

IFNMI18-86 East Central Alberta Catholic Schools, First Nations, Métis and Inuit, Foundational Learning Day-INVITE ONLY



PRESENTED BY

Glenda Bristow & Clifford Cardinal



SERIES SESSIONS Date Time November 24, 2017 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM LOCATION St. Jerome's School - 4820 46 St



Program

The Blanket Exercise- is a simulation when participants actively role-play through pre-colonization, treaties, residential school experiences, and how they have brought the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadian society to where they are today. Debriefing the experience leads us to examine a multitude of perspectives over time and place. Presenter, *Glenda Bristow* is a Cree woman from Frog Lake, Alberta. Glenda is an experienced teacher, and principal and is currently Director of Technology and Programs for St. Paul Education.

Approaching Protocol and Ceremony- Tanisi. We can all recall times when we felt uncomfortable entering new or foreign surroundings. "What do I say - or not say?", "What do I do-or not do?", "How do I show respect?" In short, how can I be accepted and trusted. Those first impressions and steps are so very important. Consider this your invitation to begin along a rich and rewarding cultural journey together. *Clifford Cardinal* is a teacher at St Paul Regional High School, and a respected cultural knowledge keeper. Cliff will guide us towards understanding and respecting cultural protocols and ceremonies that have sustained Cree culture over millennia, welcoming

us to build a trusting relationship to better understand each other.

Presenters

Glenda Bristow

Tânsi, Glenda Bristow nitisîyihkâson, Nehiyaw iskwew niya , Ayîkis Sâkahian ohci. Hello, my name is Glenda Bristow. I am Cree from Frog Lake First Nations. I presently work as the Director of Technology/Programs for St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1. and have been a part of this education family for several years. Within my role, I manage and supervise Division Technology, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education, Division Career Counselling along with various other duties. Prior to working at central office, I spend several years teaching at the primary level at both the provincial and federal level and worked as a Director of Education for Frog Lake First Nations. Being a Cree Woman and working in education has many positives and challenges but at the end of the day, it's knowing that we made a difference in the lives of many students which is makes working in the field so rewarding.

Clifford Cardinal

Clifford Cardinal is a Plains Cree person from the Saddle Lake Cree Nation located in north eastern Alberta. Clifford holds a B.ED. degree and currently teaches the Cree language and culture courses at the St. Paul Regional High School. Clifford holds many teachings around the history and cultural traditions that have been passed down to him from generations ago. The knowledge he shares has been shared with blessings from the elders of his community.

