



Metis Awareness Month in SD8 Kootenay Lake

School District #8 Kootenay Lake acknowledges Metis Awareness Month

SD8 Kootenay Lake celebrates and honours Metis culture, history, language, music, and art through the month of November. Please join us for Metis Awareness Month and learn about Metis Peoples in Canada, in BC, and what it means to be Metis. Bring resources into your classrooms that honour the heritage and culture of Metis Peoples. Below is a starting point to be shared with all staff in the district to support Metis Awareness Month.

Metis Flag Raising Ceremony:

- Each school in SD8 has a Metis Flag. Some keep theirs up year round, others will raise them during this month. If you want to discuss Flag Raising ceremony ideas, please connect with District Indigenization Coordinator. Please read and follow [SD8 AP 400.6 Flag Protocol](#):
 - 1.3.2. The National Flag of Canada is always to be flown on its own mast - flag protocol dictates that it is improper to fly two or more flags on the same mast (e.g. one beneath the other).
 - 5. Nations, including Indigenous Nations, as recognized by the Canadian Constitution, also have flags. Flags may be Band specific, and/or Nation specific. To display other sovereign nation flags, other than the federal and provincial flags, follow the federal and provincial guidelines for use:
 - 5.1. Flag displays in gymnasiums: The Canadian flag is the furthest to the left, followed by BC, followed by other Sovereign Indigenous Nations. Center flags so that all are in a position of honour, above the speaker.
 - 5.2. Sovereign Nation flags should not be placed in display cabinets or in classrooms, unless advised by Rightsholders for awareness purposes.
- West Kootenay Metis Society will be hosting a Metis Flag Raising Ceremony at Nelson City Hall on Sunday 16h November at noon. Stew and Bannock will be served outside the Nelson Museum Archives and Gallery afterward.

Community offerings:

- Beading at Nelson Museum Archives & Gallery (info to be sent out soon!)
- Book club hosted by West Kootenay Metis Society (stay tuned!)

Resources:

- Focused Education: [Metis Resources](#)
- Teacher Pay Teachers: [Metis Lesson and Unit Plans](#)
- [Metis Experience in Residential Schools](#)
- [SD8 Ab Ed](#) Shared Resources: [Metis Resources](#)
 - Colouring Books
 - [Colour Me Metis](#)
 - [I'm Metis](#)
 - [MNBC Metis Colouring book](#)

Links to videos, music, art, language, culture:

- [Video from Chris and Don](#): Introduction and Welcome to Metis Awareness Month (2021)
- [West Kootenay Metis Society](#)



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- Nelson Museum Archives & Gallery: [Metis Art & History](#) information
- Nelson Museum Archives & Gallery: [Metis Art & History](#) video
- National Film Board of Canada: [‘Metis’ search \(Metis film makers, Metis subject matter\)](#)
- Gabriel Dumont Institute
 - [Learning Resources](#): books, resources, lesson plans, videos
 - [Michif Language](#): resources, books
 - [Michif Dictionary](#): 11500 words and 500 phrases
 - [Michif Language](#): stories read in Michif
 - [Michif App](#): for Android
 - Metis Museum: [Virtual Museum of Metis History and Culture](#)
- Louis Riel Institute:
 - [Red River Cart Adventures](#): story telling, music, language, and dance!
 - [Michif Language Resources](#): virtual learning, dictionaries, and lesson plans for learning Michif!
- Metis Beading: [Lisa Shepherd](#)
- Repatriating Metis Material Art: [Gregory Scofield](#)
- [Metis Arts & Culture](#): Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada
- Metis Artist: [Christi Belcourt](#)
- Metis Artist: [Leah Dorion](#)
- Metis Musician: [JJ Guy](#)
- Manitoba Metis Federation: [13 Red River Metis musicians](#)
- [Intro to Jigging, the Métis Dance](#): Join Cree and Métis knowledge keeper Madelaine McCallum and youth in learning the Métis jigging Basic Step and several Fancy Steps to the music of the Red River Jig. Download the print resource and colouring pages to support your learning!
- [Metis Nation BC Website](#): Information about citizenship, resources, and more!
 - [Metis in BC Virtual Exhibit](#): Video Series
- [Classroom Resources](#): lesson plans
 - Rupertsland Institute Metis Centre of Excellence: [K-12 Lesson Plans](#)
 - EFP 12: [In Search of April Raintree Novel Study](#)
 - EFP 12: [Halfbreed Novel Study](#)
 - CBC Books: [Halfbreed](#)

Local Knowledge Keepers:

Indigenous Education staff at schools across the district are encouraged to invite local knowledge keepers into their classrooms to share in-person teachings with students. Please connect with West Kootenay Metis Society President [Nicole Courson](#): Facebook: [West Kootenay Metis Society](#)