

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Honouring First Nations, Métis and Inuit students, staff and families in our Chinook's Edge school communities



New learning space - École H.J. Cody High School celebrated the raising of a permanent tipi in their Sylvan Lake school courtyard, to share knowledge, learn from one another and create a better future together.



Immersed in culture - École Steffie Woima Elementary School recently held an Indigenous culture mini-camp with traditional dance, stories and the guidance and care of Elder Pauline Beagan.



Dynamic drumming - Jill Cummins, music teacher at École John Wilson Elementary in Innisfail, brought the division's Buffalo Drums into class for a series of spirited sessions.



Tipi teachings - The Indigenous Learning reps from schools across Chinook's Edge gathered to share a day-long PD session with Learning Services staff and Knowledge Keepers at Centennial Park in Innisfail.



Beadwork - Students throughout the division have opportunity to try their hand at many cultural traditions, from cooking and needlework to music and dance.



Learning from the past - Staff at Spruce View School guide students through an Inuit exhibition that traveled to the school library.



Celebration! École Deer Meadow School organized a full week of immersion into Indigenous culture, when they danced, learned traditional crafts, and gained a deeper understanding through Elders. They called it Wahkohtowin Week - a Cree word describing the interconnectedness of relationships, communities and nature - something Chinook's Edge strives to achieve each day.