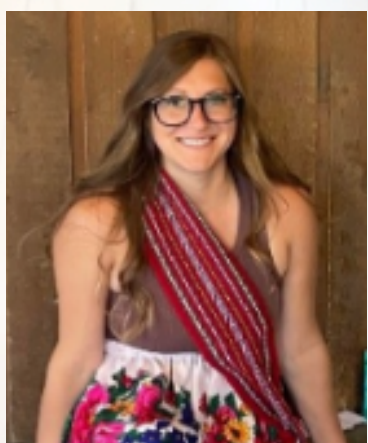
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**Blackfoot Value of the Month:**  
innakotsiysinni  
(inah-go-tsee-tsin)  
Respect for others

**Find Indigenous lessons and content on our PADLET!**  
<https://padlet.com/indigenouseducation/indigenous-education-3wm0wzbnfevhzshd>

**First steps of Nicholas Sheran's Indigenous garden!**

