

**NOVEMBER 2023**

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**WHEN COLD WEATHER ARRIVES**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Inuit Day Nov 7th**

**Indigenous Veterans Day Nov 8th**

**No School Nov 10th**

**Remembrance Day Nov 11th**

**Indigenous Rep PL Nov 13**

**Métis Week Nov 13th-Nov 17th**

**Rock Your Mocs Nov 15th**

**Louis Riel Day Nov 16th**

## *CONGRATULATIONS*

**to all of our Indigenous family BINGO night winners!!!**

**A special THANK YOU to our host schools and the teachers, students, and families who came out to play!**



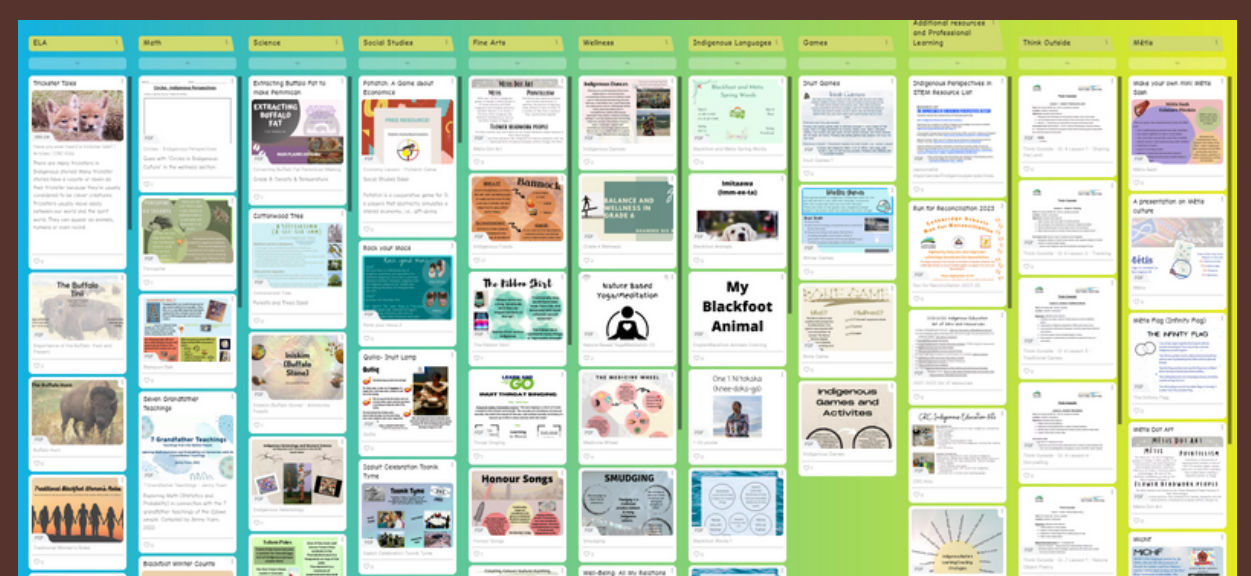
**The prizes were spectacular and we had some very happy kiddos and families!**



**Indigenous Veterans Day is November 8th!**

**Click on the Indigenous Poppy Pin to find resources for your classroom.**

**Visit the Indigenous Education Padlet for more resources for Rock your Mocs, Metis Week, Inuit Day, and much much more!**





# EMBRACING FIRST PEOPLES PRINCIPLES TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN LEARNING

by Tina Kennedy



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“Shame is the legacy of colonization which affects all Canadians.” This paraphrased statement by Dr. Niigaan Sinclair greatly impacted me, a Settler, at a professional development workshop in November 2022. Up until that moment, I hadn’t truly appreciated how colonization was why I was so uncomfortable in the education system. Don’t get me wrong, I love learning, and I love the idea of school, but the system of education needs a lot of work. In my view, it’s the cultural beliefs we tried to stamp out with residential schools that can bring hope to education in Canada and lead to our youth re-engaging in learning.

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) in British Columbia published the nine “First Peoples Principles of Learning” in 2006/2007. These principles are “teaching and learning approaches that prevail within particular First Nations societies,” and they sing to my teacher’s heart. Incorporating them into our teaching and learning will not only support Indigenous students in their learning but also hold truths about humanity that will engage all learners. We are all seeking a life of purpose, and our students are no exception. We need to put an emphasis on well-being so that our students are capable of real and meaningful learning that leads to that life of purpose while engaging them in school once more.

The three particular principles that I believe can bring education out of the era of colonization into an era deeply rooted in humanity are the following.

**Visit the SAPDC website to learn more about Professional Learning opportunities related to Indigenous Education. Sessions coming up in November. There is lots to choose from!**



## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



**Our Teacher Team was able to attend PL at the Buffalo Jump!**



**Park Meadows Blackfoot Display Case**



**Outside lesson with students from @ Fleetwood**



**One of our blankets of dolls for the MMIWG vigil**



**Probe school learned all about the Buffalo**



**Some of our team met with Glenn Miller from the Lethbridge Legion. Glenn is a wealth of knowledge relating to Indigenous Veterans and Veterans Affairs!**



**Lakeview bulletin board**



**Gr. 2/3 Buchanan**



**BINGO Nights!**

