

ELCC ADVISORS' NEWSLETTER

October 2025



An Evening with Felice Gladue

Join Felice Gladue, B.Ed., the vibrant founder of MétisAlive, for an engaging and animated session that will inspire you to bring Métis lifestyle, culture and language ALIVE in your classroom.

Together, we will move our bodies to the lively tunes of the Métis fiddle. Sing original catchy songs from the MétisALIVE Children's Songbook. Explore numerous Métis-themed tabletop activities, dramatic play ideas, crafts and land-based learning experiences.

You will leave this session feeling joyful, energized and inspired.

Click on the registration link or scan the QR code to register.



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Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, October 13, 2025.



Virtual Presentations

Christmas Mittens Story Bag Presentation

Join the ELCC Advisors for an introduction to the 'Christmas Mittens' Story Bag. This presentation will build on the educator's confidence to use Métis-specific cultural items from the 'Christmas Mittens' Story Bag in their early learning and childcare settings. Participants will receive a free ELCC 'Christmas Mittens Story Bag' kit, subject to availability.

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Toddlers and Land-Based Learning

This workshop, based on a deep understanding of key child development principles, will explore the significance of "play schemas" and the advantages of planning intentionally, grounded in a thorough understanding of these principles. Participants will engage with thinking about land-based learning and the importance of getting toddlers outdoors to develop their curiosity, to understand the interconnectedness of all living things, and as a key strategy in ensuring positive mental health. Participants will receive a complimentary copy of The Art of Land-Based Learning, Vol. 1, by Sophie Anne Edwards, subject to availability.

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MNO ELCC Resources Available for Purchase!

Did you know that Wintergreen Learning Materials now offers Métis-centered resources developed by the MNO ELCC Advisory Team?

Now Available:

- The Giving Tree Story Bag Kit
- Christmas Mittens Story Bag Kit.

Coming This Fall:

- Ways to Carry a Métis Baby Story Bag Kit.

These kits are sold at cost to ensure Métis children and their families can see their history and traditions reflected in their learning environments. Wintergreen and the MNO do not profit from the sale of these resources.



ELCC Infrastructure And Partnership Advisor Team

The ELCC Advisor Team at the Métis Nation of Ontario is dedicated to enhancing relationship building with existing early learning centers and programs across Ontario and strengthening relationships with regional municipalities.

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Outdoor Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Activities!

Outdoor STEM activities provide a fun and engaging way for children to explore science, technology, engineering, and math while enjoying the outdoors. Here are some nature-based STEM activities that can be done in your outdoor early learning spaces:

- Nature walks
- Stick Fort Building
- Ramp Building
- Rock water dams in puddles/water table
- Paper planes
- Ice melting
- Bubble play
- Sand volcanoes
- Scavenger hunt

For more fall-inspired activities, visit the Tiny Tribune newsletter!

Click the link or scan the QR code.

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Registered Early Childhood Educator Support Program

Are you an MNO citizen and a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE)? If so, there are supports to help offset costs associated with continuous professional learning. To learn more, reach out to our team at: elccpartnerships@metisnation.org.

Click here for the online reimbursement application.

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