

March - “*Snow Crust Moon*” or “*Sugar Moon*”

A time of reawakening and rebirth. We recognize it as the time of new beginnings. During this moon, we sound out our voices and begin the process of planting the seeds of creation. The snow still covers the earth, but underneath it, we know the world is awakening from its slumber.



International *Women's Day*

March 8

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated every year on March 8th. It is a global event that honors the achievements of women in various fields, raises awareness about gender equality, and advocates for women's rights. The day is an opportunity to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political contributions of women worldwide, as well as to call attention to ongoing gender disparities.



The Book Nook



...As Dani explores the awakening woods and makes memories with her family, she learns to draw on the courage Creator gives while finding inspiration in the miraculous new life Mother Earth brings forth each spring

Bugz is caught between two worlds. In the real world, she's a shy and self-conscious Indigenous teen who faces the stresses of teenage angst and life on the Rez. But in the virtual world, her alter ego is not just confident but dominant in a massively multiplayer video game universe.



Spring Activities

1) With Spring comes warmer weather. Start preparing your garden by planting seeds in your home and taking care of them. Having a garden is an amazing way to connect with the natural world around you.

2) Snow painting with food colouring is a environmentally friendly way to draw your amazing ideas from your imagination onto snow. With paint brushes, spray bottles or any other creative way you can think of, get outside, have fun and get creative.



thebestideasforkids.com

Indigenous Education Updates



Ribbon Skirt w/ Ms. Melissa

Our students were able to learn about Ribbon Skirts with Ms. Melissa. The girls enjoyed learning about the teachings and will look to create their own Ribbon Skirts soon.

Mural Art Piece w/ Justice Sutherland

Students from OHS will be creating an Indigenous mural within the cultural space with local artist: Justice Sutherland. Representing all groups of Indigenous people in Canada



Indigenous Males Alliance - I.M.A



Kris Morrison (I.M.A) came to ECSS with our Indigenous males from our schools to learn about Indigenous teachings, identity, and responsibilities. The students were engaged and appreciated the knowledge that Kris had shared with them. Meegwetch Kris!



Quilts for Survivors - Vanessa Genier

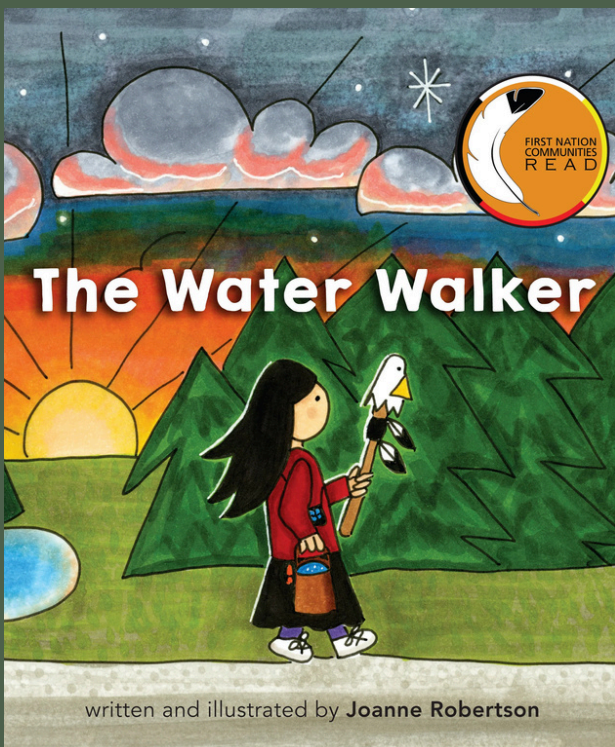


Vanessa from Quilts for Survivors came to Pope Francis to give beautifully made quilts for our Indigenous students. She talked about the importance of being who we are as people, the resiliency of our families and to aspire for an amazing future. Students were able to pick their own quilts for themselves to bring home. Meegwetch Vanessa!





Water is the giver of life, without water, nothing survives. We celebrate World Water Day due to the importance of keeping our water clean and being able to give/provide clean water to everyone on Mother Earth. In Indigenous culture, women are known as “Water Carriers, Water Protectors and Water Walkers” due to their connection with water and how it gives and protects life.



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 Metalotiog Ho/Han Edlánat'e
 Wachiya Kway Boozho Tanshi
 Kwe March 31 oki Wachiye
Indigenous Languages Day
 Kwei Aanii Hello Tansi Shé : kon
 Waachiye Yo Watchay Kwe Kwe
 Asujutilli Wotziye Kuei
 Atamiskâtowin
 Ullaakut / Ullukkut / Ai

National Indigenous Language Day

Language is central to the identity of Indigenous peoples, and all peoples around the world. Language is intertwined with worldviews, visions and expressions. We have over over 70 distinct Indigenous languages that are spoken by First Nations, Metis and Inuit groups. Due to Canada's history, these languages are considered "...at risk, being classified as either vulnerable, definitely endangered, severely endangered or critically endangered" (Stats Canada). We celebrate National Indigenous Language Day to show the revitalization of the language and to honour Turtle Island's extensive linguistic legacy.



Earth Hour - Saturday, March 22nd, 2025.

Earth Hour is a global-roots movement encouraging humans to disconnect from electronics and the business around us to focus on taking action on environmental issues and protect the planet. Take the time to be with your family and friends and play a board game around candles, go for a walk while the sun is setting or just be together. It's our job to protect our Mother Earth.



8.30pm 22nd March
earthhour.org



“Nothing can live without water, if we don’t act now there will come a time when we will be fighting for those last barrels of water, once that’s gone, we can’t eat or drink money or oil” - Autumn Peltier

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