

Learning Together for Success

March 29 & 30, 2012



Conference Host: NRLC 9625 Prairie Road Grande Prairie, AB T8V 6G5 Tel: 780-882-7988 Fax: 780-882-7908 www.nrlc.net

Strengthening Our Voices

Engaging FNMI Parents, Families and Communities

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Conference



Russell Bishop

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.

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.



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 Schmon 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.

Other Breakout Sessions are offered March 29

The evening of March 29 will feature Supper and Cultural Entertainment

Following the close of the conference on March 30, Russell Bishop is leading a Parent Session at the GPRC Recital Hall. Separate registration will be required for this **free** parent session.

Conference Rates:

Registration is Available Online: www.nrlc.net

\$275.00 per Educator Individual \$250.00 (per person) Educator Group (5+) \$50.00 per Elder, Student, or Parent

Hosted by: **Northwest Regional Learning Consortium 1-800-864-4140 (toll free in Alberta)**

Contact your local school or district for conference brochure or email us at nrlc@gppsd.ab.ca

Teachers, Administrators, Liaison Workers, Elders, Parents, Community Members, Trustees, and all who are interested are invited to join the conference.

Host Hotel and Conference Location: **Grande Prairie Inn (1-800-661-6529)**

Alternate Sister Hotel: **Stonebridge Hotel (1-888-419-4657)**

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

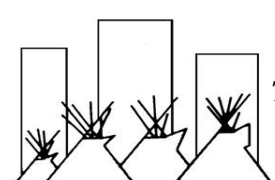
- FNMI Books and Resources will be available for purchase throughout the conference
- Aboriginal Artisans & Craft Fair will be available throughout the conference



"Every Student Succeeds"



Native Counselling Services



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