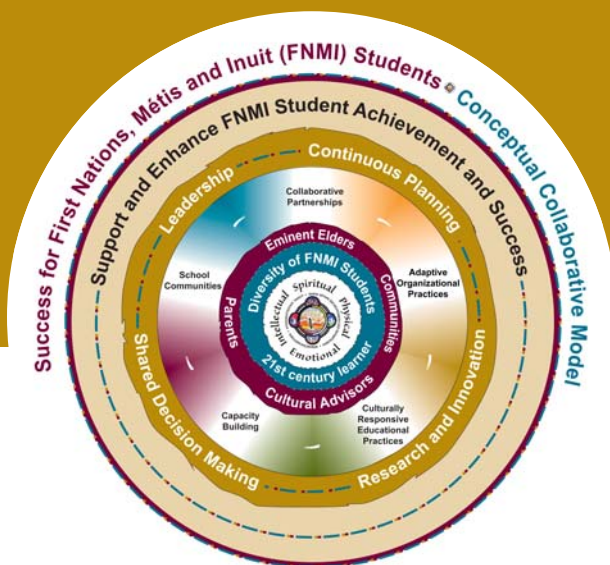


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Literacy has always been used to communicate stories, events, song and ideas in First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. Literacy has traditionally empowered the spirit by affirming the uniqueness of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures and the interconnectedness of all aspects of creation. As part of a life-long path of learning, First Nations, Métis and Inuit literacy and numeracy contribute to the development of self-knowledge and personal success.

Over these two days you will have the opportunity to:

- learn from literacy and numeracy leaders;
- expand your understanding of literacy and numeracy practices from First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives; and
- gain tools and strategies to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit student success in your community.



Who should attend:

School Leaders who work with First Nations, Métis and Inuit students; School Authority Leaders; Principals; Learning/Instructional Coaches; First Nations, Métis and Inuit Leaders; First Nation Education Authority Directors and Staff; First Nations, Métis and Inuit School Leaders; AISI Leaders; parent/community leaders.

Registration:

Fee: \$95.00
To register, please contact:
Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium
780-444-2497, ext 290
1-877-244-2497
Email: info@erlc.ca

Accommodations:

Marriott at the River Cree Resort
300 East Lapotac Blvd., Enoch, Alberta
1-800-960-4913
Group rates starting at: \$149 single/double CDN*
Booking Code:
First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education
*rate subject to availability

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

8:00 - 8:30 Registration, Breakfast and Networking
 8:30 - 8:40 Welcome – Dr. Dwayne Donald
 8:40 - 8:45 Invocation – Elder Bob Cardinal
 8:45 - 9:15 **Opening Address**
 Minister of Education
 9:15 - 9:30 **Why We've Come Together**
 Dr. Dwayne Donald
 9:30 - 10:30 **Keynote: DAOW (Digital, Art, Oral, Written) of Digital Literacy**
 Jason Ohler
 10:30 - 10:45 Wellness Break
 10:45 - 11:45 **Keynote** continued
 Jason Ohler
 11:45 - 12:45 Lunch
 12:45 - 1:45 **Keynote: 13 Parameters: Literacy and Numeracy Leadership**
 Lakeland Catholic School Division
 1:45 - 2:00 Wellness Break
 2:00 - 4:30 **Rotating Sessions: Strengthen Community – Tool-Gathering Sessions**

1. **Reviving and Promoting Numeracy and Literacy for Aboriginal Peoples – A Crucial Step in Community Building**
 Kevin Lewis
 2. **Land Literacy**
 Narcisse Blood
 3. **Digital Literacy in an FNMI Community**
 Jason Ohler
 4:35 - 5:15 **Making Connections**
 Elder Bob Cardinal
 Meeting New Friends and Previewing Resources – Refreshments and Snacks

10:15 - 12:30 **Rotating Sessions: Strengthen Community – Tool-Gathering Sessions**
 1. **Orality: The Art and Science of Storytelling**
 Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann
 2. **Art Literacy**
 Aaron Paquette
 3. **First Nations, Métis and Inuit Parents / Caregivers as Literacy Champion**
 Sheila Pocha

12:35 - 1:35 Lunch
 1:35 - 2:35 **Keynote: Literacy Engagement with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Parents and Communities**
 Sheila Pocha
 2:35 - 2:50 Wellness Break
 2:50 - 4:00 **Strengthening Schools – Working Together**
 Focused Conversations
 4:00 - 4:15 **Sharing and Next Steps**
 Linda Pelly
 4:15 - 4:30 Closing Reflection
 Elder Bob Cardinal and Dr. Dwayne Donald

Thursday, May 17, 2012

8:00 - 8:30 Registration, Breakfast and Networking
 8:30 - 9:00 Invocation and Reflection on Day One
 Elder Bob Cardinal and Dr. Dwayne Donald
 9:00 - 10:00 **Keynote: Storytelling as a Foundation to Literacy Development for Aboriginal Children**
 Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann
 10:00 - 10:15 Wellness Break



Facilitators

Dr. Dwayne Donald (Apiyomaahka) was born and raised in Edmonton and is from the Papaschase Cree. He is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta.

Bob Cardinal is an Elder of the Enoch Cree Nation who has worked as a Cultural Advisor in Alberta Health Services and Spiritual Care Services at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for the past 15 years. Robert also works with the RCMP K Division and the National Parole Board as a Cultural Advisor. Robert has 10 grandchildren and lives on the Enoch Reserve. He believes that if you RESPECT other beliefs, that same respect will be returned to you.

Dr. Jason Ohler is a professor emeritus, speaker, writer, teacher, and cyber researcher. He is also a lifelong digital humanist who is well known for the passion, insight, and humor he brings to his presentations, projects and writings. He has worked both online, in classrooms and internationally for over a quarter century helping students develop the new literacies they need to be successful in the digital age.

Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann is of Anishinabe/ Saulteaux heritage and originally from Saskatchewan. She currently is a faculty member at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Education. Her area of research includes Indigenous leadership development, organizational change and Aboriginal education.

Lakeland Catholic School Division has made an intentional effort to focus on literacy at all grade levels, and for all students. Through Pearson Canada,

Lakeland Catholic has embraced the First Steps/Stepping Out Program with gusto. Diane Bauer, Associate Superintendent, is project lead, and Julie Chorney, Learning Coach, is a trainer in both First Steps and Stepping Out.

Kevin Lewis, Wasakayasiw, is a member of the Island Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan. He has combined his love of Cree language and his interest in outdoor education to develop a land-based holistic approach to teaching Cree.

Narcisse Blood, Ki'naksaapo'p, is recognized as an Eminent Scholar by Red Crow Community College. He currently teaches for the Kainai Studies program at Red Crow Community College; at Lethbridge University; and the International Indigenous Studies Department at the University of Calgary.

Aaron Paquette is one of Canada's premiere First Nations artists known for his bright colours, strong lines and for sharing new ways of looking at age-old experiences and beliefs. Based in Edmonton, Alberta, Aaron has been creating art for the past 20 years. He is also an experienced facilitator, trainer and engaging public speaker.

Sheila Pocha is currently the principal at Sutherland School in Saskatoon. She has been a deeply committed and respected advocate for Métis and First Nations rights for nearly 30 years. As an educator, she served the Awasis Special Subject Council for a decade, building capacity, and working with others to ensure that high-quality professional development opportunities were made available.

