

PIITAIKI'SOOM (BEE-DAE-GEE-SOOM)

February 2024



February is known as the Eagle Moon because it is the month where eagles enter courtship and find their mates. "Eagles engage in dramatic displays that involve swooping flights, aerial stick exchanges and cartwheeling. Many of these behaviours also test the strength and agility of the potential mate"
-Stewards of the Land, 2013

The Lethbridge Public Library, Long & McQuade,
and The Lethbridge and Area Metis
Presents

Jig and Jam Music and Dance Lessons

By Dr. Monique Giroux, Dan Beeson-Bergeron, and Britfany Lee

A free twelve week music program starting on February 1
Thursday evenings at the Crossings Branch of the Lethbridge Public Library
6:30 pm to 8pm

Instruments provided by Long & McQuade
Feel free to bring your own fiddle or guitar

Register for instruments with the Lethbridge and Area Metis
info@lethbridgemetis.com
403-328-7828

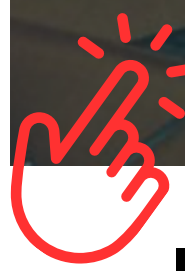
Dance lessons start at 7:30 drop ins welcome



Jig & Jam; Free drop-in jig lessons every Thursday @ Crossings Branch Library

2024 Orange Shirt Day Design Contest

DOWNLOAD THE ENTRY FORM AND RULES



Indigenous Radically! Dancing Our Archive: Bringing to Life the Photography of Tsimshian Benjamin Alfred Haldane
Saturday, February 3, 2024
2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m @ The Galt Museum

Dates to remember:

Feb 2nd: PI Day

Feb 19th: Family Day

Feb 22-23rd: Teachers Convention

Feb 24-25th: International Peace Powwow

Feb 28th: Pink Shirt Day



International Peace Powwow @ The Enmax

Feb 24 - 25, 2024

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Everyone is welcome! You do not have to be Indigenous to attend a Powwow! Go check it out!

KITSIKAKOMIMM
"I LOVE YOU"
BLACKFOOT WORDS

Love: KitsiKaKomimm (git-si-ga-go-mimm)
Hope: itotsiitaa (e-dots-sih-da)
Happy: I'taam (e-dahm)
Beautiful: niitsi (nit-seew)
Show Kindness: iKimm (ik-imm)
Work hard: iika'Kimaat (e-ga-gee-mat)
I am grateful: nitsiniiyi'taki (nit-seen-ee)
Friend: itaKKaa (e-da gaa)
Family (relative): iKso'Kowa (ix-so go)
Grand: na'd (na-ahh)
Grandmother: niit' (nit-see)
Grandfather: niit' (nit-see)
Uncle, step family member: niit' (nit-see)

Chinook High School word of the week: Kitsikakomimm

To: From:

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To: You're as iyyikitapilyi (brave) as a Buffalo From:

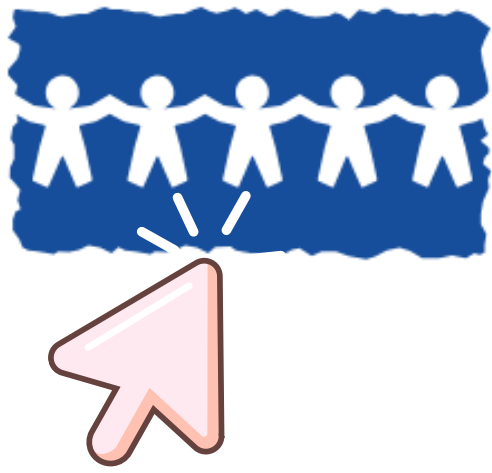
Kitsikakomimm activities!!



Professional Learning Opportunities:



- **Michif Language Introductory Course**
- **Connecting to the Land, The Métis Way**



- **Feb 12th: Métis Self-Governance (Otipemisiwak ekwa wahkohtowin)**
- **Feb 13th: Scrip and Theft of Land - kimotiwin**
- **March 5th: Indigenous Perspectives in Technology**
- **March 14th: Building your Métis Foundational Knowledge: Métis History and Identity - māmawikiskiyihta**
- **May 15th: Get Ready for National Indigenous Peoples Month**

January Highlights



General Stewart Orange Shirt Day collaboration

Wolf Willow bracelets @ Probe



Buffalo Kit @ Plaxton



Carnival @ Agnes Davidson



Ribbon skirt/dress making at Senator Buchanan



Agnes Davidson students built an igloo!



Wolf Willow bracelets @ Agnes

