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In this space, we'll be sharing information and resources related to First Nations, Métis and Inuit education throughout EIPS. We'll highlight what's happening in our Division schools, provide resources available for students and families, and share upcoming school and community events. Our goal is to share an update at the beginning of each month.

November 2022

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights series | November 2

U of A's Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights series will be hosting Dr. Cindy Blackstock on November 2. This evening event will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Timm's Centre for the Arts, U of A campus. [Registration is free through Eventbrite](#). Dr. Blackstock will talk about colonialism, how it created intergenerational inequalities and what can be done about it to achieve justice for Indigenous Peoples.

Métis Foundational Knowledge Course | November 7 to December 5

Interested in deepening your understanding of Métis history and culture, with specific emphasis on the Métis experience in the land we now call Alberta? Join the free five-week [Foundational Knowledge course at the St. Albert Public Library](#) to learn from Métis knowledge holders and educators. If you're interested in this free Moodle course but cannot join the St. Albert group in November, you can [sign up for alternative learning times and formats with Rupertsland Institute](#).

Upcoming Days of Significance | November

EIPS staff and students will be recognizing a variety of important events throughout the month of November. Check with your school's lead teacher and the [EIPS First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team's website](#) to find out how the Division is getting curious and learning more about each special event.

November 7: International Inuit Day

November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
November 14-18: Métis Week

Direct Student Support

Land-based Learning

Jeremy Albert will be coming to the school and working with students directly to explore different perspectives relating to the land and their own relationship with the land.

Jordan's Principle

Learn more about Jordan's Principle and the funding supports available for First Nations children—visit the [Assembly of First Nations](#) and [Government of Canada](#) resources.

Access to Technology

Is lack of technology a barrier to learning for the student in your life? Reach out to your school's lead teacher to find out about Division supports available.

Support for Students

Members of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team are available to meet with self-identified students throughout the Division in one-on-one or small-group settings. Talk with your school's lead teacher to discuss options available.

Resources of Interest

- Interested in learning more about EIPS division-wide work in First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education? Connect with the [Central Services Team](#) and read the Division's [monthly blog](#).

- *Did you know?* The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team has a collection of hundreds of books by Indigenous authors for teachers to bring into their classrooms and lessons? If you know of an excellent print resource for any level of K-12 education that you think the Division should know about, connect with your school's lead teacher.

- *Did you know?* Métis Crossing near Smoky Lake offers traditional arts workshops throughout the winter months, including capote making, beading, and ribbon skirt making. [Check out their website](#) for details and to register.

- A few years ago, the Alberta School Boards Association partnered with First Nations, Métis and Inuit knowledge holders throughout Alberta to create the [Indigenous Insights video series](#). The short videos were created to support school trustees throughout the province to increase their foundational knowledge and to act as an entry point to consider how they can respectfully build relationships with Indigenous families within their divisions' boundaries.

For inquires about First Nations, Métis and Inuit education happening in your school, please reach out to Mrs. Ortigosa.