

1. **Orange Shirt Day** falls on a Sunday this year, so we thought it would be good practice to follow Safe and Caring Schools' date of **September 28th**.
2. Here are some **upcoming professional learning opportunities** that you may be interested in attending.
 - a. National Indigenous Cultural Expo (Powwow, Métis Festival & Inuit Cultural Showcase) Edmonton Expo Centre, September 28 ,29 ,30<http://www.ngekanata.com/powwow/>
 - b. *"Grounded in Truth, Soaring with Knowledge"* First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council has partnered with the Social Studies Council and the Global, Environmental and Outdoor Education Council for an amazing conference. Sessions include tipi teachings, land-based learning, Sixties Scoop, Teaching Mathematics in A Culturally Responsive Way, The Brain Architecture Game and more. October 11 - 13, River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch Cree Nation <https://fnmiec.atapd.ca/initiative/soaring-with-knowledge-annual-conference-2018/overview>
 - c. *Indspire!* National Gathering. Annual gathering of educators and partners across Turtle Island sharing experiences and promising practices in Indigenous Education K-12. Includes workshops on reconciliation, Indigenous knowledge & ways of knowing, whole-school initiatives, and more. <https://indspire.ca/national-gathering/>
3. **For students 13 years and up:** MacEwan University is once again hosting the ***Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Youth Conference***- October 12 and 13th. Fabulous keynote speakers and sessions are offered. Details can be found [here](https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/MacEwanEvents/Dreamcatcher) <https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/MacEwanEvents/Dreamcatcher> (deadline for registration is Thursday, October 4th)
4. **October 4th 2018 Sisters In Spirit Vigil** to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse people, as well as support families and create opportunities for healing. If you wish to organize a vigil, please register by September 5th, to receive a kit before your vigil and have it shared the on the NWAC website. To register, please email completed forms to vigils@nwac.ca or fax 613-722-7687. First time vigil organizers are encouraged to reach out for assistance or with any questions. For support, please email vigils@nwac.ca or call 613-722-3033. For more information, please go [here](#).
5. **October 18** is the third annual national gathering and day of fasting for the **Moose Hide Campaign**. For those who are new to this initiative, it is a nation-wide grassroots campaign raising awareness of and standing against violence toward women and children. [Here](#) is a link to their site with further information. If you are interested in participating in the fast, would like a moose hide pin(s), or are interested in using this as a teaching resource, please let us know. We have a few hundred pins in the office and have more on the way. There are project ideas on the website. EPSB has created junior and senior high lesson plans to accompany the Moose Hide Campaign and can be found [here](#). (We will post the link to them on the google classroom as well).