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REGISTRATION

FEE INFORMATION

___ Individual Educator at \$275.00/person
___ Post-secondary student at \$50/person
___ Parent (non-educator) or Elder at \$50/person
___ Educator Group at \$250/person *(To be eligible for team pricing participants MUST be from the same District and register and pay at the same time. Groups of 5+, complete individual registration for each person)*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Pre-registration and direct payment is available online. Please visit us at www.nrlc.net click March 2012, click on the conference title and choose either "Individual" or "Group". You will need to either create or log in to your free account.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

SCHOOL/COMPANY INFORMATION

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

I am registering Fax(780-882-7908) and paying by

VISA Mastercard

Card # _____ Exp: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Or email this completed registration to: nrlc@gppsd.ab.ca
pre-register online at www.nrlc.net



First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Conference

Conference accommodations available at the host hotel
Grande Prairie Inn
11633-100 Street
Grande Prairie, Alberta
1-800-661-6529

Group rates starting at:
 \$109 single/ \$125 double CDN
For rooms booked by March 1, 2012

Book accommodation by March 1, 2012 to receive this guaranteed rate (150 rooms available)

Alternate: The Stonebridge Hotel
1-888-419-4657
 \$109 single/ \$125 double CDN
For rooms booked by March 1, 2012

Call Northwest Regional Learning Consortium
1-800-864-4140 (toll free in Alberta)
780-882-7988
For further information



Government of Alberta
 Education



Learning Together For Success
“Strengthening Our Voice”
Engaging FNMI Parents, Families and Communities

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Conference
March 29 & 30, 2012
Grande Prairie Inn
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Conference rates:
 \$275/Educator Individual
 \$50/Parent, Elder, Student

Group rate:
 \$250/person for teams of 5+
 (Group must be from same district, register and pay at the same time to receive the rate)



Wednesday, March 28, 2012

6:00 **Pre-Conference Registration Check In** (pick up your conference package early)

Thursday, March 29, 2012

6:30 Pipe Ceremony

7:30 Registration & Hot Buffet Breakfast

8:45 Opening Ceremonies & Greetings

9:30 Keynote: Russell Bishop **Te Kotahitanga: A Model for Educational Reform**

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Session 2a: Making Math Fun

Session 2b: Russell Bishop

Session 2c: Best Practices Liaison Sharing Circle

2:45 Health Break

3:00 Session 3a: Teaching Your Child to Read

Session 3b: BLAST

Session 3c: Northland Community Engagement Project

6:00 Banquet and Cultural Evening 6:00-10:00pm

Friday, March 30, 2011

8:00 Check In & Hot Buffet Breakfast

9:00 Welcome & Opening Prayers

9:15 Session 5: Keynote Address: Karen Shmon & Sheila Pocha "Strengthening Our Voice"

11:00 Health Break

11:15 Session 6: Zone One Awards "Seven Sacred Teachings"

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Session 7: Closing Plenary: Jed Roberts

2:30 Closing Ceremonies

7:30 Parent Evening Session with Russell Bishop

Russell Bishop



Russell Bishop is foundation Professor for Māori Education in the School of Education at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. He is also a qualified and experienced secondary school teacher. Prior to his present appointment he was a senior lecturer in Māori Education in the Education Department at the University of Otago and Interim Director for Otago University's Teacher Education programme. His research experience in the area of collaborative storying as Kaupapa Māori, has given rise to national and international publishing including the books "Collaborative Research Stories: Whakawhanaungatanga", "Culture Counts: Changing Power Relationships in Classrooms", "Pathologising Practices", "Culture Speaks" and in 2010 "Scaling Up Education Reform".

Te Kotahitanga: A Model for Educational Reform

In his presentation, Russell Bishop explores a model for educational reform designed in New Zealand to improve educational outcomes for Māori students. Russell looks at how indigenous ways of learning contribute to sustainable education reform in public schools, and what effective teaching for indigenous and minoritized students looks like.

Other Presenters and Facilitators include:

Grace Backlund & Connie Peters
Mike McMann, Darrell Willier
GPPSD Student Counsellors
Delores Pruden

An Aboriginal Artisans & Crafts Fair will be available throughout the conference.

Sheila Pocha & Karon Schmon



Strengthening Our Voice: A Guide for Engaging First Nations and Métis Peoples in Public Schools

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association contracted the Gabriel Dumont Institute to produce a resource which would outline ways to strengthen the engagement of First Nations and Métis parents and communities in support of their children's education, their school, and their board of education. Karon Shmon and Sheila Pocha met with parent groups, Elders, and other stakeholders and reviewed literature related to parental engagement to produce a guide that provides a number of ideas and strategies which can help strengthen the voice, and engagement, of First Nations and Métis peoples in their children's education.



Jed Roberts

Closing Plenary

Jed is a retired Edmonton Eskimo Grey Cup champion. He will talk about the significant challenges he faced growing up as an aboriginal hearing impaired youth. In the closing session, Jed will share humorous anecdotes about his experiences within the educational system. He also touches on the profound impact that teachers and peers had on him as he grew up. The focus will be placed on Jed's transition from a confused and troubled youth to a responsible adult role model.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Teachers, Administrators, Liaison Workers, Elders, Parents, Community Members, Trustees