



A.C.E. NEWSLETTER

March-April, 2015

Here Comes Spring!
Last Year's Recipients,
Next Year's Nominees!

The Greenwood Ballroom was filled with more than 200 guests. We honoured the seventeen recipients at the 9th Annual A.C.E. Education Awards.

Now we are looking for next year's recipients.

*Nominations opened
March 15, 2015.*

*Just in time to take a little
time out of your March
Break and think of whom
you would like to see
accepting an A.C.E.
Education Award on
February 11, 2016.*



Nomination packages are available on our website or by emailing the [A.C.E. Office](#).

The 12th Annual A.C.E. Conference was a success with over 100 people in attendance; 19 workshops, 12 exhibitors and great opportunities for networking. Thanks to Our Sponsors: TD Canada Trust, Assiniboine Credit Union and the Louis Riel Institute.

Have you renewed your A.C.E. Membership yet? Memberships are only \$20 per year and are valid from July 1 to June 30. They entitle you to discounts at workshops and the Conference and Banquet.

Registering for the Conference entitles you to a year's membership.

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Cultural Workshops and More!

The **“Hand Drum Making”** workshop was held on March 21, 2015. The final workshop will focus on celebrating the drums that were made. Participants from the workshops will be drumming and feasting with family and friends.

We are looking another community, organization or group who is looking to participate in a **“Grandfather Drum Making”** workshop. Once we have two groups, with at least six participants per group we will be hosting the workshop.

The **“Making of a Star Blanket”** is slated to begin at the end of May. You will need a sewing machine. It will be a 6 week course, held on Saturdays.

Educators will also have access to the teachings as well as resources for classroom teaching.

All workshops are at the Circle of Life Thunderbird House, 715 Main Street.

If you are interested in participating in any of these workshops, please contact the A.C.E. Office, by phone at 1.204.772.2231, or [Email](#). We will be taking registrations at the Conference.

Sign up for any or all workshops.

If there is a workshop you would like to see, please let us know.



Wanbdi, Florina and Donna Lee cutting Drum faces



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Pulling together to make it work: Florina, Gary, Renee and Angela

Aboriginal Days at the Circle of Life Thunderbird House

We are planning Aboriginal Day celebrations at the Circle of Life Thunderbird House, 715 Main Street, on Sunday, June 21st, 2015. We will be sharing details as soon as they are available.

Journeys Training Retreat is going to Sandy Saulteaux!

We are planning a Retreat with Myra Laramée to the Sandy Saulteaux Centre, just outside Beausejour. It will be a five-day retreat. We are working out the daily schedule and sweat.

There will be updates shortly. Let us know if you are interested. [Send us an Email.](#)

We are looking for Presenters for the 2016 A.C.E. Conference!

The focus is on Aboriginal perspectives in STEM. We are looking for presenters who can offer information and resources to Conference goers in the areas STEM Literacy. From traditional teachings to innovative programs and resources, we want to highlight the breadth of opportunities educators can access to make learning a joy. Just download a [Presenters Package](#).

If you want more information, please contact the [A.C.E. Office](#).



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Our Bylaws have changed to allow more of our Members to participate in more ways.

The new Bylaws can be found on the website or [HERE](#)

We are looking for members who would like to contribute to the continuing success of our organization.

If you have a few hours a month available, we would love to have you working on a Committee.

All you Need to Be:

- ✓ Interested in promoting Aboriginal perspectives in the Classroom and Community
- ✓ Interested in working on a committee
- ✓ Able to participate in person or electronically as required

Those interested in becoming Council Members should be available the Second Monday of the Month during the School Year, to participate in the Member Meetings, in person or electronically.

Monthly Membership Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month during the school year at Thunderbird House- 715 Main Street at 4:15 pm. First comes the food and the chat with the meeting proper starting at about 4:30. Deborah loves to cook and usually has a soup or stew, bannock and salad available to those who make the trek. Latecomers be warned: there aren't often leftovers.

In addition to the Meeting Dates listed below, there is also a PATH Meeting, held in the latter part of August. This all day meeting offers a fried fish and potluck dish Lunch as well as Nutrition Breaks.

A.C.E. Membership Meeting Dates 2015/2016

Bring a friend or colleague!

- ❖ April 13, 2015
 - ❖ May 11, 2015
 - ❖ June 8, 2015
 - ❖ September 14, 2015
 - ❖ October 12, 2015
 - ❖ November 9, 2015
 - ❖ December 14, 2015
 - ❖ January 11, 2016
 - ❖ February 8, 2016
- Conference Committee meets immediately after Monthly Member Meeting

