

## First Nations Celebration Week

Jurisdiction: New Brunswick  
Level: K-12

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Theme: Community-based practices

### Description of Practice:

A week of school was identified as "First Nation Celebration Week" Activities included:

- Kick off assembly
  - Multi –age/grade centres- 7 centres that pupils visited- Native Artifacts, Scavenger Hunt, Legend of the Dream Catcher, Dream Catcher Craft, Story Telling, Maliseet Colours, and -First Nation Music/Chant.
  - Guest Speaker- Native Police Officer
  - First Nation Medicines and Rituals
  - Inuit Winter Games activities organized by the grade 5 class.
- Individual classrooms carried out there own activities as well  
Members of the community/parents took part

### Background:

The principal in conjunction with staff decided that we needed to draw more awareness to our First Nation families at school. It follows our school motto of "WE CARE..."  
In the past we have had "Celebrate our Abilities Week" and similar themes.  
We have about 12% of our pupils with First Nation ancestry.  
First Nation Literacy Support teacher was instrumental in the success of the program.

### Development:

Staff brainstormed ideas, checked with potential resource people, set out the plan, communicated to parents through newsletter.

### Evidence:

Difficult to develop empirical data but student and staff response was very positive

### Adaptability:

Very adaptable to any school situation

### Further Information:

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