

# Omahksiki'somm

## Old Moon

January

Blackfoot Monthly Value

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HAPPY  
New Year



### Save the Date

January 6: First day back

January 9th: Lethbridge School Division Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day

February 3: Kitsikakomimm begins

February 17: Family Day

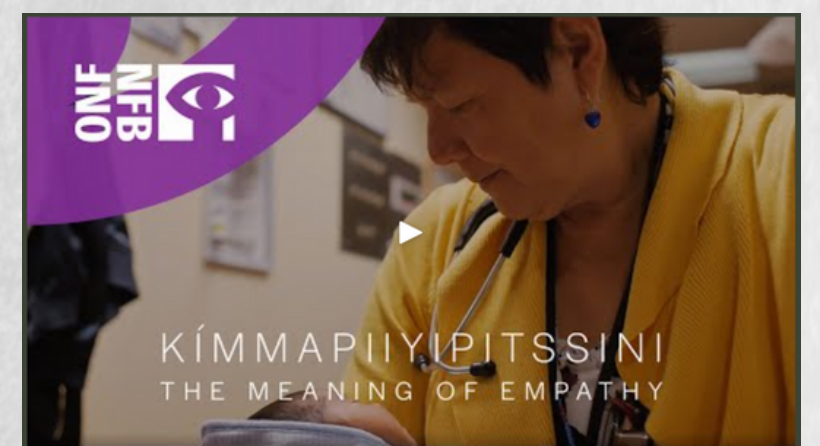
February 20-21: Teacher's convention

February 26th: Last day of Kitsikakomimm

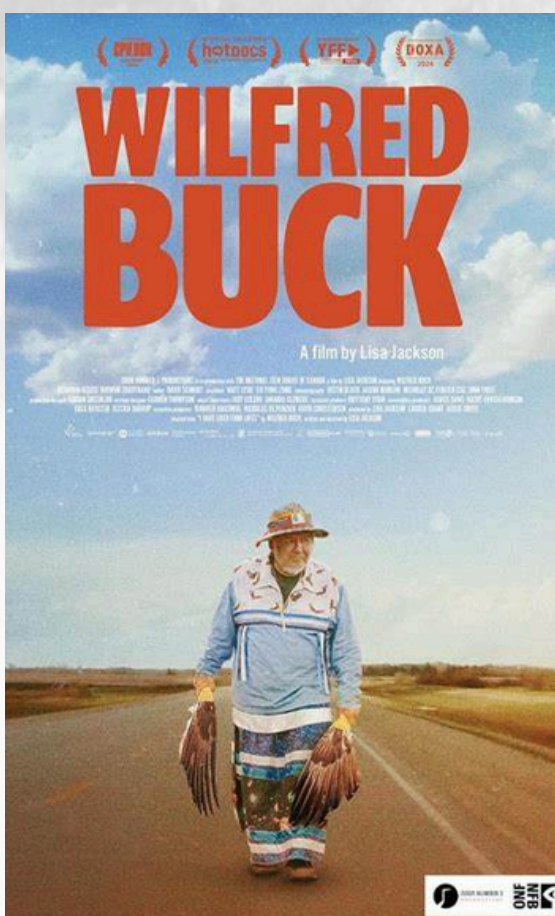


Some winter watching and learning...  
Click to **WATCH!**

This local documentary is moving and insightful. Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers, originally from Moses Lake/Blood Reserve “created an intimate portrait of her community and the impacts of the substance use and overdose epidemic” If you have questions about addiction, harm reduction, or the local context this is a fantastic watch.

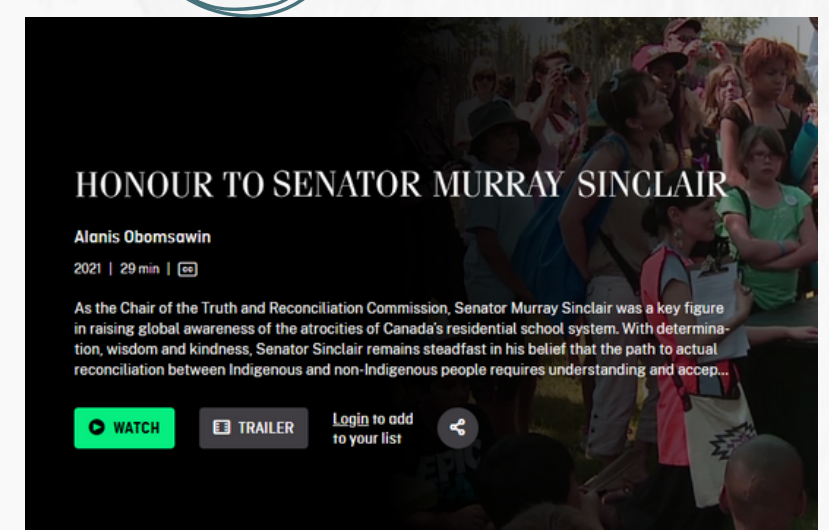


A 13 minute film highlighting a woman removed from her family as a child to attend residential school



Available on Crave! Great Film!

Honour to Senator Murray Sinclair







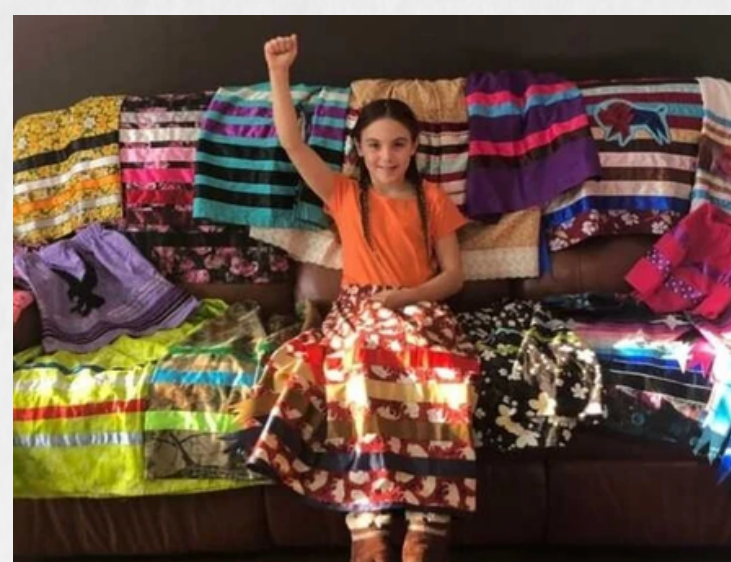
In honour of Pink Shirt Day the Lethbridge School Division Indigenous Education team and Mental Health Capacity Building team would like to invite you to take part in an act of kindness this February. Our entire community thrives when we are kind to one another. No matter how small an act, our kindness makes a difference and does not go unnoticed. We are asking all schools to participate in collecting various items. Last day for donations will be February 26th and will be collected by the Indigenous and Mental Health teams!

- ♥ Elementary Schools: Bottled Water and Non perishable food items
- ♥ Middle Schools: Mitts/Gloves/Toques, Socks, Hand and Foot Warmers
- ♥ High Schools: Personal hygiene products feminine hygiene, deodorant, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)

## National Ribbon Skirt Day

Lethbridge school division will celebrate ribbon skirt/shirt day on Thursday January 9th, 2025.

Wear your Ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt to school with pride!



In 2020 Isabella Kulak wore a Ribbon Skirt to her school formal day and was told she should have worn something more appropriate- something store bought, like the rest of the girls in her class. This incident left Isabella feeling very upset, but never ashamed. Her story went viral and inspired thousands of Indigenous people across Canada to wear their Ribbon Skirts and Shirts with pride!

Mary Jane McAllum, a member of Cree First Nation and Manitoba Senator, passed a Bill in 2020 that declared Jan. 4, 2023, as the first National Ribbon Skirt Day. The federal government shared a statement, reflecting that "this day is to learn more about and to celebrate Indigenous cultures, traditions, histories and contributions to Canada."

Happy New Year!