

Upcoming Events

November 7 - National Inuit Day
November 8 - Indigenous Veterans Day
November 10-16 - Roc Your Mocs
November 11-17 - Métis Week
November 16 - Louis Riel Day
December 10 - Human Rights Day
December 21 - Winter Solstice
January 4 - National Ribbon Skirt Day

Learn More...

[Indigenous Veteran's Resource Collection](#) at the IED Library

[14 Facts You May Not Know about Indigenous Veterans](#)

[Indigenous Veterans: Equals on the battlefields, but not at home](#)

[Metis Veterans](#)

[The Memory Project](#)

[National Aboriginal Veterans Day - BC Museum Learning Portal](#)



Lay a Wreath

It wasn't until 1995 that the first wreath to commemorate Indigenous veterans was allowed to be laid in Ottawa. This practice has slowly increased over the years across the country. Schools are encouraged to lay a wreath on November 8th to honour Indigenous Veterans.

Look for local events happening at the Legislature on November 8th to recognize and remember Indigenous Veterans.



An Indigenous beaded poppy Beaded poppies meant to show respect for Indigenous veterans by artist Brit Ellis. The national monument of bronze with a granite created by Indigenous artist Noel Lloyd Pinay of the Peepeekisis First Nation.



National Aboriginal Veterans Day November 8

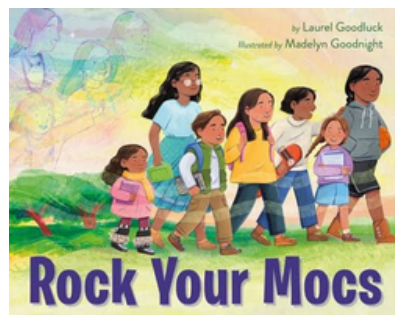
On November 8, 1993 the first Indigenous Veteran's Day took place across Canada and in 1994 the day was officially recognized by the Government of Manitoba to honor the contributions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples who served in the Canadian Military. Six years later on June 21st, 2001 a national monument of bronze with a granite created by Indigenous artist Noel Lloyd Pinay of the Peepeekisis First Nation in Saskatchewan was unveiled in Confederation Park in Ottawa. Pinay was inspired by the dedication and sacrifice made by his father, Noel Joseph Pinay, who was a paratrooper during the Second World War. Using traditional symbols, Pinay brings the essential Aboriginal value of harmony with nature to the forefront. The inscription of the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument in Ottawa is very heartwarming. The national monument in Ottawa is featured in an important documentary by Loretta Todd. *Forgotten Warriors* (51 minutes, 1997) is streaming for free on the National Film Board's website. This powerful documentary film, nominated for a Genie award, remembers the World War II soldiers who risked their lives overseas only to return to find their land confiscated. Find this film [here](#).

Five years later in 2002, Kwakwaka'wakw Totem Pole Artist Calvin Hunt was commissioned to create a totem pole at the Veterans Memorial Lodge in Broadmead near Victoria (Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ territories). Another Kwakwaka'wakw artist, Andy Everson, created a poppy featuring four thunderbirds design in 2005 to honour the sacrifices made by men and women to ensure that we can live our lives in comparative peace.



Poppy design by Cowichan artist Stuart Pagaduan.

A printable poppy design template can be found [here](#).



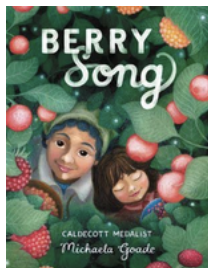
Rock Your Mocs: Nov 10-16

Established in 2011, Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide Indigenous Peoples virtual event in which people wear their moccasins, take a photo, create a video or story, add the hashtag #ROCKYOURMOCS and upload to social media (FB, Instagram, X). Following this event could be a great tool for celebrating the many diverse moccasins and nations they come from across Turtle Island. Remember, the goal isn't to make moccasins with your students, but to use this event to learn about and celebrate Indigenous cultural diversity. If students wear their moccasins, please be mindful that they may or may not want to share more information about them.

Seasonal Rounds and Resources

[Moons and Seasons](#) Resources available from the IED library

[My Seasonal Round](#) Open School BC



Images of Enchanted Owl (1960) and Owl's Bouquet (2007) by Kenojuk Ahsevak

National Inuit Day

November 7 is International Inuit Day. International Inuit Day is an opportunity to celebrate, listen to, and learn from Inuit from across the North. It is a day to honour the rich contributions and vibrant ways of knowing and being of Inuit across the globe.

With a rapidly changing world and climate, Inuit peoples are faced with the continued challenges of keeping traditional practices alive amid the pressures of a tech-filled, fast-paced world.

"...the world around Hudson Bay Inuit is rapidly transforming. Straddling the Arctic Circle, the region is in one of the fastest-warming places on the planet. Hunters today face conditions their ancestors never could have imagined, including thinning sea ice, disrupted seasons, and disturbed animal behaviours ... Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, or IQ—the systematic "way of knowing" that has guided life here for millennia, and the IQ principle of qanuqtururangniq—finding innovative and resourceful solutions..." help guide Inuit communities and youth through these complex times.

("With Old Traditions and New Tech, Young Inuit Chart Their Changing Landscape". Canadian Geographic. Sept. 9, 2022)

Check out some of the films on Inuit people from the National Film Board below:

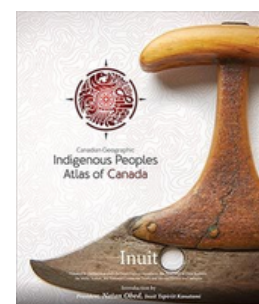
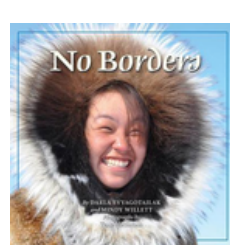
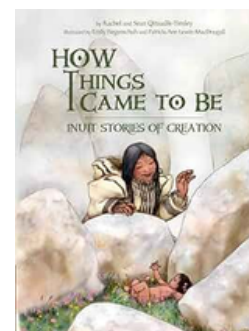
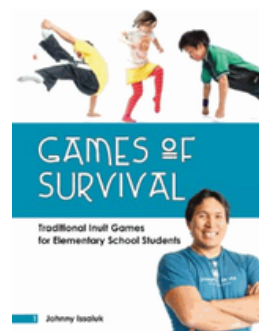
Three Thousand (middle/secondary, 14 min)
Shaman (intermediate/ middle/ sec, 5 min)
Angry Inuk (secondary, 82 min)

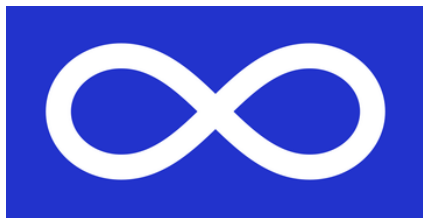
Inuit Games

See the sites below for info and ideas on the Inuit Games:

[PHE Canada](#)

[Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#)





Indigenous Education and the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria have declared November 11-17 as a **Métis Week**. This is an opportunity to highlight Métis history, knowledge and culture, with Nov 16th being Louis Riel's birthday. We encourage educators to refer to this day as "Louis Riel and Beyond". Please share Métis knowledge throughout the entire year. Maarsii (Thank you in Michif)

Métis Links and Resources

[Métis Music and Dance](#)

[The Métis People - Kid's Version](#) (video)

[Métis Nation of Greater Victoria](#)

[Métis Nation of British Columbia](#)

[The Gabriel Dumont Institute](#)

[Amelia Douglas Institute: For Métis Culture and Language](#)

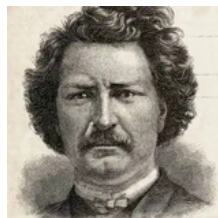
Métis Learning Kits

[Bringing Métis Children's Literature to Life](#)

[Métis Spoons](#)

[Métis Learning Kit](#)

Métis Poster Sets Now Available



Beyond Louis Riel

For many years, Métis history has been recognized by celebrating the life and legacy of Louis Riel. We are encouraging educators to look beyond Louis Riel, as much of Métis life, history, culture and celebrations go far beyond what Louis Riel represents. Please refer to the websites at the side of this page for valuable resources that highlight Métis culture.

Métis and the Bison

Like other harvesting practices such as fishing and agriculture, "Métis bison-hunting camps were highly organized and ruled in a strict military fashion, yet the Métis also practiced a form of consensual democracy during the hunt. Informal assemblies led by Elders met before each hunt, to ensure that laws were implemented." [Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#)

Check out MNBC Website for Metis Hunting and Harvesting Rights in BC - "Captain of the Hunt"

Bison and Reconciliation

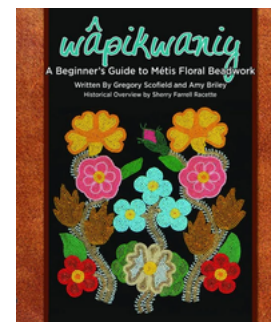
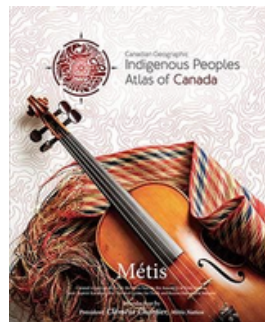
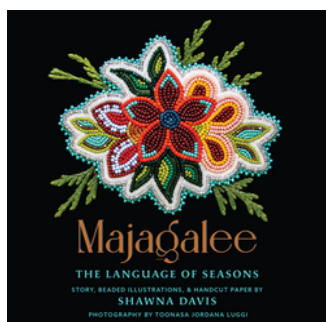
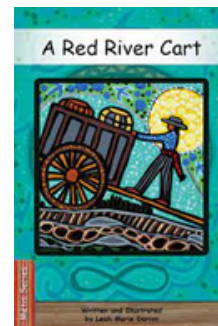
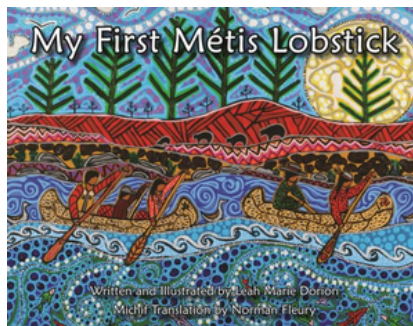
Parks Canada works in partnership with many Indigenous communities to help bison grow and thrive. Bringing the bison back can rekindle the longstanding relationship between Indigenous peoples and bison. Learn how Parks Canada's bison transfers have been key to this process. [Jump ahead](#) to learn how bison serve as a path towards reconciliation. [Parks Canada](#)

[Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump](#)
Canadian Museum of History



Recommended Reads: Métis

The following titles, and many more, can be borrowed from the IED library. Browse our [Métis Resources](#) to see what is available.



What is happening with the IED Website?

The IED Website is waiting for an overhaul.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on updating this service.

While there is still relevant information on our website, we do recognize that some of the material is dated.

Please connect with any member of our team, listed on the right, if there is information that you need help locating.

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[Click here to browse the Library Collection on Destiny](#)

To borrow items from the IED Library please email iedlibrary@sd61.b.ca and allow a day or two for reply.

Indigenous Guest Speakers In Schools

If you plan on inviting Indigenous guests into your school, please be sure to go through the IED Department First. Hay'sxw'qa