

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Newsletter

Week of January 13, 2020

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

Taking a Deeper Dive into connecting with community

The York Region District School Board finds itself on two distinct treaty territories. The [YRDSB Treaty Boundary Map](#) delineates exactly on which lands schools find themselves. Schools on lands of the *Williams Treaty* are part of a treaty relationship with the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama, and Beausoleil First Nation, whereas those on *Treaty 19* are treaty partners with the Mississaugas of the Credit. In addition to the treaty relationship with Georgina Island First Nation, we also have a partnership in education, which means we share responsibility for educating students who live on the island when they leave [Waabgon Gamig First Nation School](#) after grade five.

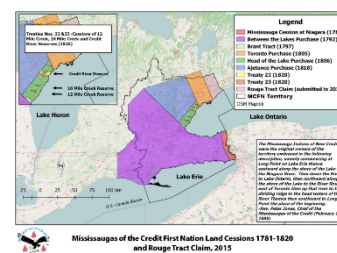
Want to find out more about our Treaty Relationships as part of exploring curriculum or as professional learning?

[The Chippewas of Georgina Island website](#) allows you to learn more about the Nation. Now also available for purchase is a resource developed by Ogemawahj Tribal Council and the Nation to be used to learn about their history, their present and hints towards their future through current issues. To purchase these resources please contact Greer Atkinson gatkinson@ogemawahj.on.ca.



On the [Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Website](#) you will find a great deal of information about the people and the happenings of the Nation. Of particular interest are the maps of the treaties held by the Mississaugas of the Credit under the tab “About MCFN”

“Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Land Cessions 1781-1820 and Rouge Tract Claim 2015” [Map](#)



For those exploring Treaty lands and traditional territories, you might find the following link to [Whose Land](#) helpful.

Events

Jolene Rickard is giving the McCready Lecture on Canadian Art at the AGO.

Wednesday January 22, at 7 pm

Baillie Court, Art Gallery of Ontario

Join leading visual historian, artist and curator Jolene Rickard for talk about Indigenous Art History and decolonial aesthetics.

Jolene Rickard is an Associate Professor in the History of Art and Visual Studies Department at Cornell University, where she is also Director of the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program. Her work is focused on Indigenous art and material culture in a global context with an expertise in Haudenosaunee historic and contemporary art. Recent projects include the formation of a new journal on global Indigenous art with the Banff Centre for the Arts, partner in the Initiative for Indigenous Futures at Concordia University and collaborating curator and artist for Hearts of Our People: Native Women Artists, Minneapolis Institute of Arts (2019) and how the light gets in, Johnson Museum (2019). Rickard is a citizen of the sixth nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Tuscarora Nation.

For more information go to the [AGO website](#).

Susan Agluklark and Lacey Hill perform at Koerner Hall.

February 07, 2020 at 8:00 PM

For event information go to [the Royal Conservatory website](#).

Additional information can be found in the [program notes](#).

Indigenous Awareness eLearning

[Agenda](#)

Your registration includes a (free) digital copy of *Indigenous Awareness*, which is an excerpt from *Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples®*, 4th edition. The link to your digital copy will be in your receipt. You have access to the site for 30 days to complete the training. We will email you a Certificate of Completion when you're done.



Are you beginning this year with a reconciliation resolution to take Indigenous Awareness training? If so, we're offering you a discount coupon for our [Indigenous Awareness eLearning](#) to support your reconciliation resolution.

Click the link and enter IA2020 to receive your discount.

At this eLearning training you will:

- Review historical events and their relation to the present day
- Review major court cases and their implications
- Begin to understand the cross-cultural perspectives of the same issue
- Become familiar with terminology and know what terms to use in different situations

Offer expires January 31, 2020.

In the news:

Indigenous authors include – [see Canada Reads 202 longlist](#)

Career Opportunities

Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle has various [positions available](#), if you are interested in working for this great organization please apply on their website.

York Region District School Board is looking for Ojibwe Language Teachers, if you are interested, please apply on the [Apply to Education website](#), job code 2789667.