

# ELCC ADVISORS' NEWSLETTER

September 2026

## September 19<sup>th</sup> Powley Day

Powley Day, recognized on September 19, marks the anniversary of the landmark *R v Powley* decision by the Supreme Court of Canada, a major victory for Métis rights. After a ten-year legal battle led by the Métis Nation of Ontario, the Powley family, and the Sault Ste. Marie Métis community, the Court confirmed that Métis people are a distinct Indigenous people with their own culture, identity, and communities that existed before Canada was formed. The decision affirmed that Métis rights are protected under Section 35 of Canada's Constitution.

The Powley decision was the first Métis rights case to reach the Supreme Court of Canada and created lasting benefits for Métis communities across the Métis Nation Homeland. It helped advance recognition of Métis rights and supported the ongoing journey toward Métis self-government. Today, Powley Day honours Steve and Roddy Powley, their family, and all those who contributed to this historic achievement.

To learn more about the Powley case, click the link or scan the QR code:



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## September 30<sup>th</sup>

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 provide an opportunity to recognize the lasting impacts of Residential Schools on survivors, their families, and Indigenous communities. The Métis Nation of Ontario wears orange in solidarity with survivors and to honour the children who suffered in these institutions. The discovery of unmarked graves at former Residential School sites highlights the tragic legacy of these schools and the need for truth, accountability, and healing. While a National Day of Reflection is an important step, reconciliation requires ongoing action, education, and commitment from governments, institutions, and all Canadians throughout the year

♥ Every Child Matters ♥

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## **Powley Day National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

### **Curriculum Resources:**

These resources provide educators with an overview of carefully selected materials, including books, videos, websites, and learning tools recommended by the Métis Pedagogy Consultants. Where available, additional resources and activities have been included to support learning.

Scan the QR code to learn more:



### **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](mailto:ELCCpartnerships@metisnation.org)

Click here for the online reimbursement application:



### **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/programs across Ontario and strengthening relationships with regional municipalities.

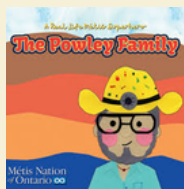
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## **Presentations**

### **Powley Lunch and Learn Presentation**

This presentation introduces young children to Métis identity, history, and values through storytelling. Educators receive practical, ready-to-use activities connected to How Does Learning Happen? that promote belonging, courage, inclusion, and engagement.

Scan the QR code to register:



### **Toddlers and Land-Based Learning**

This workshop focuses on toddler development, play schemas, and outdoor learning. Educators explore how movement, sensory play, and connection to land support curiosity and well-being, with Métis perspectives thoughtfully woven throughout developmentally appropriate practice. Participants will receive a complimentary copy of The Art of Land-Based Learning, Vol. 1, by Sophie Anne Edwards, subject to availability.

Scan the QR code to register:

