



A.C.E. NEWSLETTER

New Year, 2015

Here Comes the New Year!

The "Circle of Learning" Workshop with Myra Laramee

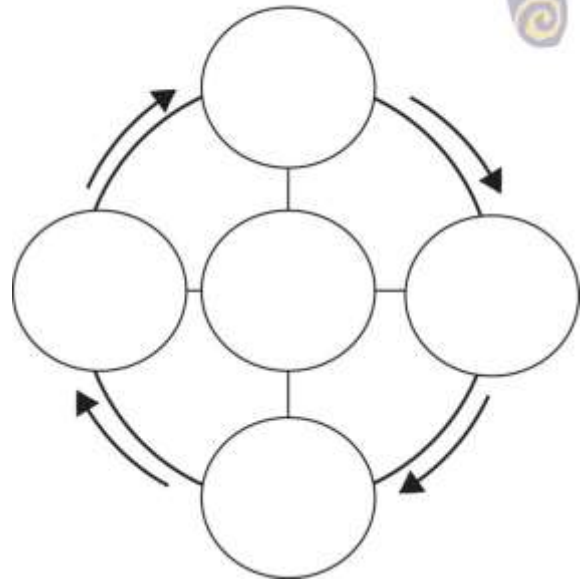
*Saturday, January 17, 2015
Circle of Life Thunderbird House*



Myra will be sharing her knowledge about lesson planning using the outcome based, circle model for lesson and unit plans. Part of the four-day Cultural Competency Workshop, This one-day workshop will give participants the knowledge and skills to develop plans in a culturally aware manner with the understanding of how the traditional perspectives can be applied and used to the benefit of all.

We are looking to host Myra's four-day workshop this summer, if there is enough interest.

To register for the January Workshop, or to put your name on the list for the summer 4-day workshop, just email the [A.C.E. Office](#).



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 on the Board.

All you Need to Be:

- ✓ A Paid Member of A.C.E.
- ✓ Interested in promoting Aboriginal perspectives in the Classroom and Community
- ✓ Able to attend a Board meeting monthly during the school year
- ✓ Interested in working on a committee

Executive positions are also open: Treasurer, Secretary, and Co-Chair

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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Still Time to Register for the A.C.E. Conference!

The 12th Annual A.C.E. Conference is on February 12-13, 2015
Registration Forms are available on the website or by
contacting Deborah at the [A.C.E. Office](#)

We are definitely “Living the Good Life” this year! We have great presenters and workshops for the 12th Annual A.C.E. Conference being held again at the Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel, 1715 Wellington Avenue.

We are focusing on literacy of all kinds this as we continue to stretch our awareness to develop competencies in our work and our students. We do this by focusing on Traditional and Elder teaching on Thursday, February 12, beginning with Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair’s Keynote Address in the morning. Thursday’s workshops are listed below:

Traditional Indigenous Parenting	Ko’ona Cochrane
Tobacco	Tannis Bullard
Promoting and Protecting the Mental Health and Well-Being of Families with Young Children	Laurie McPherson
Walking the Four Directions of Love	Pahan Pte San Win
Learning and Language Apps	Darrick Baxter
Workshop—TBA	Myra Laramee
Canadian Indigenous Historical Timeline	Allen Sutherland
First Nation Astronomy	Wilfred Buck
The Journey from the Head to the Heart: Building Holistic Learning	Tasha Spillett
Artifact Based Learning in the Fur Trade Museum	Tibert LaVoyageur

We end our Thursday with the 8th Annual A.C.E. Education Awards, “Honouring our Traditions, Celebrating Our Future”. The recipients, their families, friends and colleagues will enjoy the gala evening, featuring Mistress of Ceremonies, Harmony Parent and some great entertainment from the Aboriginal School of Dance.

You can join us at the Education Banquet by ordering your tickets from the [A.C.E. Office](#), calling 1.204.229.7416, or downloading a reservation form from the [website](#).

Friday’s slate of innovative and sustainable programming begins with Keynote Speaker, Shaneen Robinson, and showcases programs and information to energize and engage educators, offering resources, ideas and opportunities to network. Friday’s Workshops are listed below:

Practical Classroom Strategies to Foster Healthy and Positive Learning	Louise Duncan, Kim Mackey
Tipachimowin: Students and Professors Share Stories about their Winnipeg Education Centre Experience.	Helen Settee-Robinson
Increasing Student Engagement through Writing	James Hoddinott
The Birch Bark Canoe: Navigating a New World	Randy Herrmann, Pauline Broderick
Finding Focus: Framing Canadian Métis and First Nations on Film	Kevin Nikkel, Monica Lowe
Physical Literacy in the Classroom	Michelle Johnson
Strength Based Behaviour Management	Lise Brown
Family Learning	Rhonda Taylor
Rock & Read: Reflecting Community Culture	Nancy Tovell

Of course, as always, we will have a great Silent Auction with interesting, thoughtful, or thought provoking prizes.



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*A new Date for our Annual
General Meeting...
With Changes to Our Bylaws*

Aboriginal Circle of Educators Annual General Meeting

Will be held during Our Conference
Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 12:30
In the Evergreen Ballroom

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

Bring a friend or colleague!

- ❖ February 9, 2015
- ❖ March 9, 2015
- ❖ April 13, 2015
- ❖ May 11, 2015
- ❖ June 8, 2015
- ❖ September 14, 2015
- ❖ October 12, 2015
- ❖ November 9, 2015
- ❖ December 14, 2015

Conference Committee meets immediately after
Monthly Member Meeting



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Cultural Workshops and More!

Louis Riel Celebration
February 13, 2015

Presented by the Aboriginal School of Dance
More information will be on the website and social media

We will be hosting a ***“Making a Community Drum”*** workshop on Saturday, March 7, 2015. The ***“Making a Hand Drum”*** workshop will be held on March 14, 2015. The final workshop will focus on celebrating the drums that were made. Participants from both workshops will be drumming and feasting with family and friends.

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

The “Making of a Star Blanket” is slated to begin at the end of April. 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.

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.](#)

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, Friday, June 19th to Sunday, June 21st, 2015. We will be sharing details as soon as they are available.



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