

#NIHM2024

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving Canada.



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Each week, the Government of Canada will be highlighting specific aspects of Indigenous history, cultures and perspectives. Explore [learning resources](#) on each theme:

- **June 1 to 9:** Environment, traditional knowledge and territory
- **June 10 to 16:** Children and youth
- **June 17 to 23:** Languages, cultures and arts
- **June 24 to 30:** Women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people

Throughout the month of June, individuals, communities and organizations will showcase First Nations, Inuit and Métis historic figures, leaders and cultures on social media with the hashtag #NIHM2024. [Stay connected](#) and share what resonates with you!

YOUR POWER TO CHOOSE

Although this is not an election year, by-elections often occur, such as the upcoming provincial



([Tuxedo](#)) by-election and various trustee by-elections throughout the province ([Louis Riel SD](#), [Mountain View SD](#), [School District of Mystery Lake](#)), which reminds us that Elections Manitoba offers a curriculum-based election education program, *Your Power to Choose*. The [program](#), offered in both English and French, was developed by Elections Manitoba in partnership with educators. The goal of the program is to create life-long learning skills and to instill the habit of civic participation among Manitoba youth.

As part of the program, they offer free facilitated in-class workshops to Manitoba educators from early to senior years. To book a workshop, complete the [workshop request form](#). You can also download their additional *Your Power to Choose* [resources](#).

REGISTRATION REMINDER!

The 2024 Canadian School Boards Association Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education, being held July 3 to 5 in Toronto is fast approaching!



In an ever-changing world, strength emerges when diverse voices come together. Join your fellow school board leaders to learn, collaborate and connect. Together, with strong governance, we will shape incredible futures for Canadian students.

[Registration is open](#) and filling up quickly. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible to secure your spot.

MAY 31 IS WORLD NO-TOBACCO DAY!

According to the World Health Organization, self-esteem, self-image and tobacco use are directly linked, and children are using e-cigarettes at rates higher than adults in all regions and globally; an estimated 37 million youth aged 13–15 years use tobacco.



In time for [World No-Tobacco Day](#), MediaSmarts has developed a free [lesson plan](#) to help students understand how self-image can influence their lifestyle choices. Check it out!

DON'T GET CAUGHT UP!

Have you received unexpected or suspicious emails from what appears to be MSBA staff? This is a reminder that unusual emails may be phishing attempts. You should always double-check the authenticity of the sender's email address and do not click on or open suspicious links and attachments. If ever in doubt, give us a call directly at the MSBA office to confirm that we are the sender before opening the email. Always remember to block and report any suspicious activity.



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