



ANNOUNCING:
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
2021 ABORIGINAL DAY POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who submitted poems! We received 534 Poetry entries this year. As you can see, we had to open new Categories to accommodate so many entries!

KINDERGARTEN CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Shayla Gregg, Tatla Lake Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Clare Gordon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Jayce Dollman, Chilcotin Road Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Hutchinson receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Breanna Bayliffe, Tatla Lake Elementary School
Teacher: Clare Gordon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Addison Steward, Chilcotin Road Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Hutchinson receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

GRADE 1-2 CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Chace Purdy, Cataline Elementary School
Teacher: Ms. Bob receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Layla Green, Cataline Elementary School
Teacher: Ms. Bob receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Sage Beckman, Cataline Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Hansen/Mrs. Sache will receive Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Selena Ball, Horse Lake Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Hopson receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

Brooklyn Jameson from Cataline Elementary School
Alethia Turner from Tatla Lake Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Marcus Anderson from Marie Sharpe Elem.
Kaelynn Cote from Cataline Elementary School
Emaline McAllister from Horse Lake Elementary School
Myah Marklinger from Cataline Elementary School

GRADE 3 CATEGORY:

**1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Micki Sawyer-Ned, 100 Mile Elementary School
Teacher: Penny Reid receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom**

**2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Anna Kirchof, 100 Mile Elementary School
Teacher: Penny Reid receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.**

**3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Molly Sheppard, Tatla Lake Elementary/Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Clare Gordon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.**

**4th Place Winner: (\$25.00): Derek Harris, Chilcotin Road Elementary School
Teacher: Patsy McLean receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.**

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

**Connor Brier, Alexis Creek Elementary School
Leah Viscount, 100 Mile Elementary School
Chloe Cadsand, 100 Mile Elementary School
Claire Auguston, Marie Sharpe Elementary School
Deklyn Pruden, Cataline Elementary School
Sabine Wittgruber & Celeste Rocheleau, Mountview Elementary School**

GRADE 4 & 5 CATEGORY:

**1ST Place Winner (\$100.00): Georgia Gent, 100 Mile Elementary School
Teacher: Mme. Odegard receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.**

**2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Rhya DiMarco, 100 Mile Elementary School
Teacher: Mr. Shaw receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.**

**3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Rowan Saul, Marie Sharpe Elementary School
Teacher: Mr. Davidson/Mr. Dick: Receive Aboriginal themed books for the classroom**

**4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Bronwyn Frick, Rosie Seymour Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Janice Agulay receives Aboriginal themed books for classroom.**

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

**Asher Drift: Distance Education
Jeremy Stowell: Chilcotin Road Elementary School
Deklan Fraser: Mountview Elementary School
Rayim Johnny: Marie Sharpe Elementary School
Maddox Cullum, Treyson Brereton, Tucker Mitchell: Mountview Elementary School**

Grade 6 CATEGORY:

1ST Place Winner (\$100.00): Vega Lee from Marie Sharpe Elementary School.
Teacher: Mr. Parkin will receive Aboriginal themed books for classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Harmony Smith from Chilcotin Road Elementary School.
Teacher: Ms. Haines receives Aboriginal themed books for classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Brooklyn Gosgnach from Marie Sharpe Elementary School.
Teacher: Mr. Parkin receives Aboriginal themed books for classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Jesse Wilson Taylor from Nesika Elementary School.
Teacher: Mrs. Bos receives Aboriginal themed books for classroom.

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

Arianna Olsen & Avery McDonald: Chilcotin Road Elementary School
Mia Todorovic: Forest Grove Elementary School
Alexis Sherlock: Sacred Heart Elementary Catholic School
Jacob Shetler: Sacred Heart Elementary Catholic School
Seianna Harry: Mountview Elementary School
Chandler Campbell: Forest Grove Elementary School

MIDDLE GRADES (7-9) CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Lauren Cahoose, LCS (Columneetza Campus)
Teacher: Ms. Watkinson will receive Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Kiauna Pigeon from Alexis Creek Virtual Secondary
Teacher: Ms. Rerie will receive Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Alora Lea Fraser from LCS (Columneetza Campus)
Teacher: Ms. Watkinson receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Neen Suapa from LCS (Columneetza Campus)
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

Honorable Mentions for Grade 7-9: All receive a letter and a book

Piper Kosolofski from Sacred Heart Catholic School.
Hannah Gayowski from Mr. O'Keefe's class at LCS (Columneetza Campus)
Paul Sabatino from Ms. Watkinson's class at LCS (Columneetza Campus)
Tianna Phoebus from Ms. Watkinson's class LCS (Columneetza Campus)
Lily Fraser from Ms. Watkinson's class at LCS (Columneetza Campus)

SECONDARY GRADES (10-12) CATEGORY:

1ST Place Winner (\$100.00): Alysha Buchi, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Teacher: Mr. Fahoum, receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Jacob Shoults, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Teacher: Mr. Fahoum, receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Emily Swan, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Teacher: Melinda MacKinnon, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Kristian Volkmann, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Teacher: Melinda MacKinnon, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.

Honorable Mentions Grade 10-12 Category: All students receive a letter and a book

Brennen William, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Curtis William, Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Secondary

Jaeden Wilson, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Faith Lowrie, Lake City Secondary (WL Campus)

Mia Williams, Skyline

FRENCH CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner: Emma Boehm, Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom (french).

2nd Place Winner: Dawson Rowse, Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom (french).

3rd Place Winner: Ella Thiessen, Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom (french).

4th Place Winner: Gerard Hutton, 100 Mile Elementary School

Teacher: Mme. Odegard receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom (french).

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

Neen Suapa: Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

Amelia Dell: Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

Rhys Vath: Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

Makenna Boucher: Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza Campus)

CHILCOTIN CATEGORY:

**1ST Place Winner (\$100.00): Shazzarae Haines-Lebrun from Naghtaneqed Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams and Sunny Cooper, receive Aboriginal themed books for classroom.**

**2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Jordelle Alec from Naghtaneqed Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams and Sunny Cooper, receive Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.**

**3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Lucian William from Naghtaneqed Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams and Sunny Cooper, receive Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.**

**4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Landen Williams from Naghtaneqed Elem./Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams and Sunny Cooper receive Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.**

Honorable Mentions Chilcotin Category: Receives a letter and a book

Trevor Lulua-Alphonse received (2) Honorable Mentions for both poems he submitted. He attends Naghtaneqed Elem./Jr. Secondary School.

Thank you to all the Teachers and Support staff who encouraged their students to participate in our 2021 Aboriginal Day Poetry Contest for School District No. 27.