



ANNOUNCING:
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
2023 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who submitted poems! We received 328 Poetry entries this year. As you can see, we had to open new Categories to accommodate so many entries! Thank you to our team of 9 Judges!

KINDERGARTEN CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Maia Strombe, 150 Mile Elementary School
Teacher: Mrs. Coulombe, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Ayla Morey, 100 Mile Elementary School
Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Joseph Brock, 100 Mile Elementary School
Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Marley Schoenit, 100 Mile Elementary School
Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

Honorable Mention: This student receives a letter and a book

Remee Twan, 150 Mile Elementary School

GRADE 1-3 CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Zarius Stump, Sacred Heart Catholic School
Teacher: Mr. Hilbert receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Shayla Gregg, Tatla Lake Elementary/Jr. Sec. School
Teacher: Mrs. Ikebuchi receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Annaliese Bromba, Forest Grove Elementary School
Teacher: Ms. Babicky, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Mason Morey, 100 Mile Elementary School
Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

Kelayna McGladdery, Marie Sharpe Elementary School
Avery Finlayson, 100 Mile Elementary School
Tony Daud, Tatla Lake Elementary School
Drake Colton, Marie Sharpe Elementary School

GRADE 4-6 CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Lauren Pinette, Sacred Heart Catholic School
Teacher: Mrs. Smith, receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Naya Thomas, 100 Mile Elementary School
Submitted by: Penny Reid receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Charlotte Ethier, Sacred Heart Catholic School
Teacher: Mrs. Smith receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Lilia Sawyer-Ned, 100 Mile Elementary School
Submitted by: Penny Reid receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

Kolten Fuller, Marie Sharpe Elementary School
Alyza-Rae Smith, 100 Mile Elementary School
Olivia Gobin, 100 Mile Elementary School
Keyanna Sheena, Marie Sharpe Elementary School
Able Williams, Forest Grove Elementary School
Avery Diggins, Marie Sharpe Elementary School

MIDDLE GRADES (7-9) CATEGORY: (* we had no entries from grade 9's this year)

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Tobin Kruus, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe, he will receive Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Gavin Reedman, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe, he will receive Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Maya Robinson, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Ryder McLennan, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Marina Campsall receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

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

Aspen Monteith, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Gavin Reedman, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School

SECONDARY GRADES (10-12) CATEGORY: (there were no grade 10 poems submitted this year)

1ST Place Winner (\$100.00): Layla Cartwright, Lake City Secondary School
Teacher: Robert Fahoum receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Claire Munroe, Lake City Secondary School
Teacher: Melinda MacKinnon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Rachel Kennedy, Lake City Secondary School
Teacher: Melinda MacKinnon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Ha Young Park, Lake City Secondary School
Teacher: Melinda MacKinnon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom.

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

Morgan Langford, Lake City Secondary School

Dallas Moe, Lake City Secondary School

Mimi Meyrick, Lake City Secondary School

Peyton Klimek, Lake City Secondary School

FRENCH CATEGORY:

1st Place Winner (\$100.00): Maya Robinson, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom (French).

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Edyn McMartin, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom (French).

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Gavin Reedman, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom (French)

4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Emma LeBourdais, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom (French).

Honorable Mentions: These students receive a letter and a book

Ty Thiessen, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School

Samantha Zilcosky, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School

Tobin Kruus, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School

Bryar Graham, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School

CHILCOTIN CATEGORY:

1ST Place Winner (\$100.00): Treven Lulua, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.

2nd Place Winner (\$75.00): Enaqox William, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.

3rd Place Winner (\$50.00): Izabella Telford, Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: Annette Frank, Chilcotin Language Teacher and Miss Wight Classroom Teacher

**4th Place Winner (\$25.00): Shazzarae Haines-Lebrun, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School
Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom.**

Honorable Mentions Chilcotin Category: Receives a letter and a book

Landen Williams, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School

SHUSWAP CATEGORY: (there were no Shuswap poems submitted this year)

Thank you to all the Teachers and Support staff who encouraged their students to participate in our 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day Poetry Contest for School District No. 27.