

## Learning together during Black History Month

Schools throughout Chinook's Edge work hard all year long to integrate cultural teachings and resources into the classroom. This was particularly evident throughout February, as schools honoured Black History Month with information boards, guest speakers, book club gatherings and other activities.

**Special Guest alumnus:** École Olds High School welcomed award winning Alberta poet and Olds College instructor, Bertrand Bickersteth, as he spoke to Grade 11 and 12 students about how having your culture left out of historical stories shapes your identity. Bertrand, the author of 'The Response of Weeds: A Misplacement of Black Poetry on the Prairies', was born in Sierra Leone and spent part of his growing up years in Olds - including Olds High! He was interviewed on CBC's [Calgary Eyeopener](#) last week, for his book suggestions during Black History Month.



**Everyone welcome!** Many schools created information displays to commemorate Black History Month, including École Olds High's historic look back. Meanwhile, Paige Delorme (pictured at right - Grade 5 French Immersion student) signed out one of the featured books from École Deer Meadow's interactive Black History Month display.

