

ATN NEWSLETTER

New Year, Same Challenges



DATES OF NOTE FOR SEPTEMBER

August 30th to September 9th - Daslakshan Parva

September 1st - Labour Day

September 4th to 5th - Mawlid Al-Nabi

September 7th - Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day

September 6th - Anant(a) Chaturdashi

September 7th to 13th - Mennonite Heritage Week

September 8th - International Literacy Day

September 10th - World Suicide Prevention Day

September 12th to 21st - Welcoming Week

September 11th - Enkutatash (Ethiopian New Year), Nayrouz

September 13th - Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

September 16th to 23rd - Bisexuality Visibility Week

September 18th - International Equal Pay Day

September 19th - Powley Day, National Trades Day

September 20th to 26th - International Week of the Deaf

September 21st to 27th - Treaty 7 Week

September 21st - UN International Day of Peace, Mahalaya Amavasya

September 22nd - Treaty 7 Day, Fall Equinox, Mabon

September 22nd to 24th - Rosh Hashana

September 22nd to 28th - Gender Equality Week

September 22nd to October 2nd - Navratri

September 23rd - Celebrate Bisexuality Day, International Day of Sign Languages

September 29th - Ashwina Navapada - Ayambil Oli

September 30th - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

REIGNITING COMMITMENTS

From the desks of the Anti-Racist Teachers' Network:

Welcome back to not only another issue of the Anti-Racist Teachers' Network Newsletter but another school start-up!

Before entering the 2025-2026 school year, we recommend that readers revisit our previous "back to school" issues of the newsletter as a quick refresher for how to recommit to anti-racist practices (see [Issue 14](#) & [Issue 23](#))

As we enter a school year that is more divisive than ever, with increasingly restrictive and harmful policies that impact our students, staff and communities, we also want to remind you that you are not alone in this ongoing work. In the words of Paulo Freire:

"All education is political; teaching is never a neutral act."

We hope that the resources in this month's startup issue reignite your spark to continue including anti-racist work in all aspects of education and community engagement.



PODCAST RECCS.

From the ATN!



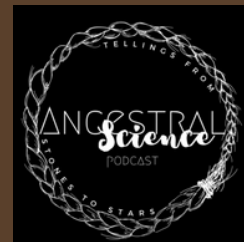
Check out
[Calgary at 150: The Forgotten Anniversary](#)



Check out
[The Strength of the Land: An Indigenous Perspective w/ Dr. Kathy Absolon](#)



Check out
[We Need to Talk about How White Women Are Often The "Nice Guys" of Women](#) (warning: explicit language)



Check out
[Episode 23: Indigenous Science Fiction](#)

COOL STUFF!

- **The Confluence** is offering a variety of programming around the [150th Anniversary of Fort Calgary](#) including an upcoming [Symposium](#) in October (stay tuned for more information!)
- **The Confluence** also has [Kípaítápiiyssinnooni](#) an excellent exhibit on Blackfoot Ways of Knowing
- **The University of British Columbia** is offering a self-paced [Anti-Racism Awareness Course](#)
- **The Funambulist** has released the 60th issue of their magazine focusing on the 80th Anniversary of the Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and it's connection to Indigenous Communities. [We recommend checking out 60th issues' introduction here.](#)
- **The Canadian Race Relations Foundation** offers a [Learning About Racism](#) education series
- **Queens University** has a comprehensive [Anti-Racism & Diversity Resources Directory](#) for all ages
- **The Calgary Foundation** has an actionable [Indigenous Ally Toolkit](#) for those who reside on Treaty 7
- **The Urban Alliance on Race Relations** has a directory of [Educational Tools and Beginner Guides](#) for those who may be entering the work for the first time
- **The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario** has an [Anti-Oppressive Framework](#) for elementary settings
- **The Boys and Girls Club of Canada** has an [Anti-Racism Toolkit and Activity Guide](#) that can be implemented in a variety of settings
- **Georgetown University** has an [Anti-Racism Toolkit for Parents](#) which can be used in multiple settings
- **The Calgary Public Library** continues its [Powwow Trail](#) partnership with Treaty 7 Nations.
- **The ArQuives** continues to offer a variety of [Education Resources](#) connected to Canadian 2SLGBTQIA+ history
- **ActionDignity** continues to offer their [Systems-Led Anti-Racism Training Programs](#)
- **RISE Project** is focusing on [Queer Teacher Education](#)
- **The ARC Foundation** has programming around [Inclusive Education](#)
- Check out [the ATN's Diverse Artist Playlist](#) for a variety of musicians you can bring into your learning spaces.

OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS



From the ATN
Resource Bank!

K-4

We Care: A First Conversation About Justice by Megan Madison & Jessica Ralli
I Like Who I Am by Tara White
What I Am by Divya Srinivasan
The Eidi Bag by Shazia Afzal
My Language Is A Garden by E.G. Alaraj
The Caterpillar Woman by Nadia Sammutok

5-9

The Line They Drew Through Us by Hiba Noor Khan
Checked Out by Tony Correia
Allyship As Action: 7 Ways to Advocate for Others by Tanya Boteju
How to Become an Accidental Activist by Elizabeth MacLeod & Frieda Wishinsky

10-12

You Were Made for This World: Celebrated Indigenous Voices Speak to Young People edited by Stephanie Sinclair and Sara Sinclair
Qallupilluit: The Takers of Children by Louise Flaherty & Neil Christopher
A Big Dose of Lucky by Marthe Jocelyn
Skin of the Sea by Natasha Bowen
Nubia: The Awakening by Omar Epps and Clarence A. Haynes

For Educators

We Are Your Children: A History of LGBTQ+ Activism by David Roberts
Re-Storying Education: Decolonizing Your Practice Using a Critical Lens by Carolyn Roberts
The Serviceberry: An Economy of Gifts and Abundance by Robin Wall Kimmerer



Looking for previous ATN issues?
Find them under

[Antiracist Teacher Network Newsletter](#) here!