

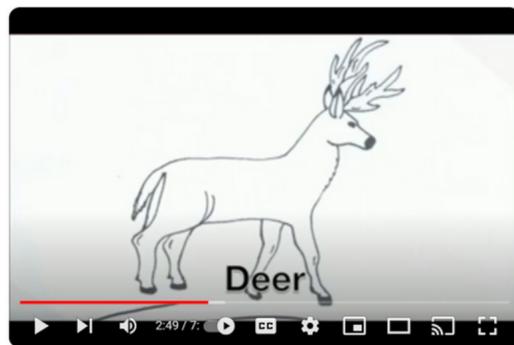
Ok, Welcome back!

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' referring to the abundance of deer that are in the area during this lunar cycle.

At the 2:48 mark into this video you can hear how to properly pronounce áwákaasii



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. Email shawnee.bigbull@lethsd.ab.ca with how many students you have and I will send you supplies and instructions. Dolls are due back to the office by September 27th to be included in the Sisters In Spirit Vigil that recognizes MMIWG2+ Vigil held at Galt Gardens on October 4th. Click on the pictures and links for more details.



Faceless Dolls Project



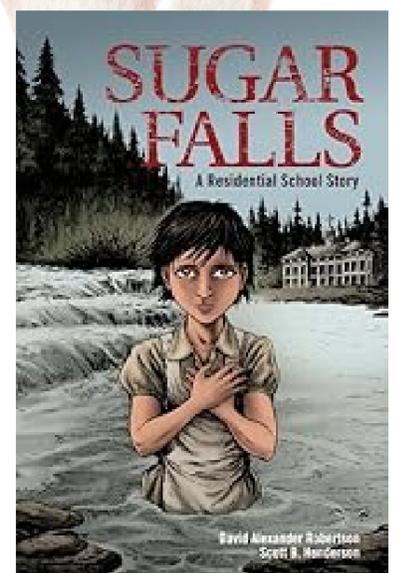
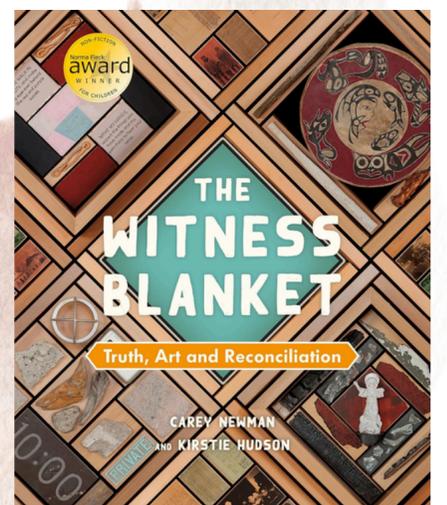
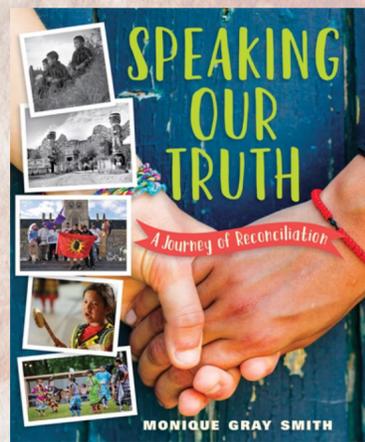
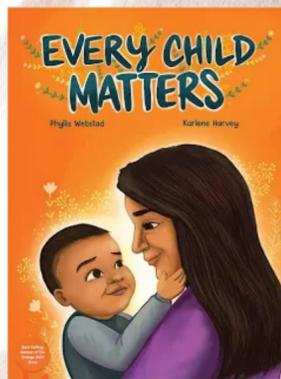
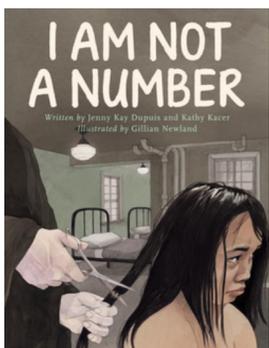
Buffalo Treaty

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Buffalo Treaty. There is a celebration happening on the Blood Reserve where the Indigenous Education Team will be signing the Buffalo Treaty on behalf of our school division. We're excited to share our learning with you! Find more about the Buffalo Treaty by clicking on the photos.



National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Our division wide Orange Shirt Day will be on Friday, September 27th. Here are a few resources to dig deeper into the history, culture and stories of the Indigenous people of Turtle Island.



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