



**ANNOUNCING:**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**2024 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY POETRY CONTEST WINNERS**

*Thank you to everyone who submitted poems! We received 715 Poetry entries this year. Thank you to our team of Judges!*

**KINDERGARTEN CATEGORY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice at Nuthatch Books 100 Mile House):**  
**Scarlett Frizzi, 100 Mile Elementary School**  
**Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice at Nuthatch Books 100 Mile House):**  
**Liam Sweezey, 100 Mile Elementary School**  
**Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice at The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Alexa Chelsea, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: June Williams, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice at The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Jesse Jon Deyo Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: Heather Lamorie, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**GRADE 1-3 CATEGORY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice at The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Jaxon Llewellyn, Cataline Elementary School**  
**Teachers: Mrs. Sache/Mrs. Hansen receive Aboriginal themed books for their classroom from SD27.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice at The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Zariah Thiessen, Marie Sharpe Elementary School**  
**Teacher: Ms. Okrainetz will receive Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice at The Open Book):**  
**Ellie Capling-Smith, Chilcotin Road Elementary School**  
**Teacher: Mrs. Sayenchuck, receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice at The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Charli Fofonoff, Chilcotin Road Elementary School**  
**Teacher: Mrs. Sayenchuck, receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**Honorable Mentions (Grade 1-3):** These students receive a letter and a book from SD27

Tobias Dan, Sxoxomic School  
Eloise Lachapelle, Marie Sharpe Elementary School  
Sylvi Johnstone, Marie Sharpe Elementary School  
Juniper Deyo, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School

**GRADE 4-6 CATEGORY:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice from Nuthatch Books, 100 Mile House):  
Shirley-Rae Taylor, 100 Mile Elementary School  
Submitted by: Penny Reid, she receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice from Nuthatch Books, 100 Mile House):  
Mackenzie Thibeault, Horse Lake Elementary School  
Teacher: Ms. Rehbein receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Lily Anderson, Nesika Elementary School  
Teacher: Ms. Nasuszny receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.

4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
David Coupe, Cataline Elementary School  
Teacher: Ms. Riley receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.

**Honorable Mentions:** These students receive a letter and a book from SD27

Sage Mason, Mountview Elementary School  
Emiko Li, Cataline Elementary School  
Olivia Li, Cataline Elementary School  
Bluebird, Dick, Forest Grove Elementary School

**MIDDLE GRADES (7-9) CATEGORY:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice from Nuthatch Books, 100 Mile House):  
Levi Brown, Forest Grove Elementary School  
Teacher: Mr. Arthur, receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom from SD27.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Annica Stalker, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School  
Teacher: Marina Campsall, receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice from Nuthatch Books, 100 Mile House):  
Jackson Lipsett, Mile 108 Elementary School  
Teacher: Mrs. Glen receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Roscoe Blackall, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School  
Teacher: Marina Campsall receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**Honorable Mentions for Grade 7-9: These students receive a letter and a book from SD27**

**Eleanor Dean, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School  
Jackson Lipsett, Mile 108 Elementary School**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Lcee Cobb, Lake City Secondary School  
Teacher: Robert Fahoum receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom from SD27.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Cooper Seehof, Lake City Secondary School  
Teacher: Mr. Fahoum receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom from SD27.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Kacey Caron, Lake City Secondary School  
Teacher: Melinda MacKinnon receives Aboriginal themed books for her classroom from SD27.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Lynnea Brown, Lake City Secondary School  
Teacher: Mr. Fahoum receives Aboriginal themed books for his classroom from SD27.**

**Honorable Mentions Grade 10-12 Category: All students receive a letter and a book from SD27**

**Jayden McCarthy, Lake City Secondary School  
Haylee Cooper, Lake City Secondary School  
Klay Pare, Lake City Secondary School**

**FRENCH CATEGORY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice from Nuthatch Books, 100 Mile House):  
Olivia Harper, Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School  
Teacher: Mm. Bjelde receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Anna Burke, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School  
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):  
Harlow Anderson, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School  
Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Lincoln Hoelzler, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**Honorable Mentions:** These students receive a letter and a book from SD27.

**Caprice Hoelzler, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School**  
**Mathias Goodrich, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School**  
**Kalan Vath, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School**

**CHILCOTIN CATEGORY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Treven Lulua, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$75.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Juniper Deyo, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receives (\$50.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Landen Williams, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner receives (\$25.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Daniella Hance, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Teacher: June Williams, receives Aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

**Honorable Mentions Chilcotin Category:** These students receive a letter and a book from SD27.

**Brooklyn Quilt, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Ethan Whitley, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Eddie Quilt, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**  
**Jordelle Alec, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School**

**SHUSWAP CATEGORY:** (one entry received)

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receives (\$100.00 in books of their choice from The Open Book, Williams Lake):**  
**Katy Jasper, Columneetza Jr. Secondary School.**  
**Teacher: Mr. O'Keefe, receives aboriginal themed books for the classroom from SD27.**

*Thank you to all the Teachers and Support staff who encouraged their students to participate in our 2024 Indigenous Peoples Day Poetry Contest for School District No. 27.*