



Monsignor Clair Catholic Elementary School Community Council Event AN INTRODUCTION TO FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT CULTURAL ACTIVITY NIGHT



Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Welcome and thank you for joining us for an evening of learning about First Nation, Métis and Inuit culture through engaging and hands-on activities.

6:00 pm Registration – Activity selection - Unity Pin

PLEASE PROCEED TO THE GYM

6:15 pm Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement
Lead by Linda McGregor

- Overview of Evening / Activity location
- Friendship Circle / Unity Song / Drumming (all participants)

6:35 pm All participants proceed to Activity Station #1-5 (30 minute sessions)
New Kindergarten families can proceed to the Kindergarten classroom
– Room 134

7:10 pm All participants return to gym

- Workshop Reflections

7:20 pm Handshake Circle

7:30 pm Closing Prayer – Creator of all People

The Monsignor Clair School Community Council would like to extend a special thank you to Linda McGregor, SMCD SB Manager of First Nation , Metis, Inuit Education for all of her time and guidance for this event.

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Territorial Acknowledgement September 2016

Background

Across Canada, it is becoming a leading practice to acknowledge the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples at the beginning of meetings, workshops, conferences, etc. The recognition of the Original People of this continent often referred to as Turtle Island is viewed as an act of reconciliation. It's highly encouraged that we all practice this sign of respect, to acknowledge the rich history of these lands and Indigenous Peoples throughout our institutes and in our practice.

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The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Anishinabek Nation and the historic Métis communities in our region that precede the establishment of our school board. Today, our school district is still the home of many First Nations, Métis and Inuit people 1 from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work together as part of a new relationship on this territory. May we never forget their legacies, and may we learn well the lessons their descendants have to teach us about living on this Earth.

Recognition of a Local First Nation(s) or Métis Council (Historic and Modern)

1Schools are also encouraged to acknowledge their local Indigenous communities. Example: Schools in the Georgian Triangle include acknowledgement of Beausoleil First Nation and the Georgian Bay Métis Council.

Acknowledgements

This territorial acknowledgement is based on input / feedback from our learning community and partners and wording developed by:

- York University / Learning for a Sustainable Future Summer Institute
- First Nations House / University of Toronto
- Council of Aboriginal Initiatives' Elders Circle

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STATIONS AND ACTIVITY CENTRES

STATION 1: Rock Painting
Facilitator: Helen Craig

STATION 2: Soapstone Carving (Grade 6,7 and 8)
Facilitator: Duane Craig

STATION 3: Circle of Friends (Ring / Parent and Talking Stick / student)
Facilitator: Linda McGregor

STATION 4: Clay Making
Facilitator: Paul and Penni

STATION 5: Game Station and Activity Centre
Facilitator(s): Lance and Sara



Creator of All People

Creator of All People,
Hear me when I feel silenced.
Help me when the path isn't clear.
Hold me when I feel alone.

Creator of All People,
Guide me as I work to succeed.
Give me the determination I need.
Guard me as I dare to dream.

Creator of All People,
Talk to me when it's quiet.
Take me where I need to go.
Trade my fear for hope.

Creator of All People,
Show us that people care.
Show us our place on the circle.
Show us that we are one.