



# First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Newsletter

Week of April 29, 2019

*This newsletter is a roundup of information and community events outside of the board that supports cultural competency and learning.*

## Events

### Learn to Métis Fiddle

The Toronto & York Region Métis Council is excited to offer “Learn to Métis Fiddle” lessons. There will be two sessions, the first beginning on Wednesday evening, May 8 at the MNO office, 75 Sherbourne Street in downtown Toronto. The second series will run in October (If you are interested in the Fall session, use the registration link below to indicate your interest and provide your email address for updates). Each session will be 6 weeks in length and by the end of the session, you will be able to play a fiddle tune.

Lesson Dates and Times (Spring Session):

Wednesday, May 8 - 6 pm to 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, May 15 - 6 pm to 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, May 22 - 6 pm to 7 pm  
Wednesday, May 29 - 6 pm to 7 pm  
Wednesday, June 5 - 6 pm to 7 pm  
Wednesday, June 12 - 6 pm to 7 pm

Don't worry if you do not have a fiddle. All costs and fees during the program (including fiddles for your use) are being provided by the Toronto & York Region Métis Council.

If you are interested and are able to attend all lessons in the session and devote time to practice, please [register online](#). Registration for the Spring session is open until April 23, 2019. Due to anticipated popular demand for the 10 spots available per session, interviews will be conducted starting April 27 to select participants for the May/June Session. Preference will be given to Métis community members and to those who are able to participate fully in all the lessons.

Note – Minimum age is 12 years old. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Métis Kitchen Party Series

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 – 8:45 PM: Practice Métis percussion techniques (clogging, spoons, fiddlesticks) to accompany the fiddle played by acclaimed musician Alyssa Delbaere-Sawchuk. Learn how the European fiddle traditions became incorporated into Canadian communities.

Wednesday, June 26, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Concert by Métis Fiddler Duo, Alyssa and Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk. Come to a Métis Kitchen Party and celebrate the National Indigenous History Month!

More information and to register for these free events is available on [Eventbrite](#)

## Indigenous Youth Dance Show

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Youth Dance Show

Sony Centre for the Performing Arts

May 23, 2019

Tickets available by calling 416-368-6161 ext 1



## Great Lakes Pow Wow Guide

Celebrating 25 years

[The Great Lakes Pow Wow Guide](#) is published by Anishinabek Nation

## Strawberry Moon Festival

Sam Roberts Band

Thunderhand Joe & the Medicine Show

Alan Doyle

A Tribe Called Red

Saturday June 22, 2019

3pm – 11pm at Artpark Ampitheatre

More information available on the [website](#)



## **Indigenous Languages at YRDSB**

Indigenous language courses are now being offered at YRDSB

At [Elementary](#) level we offer Cree and Ojibwe and at [Secondary](#) level we offer Ojibwe.

Further information on [Indigenous and International Languages](#) is available on YRDSBs webpages including how to register your child.