



# CDSBEO Celebrates **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DAY**

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*Skyworld: "We Come from the Stars..."*

RESOURCES & SUGGESTIONS FOR  
LEARNING: GRADE 4–GRADE 6

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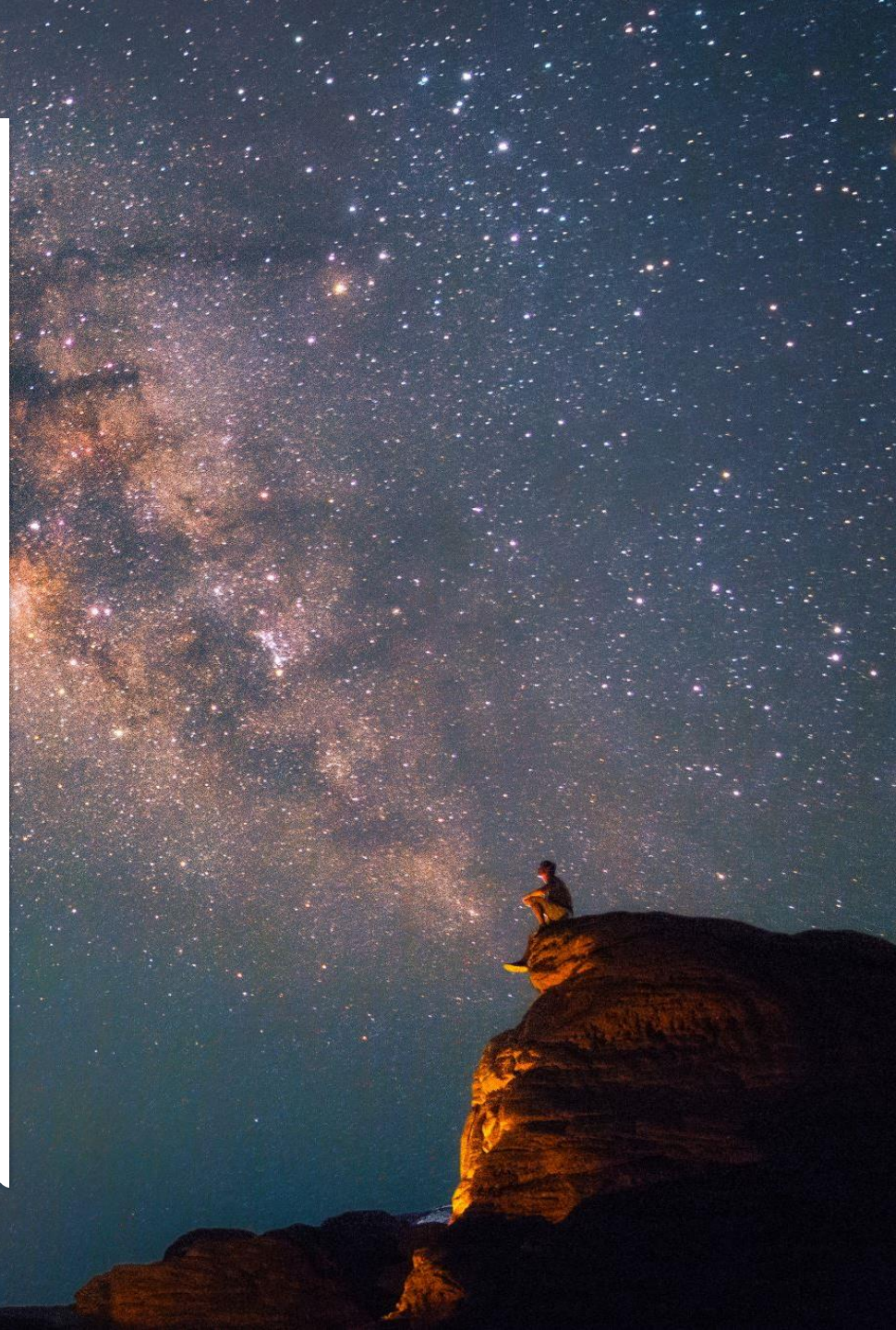
- Consider:
  - Using Inquiry-based questions that engage the learner with Indigenous perspective
  - Raising awareness of Indigenous content, Indigenous history and Indigenous perspectives in our own communities
  - "Moving to Action" as we learn true history and acknowledge present-day issues

Look Up with Wilfred Buck!



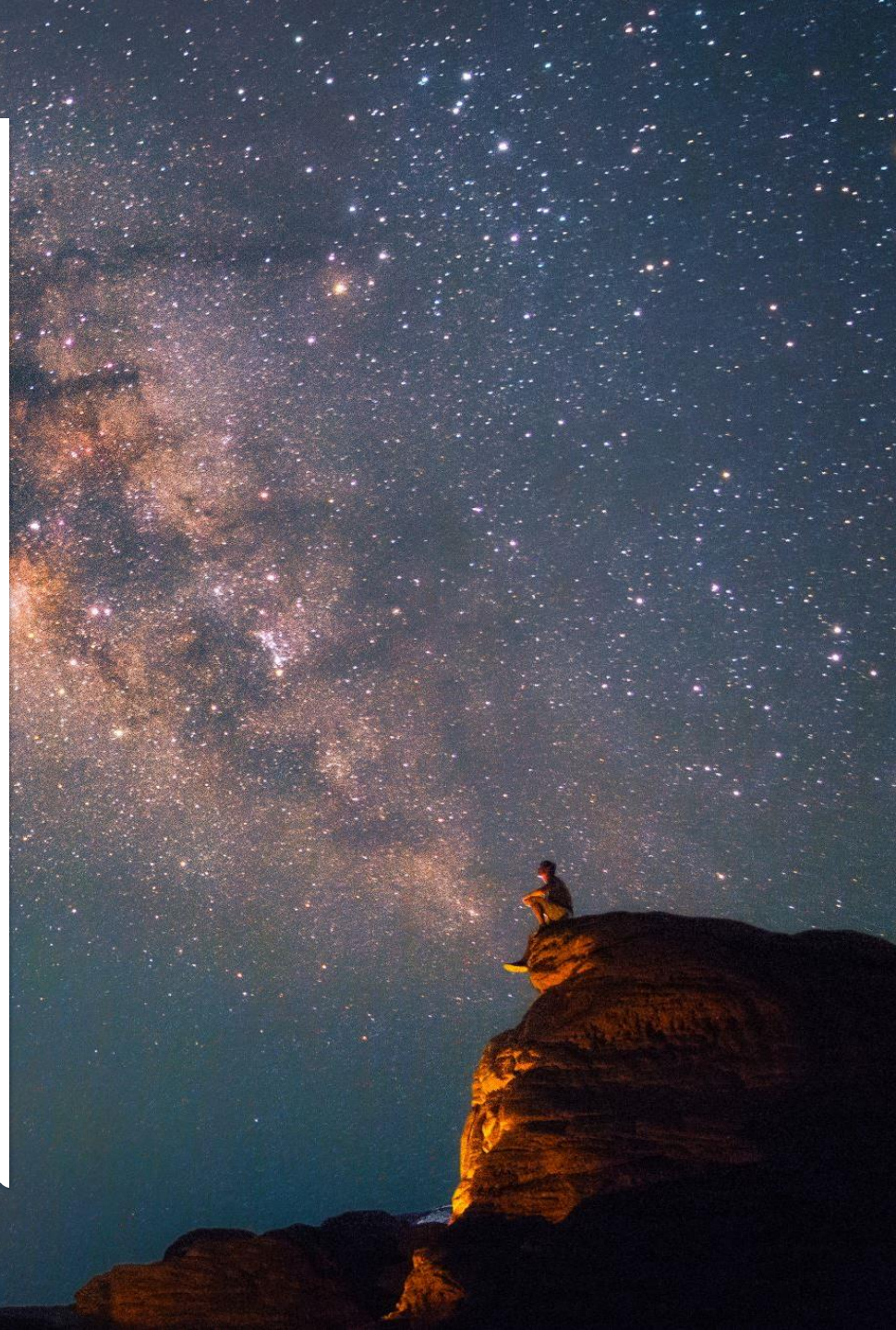
## Moon Teachings of the Anishinaabe

"According to the teachings of the Anishinaabe culture of central North America, the first of all the mothers, Nokomis or Grandmother Moon, dwells in the heavens near her daughter, Mother Earth. From there, Nokomis keeps watch over her children, gently leading them through the night. Mother Earth nourishes and cares for all her children in the plant, animal, and human worlds. Just as life comes from Mother Earth, it returns to her, completing the circle of life. Each day, Grandfather Sun, the "one who brings morning", gives light and warmth to his children. Together, Mother Earth and Grandfather Sun provide the gift of life to all. The heartbeat of Mother Earth is echoed in the drumbeat of the Anishinaabe. Even Wolf, who sings to the Moon, bids us not to forget our beginnings with Nokomis, our Grandmother."



## Mohawk Moon Teachings

"According to the teachings of the Haudenosaunee, May is the month of flower moon—the fifth moon of Creation. It is where all plants display their Spirit sides for all the world to see. This life-giving energy is one the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth. During this moon we are encouraged to explore our Spiritual essences."



# Moon Teachings: Radio & Video Introductory Information (Educator PD & Context Building)

- "Inuit Moons": *CBC Unreserved* interviews Michael Kusugak, an Inuit author who has named 4 moons surrounding Saturn. Read and hear his story!
- Moon Teachings: *CBC Unreserved* highlights Sherry Copenace of Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation as she shares teachings on the Grandmother Moon and specifically, May's "Flower Moon" or, known in Anishinaabe as: Waabigoowene.
- Renewing the Relationship with Elder Renee Thomas-Hill: a short video from Indigenous Students Health Sciences Department at McMaster illustrating moon phases according to a Mohawk perspective and our symbolic and significant relationship with Grandmother Moon and Skyworld.

# Achakapis: Little Spirit by Wilfred Buck

Watch and listen to Wilfred Buck as he speaks of Achakapis (Little Spirit) who resides on the full moon. Achakapis reminds us to treat others and our world with inclusion and respect.



**CHAKAPIS**

Achakapis Little Spirit



# Suggestions for Learning: Grades 4-6

Watch Wilfred Buck's video: Achakapis: Little Spirit and discuss:

- What is the main message?
- What are your feelings about this story?
- Can you see Achakapis on the full moon?
- Does this story connect to any other stories you have heard about the full moon?
- Why do you think the Sea of Serenity and the Sea of Tranquility fit into the moral of this story?
- What about the pails of water - "nectar" and "chaos"?



# Suggestions for Learning: Grades 4–6

The logo for myON Teacher Dashboard, featuring the word "myON" in blue and "Teacher Dashboard" in red below it.

- Two Views is not a direct link to Skyworld, but tells of two different perspectives to celebrate and look after our Earth.

The logo for ON-CORE, featuring the words "ON-CORE" in black with a red maple leaf icon between the words.

- The Raven Steals the Light tells of the creation story of how the moon, stars and sun, came to be.

\*Reminders:

- All *Under One Sun* & *Circle of Life* Series Available on MyOn
- Please have On-Core (located in myCDSBEO apps) open first before clicking on link

# Suggestions for Learning: Grade 4-6

## CHOICE BOARD ACTIVITY - 4 DIRECTIONS

Take a moment to explore the outdoors:

### SPIRITUAL

Say a prayer of gratitude for your favourite part of the Spring environment & for the beauty of the outdoors.

### PHYSICAL

Create a scavenger hunt for a friend or sibling! Use clues to go outside and spot various spring plants and flowers.

### EMOTIONAL

Plant a seed (or research a specific plant) taking note of the various stages of growth. Can you compare your feelings to the growth you see?

### MENTAL

Take photos (or draw) any emerging plants that you see. How could they be connected to the cycle of the moon?

Kanawayhitowin: "Taking Care of Each Other's Spirit" illustrates the 13 Grandmother Moon teachings. May is the Flower Moon "where all plants display their Spirit sides for all the world to see. This life-giving energy is one the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth."

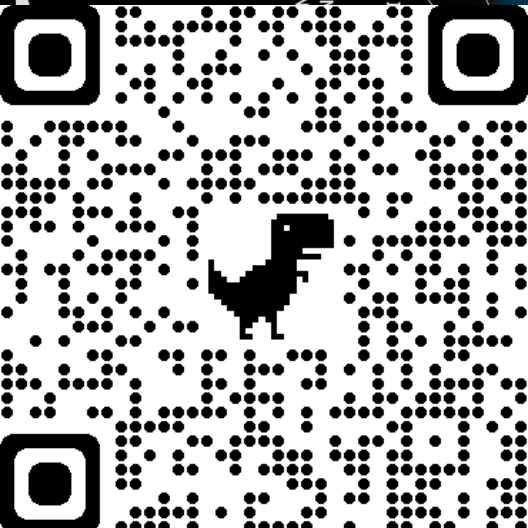
# Fun Facts for the Moon in May!

- Keep watch after sunset on May 15<sup>th</sup> where there will be a conjunction between the waxing crescent moon and Mars. Just after 11:00pm, you can view the moon and Mars very close together in the sky!
- The full moon on May 26<sup>th</sup> will be a SUPERMOON! A Supermoon happens 3-4 times per year, where the disc of the moon is 14% larger than normal.
- Get up early on May 26<sup>th</sup> to view a partial lunar eclipse! At 4:48 am the eclipse will begin - the sun will only be partially locked, so it is called a Penumbral Eclipse. A piece of the moon will appear darker during this time - like someone has taken a bite out of it!





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Wilfred  
Buck's  
Official  
Site here:



# 2020-2021 Indigenous Theme: Skyworld

Click on the **stars** below for links to our  
Skyworld resources!



Stay tuned for  
**Atima Atchakosuk: The Dog Stars in June!**