



CDSBEO Celebrates **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DAY**

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

RESOURCES & SUGGESTIONS FOR
LEARNING: GRADE 7–GRADE 8

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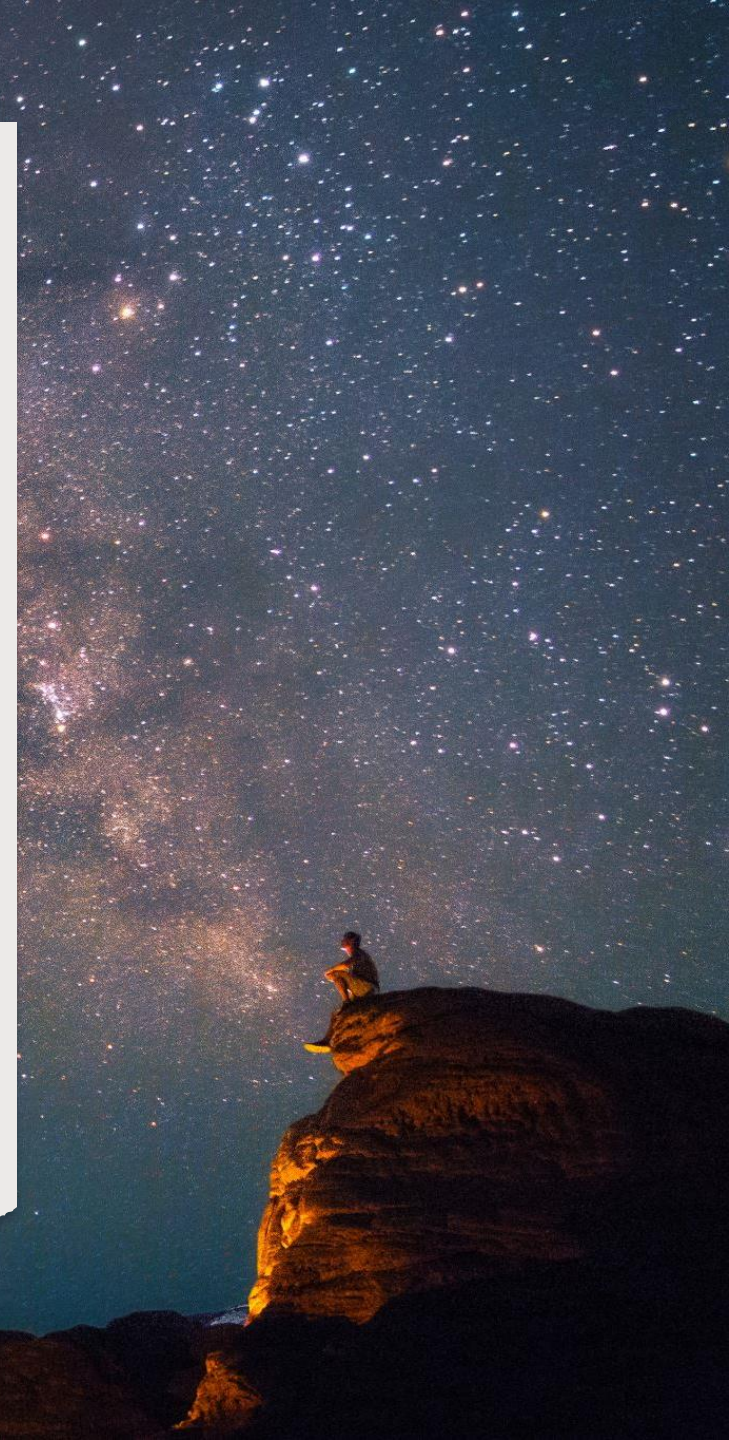
- Consider:
 - Using Inquiry-based questions that engage the learner with Indigenous perspective
 - Raising awareness of Indigenous content, Indigenous history and Indigenous perspectives in our own communities
 - "Moving to Action" as we learn true history and acknowledge present-day issues

Look Up with Wilfred Buck!



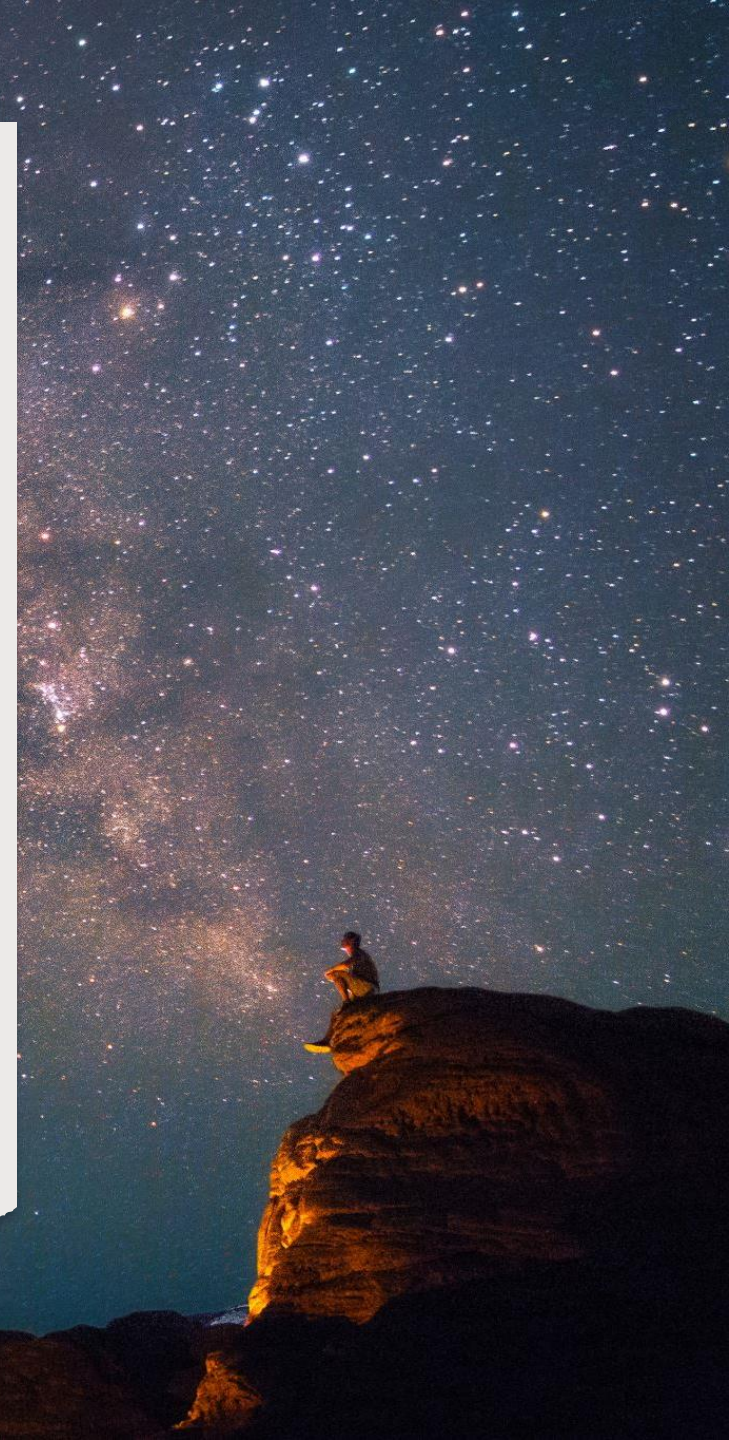
Moon Teachings of the Anishinaabe

"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 7-8

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"?
What do they symbolize? Is this an effective way to convey message?



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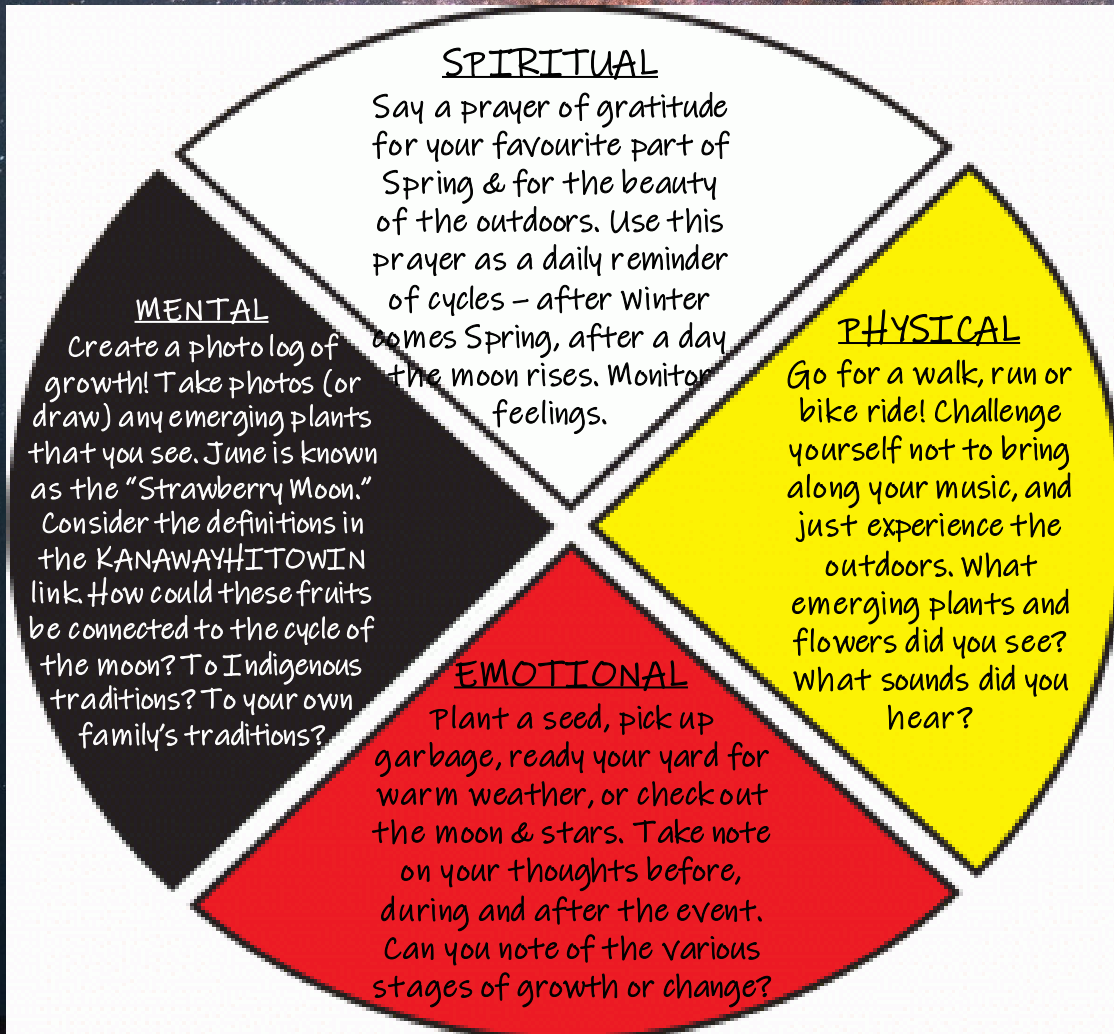
- Worldview is a reminder of the different perspectives in our world, but the importance of protecting our world. It is a compilation of songs, articles & poetry that remind us we are under the same moon.
(*Reminder: All *Under One Sun* & *Circle of Life* Series Available on MyOn)
- Oral History and Astronomy The oral histories of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas include references to the sun, moon, stars, and planets.

(Please have On-Core open first before clicking on link – find it in myCDSBEO Apps!)

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CHOICE BOARD ACTIVITY - 4 DIRECTIONS

Take a moment to explore the outdoors:



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 15th 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 26th 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 26th 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!



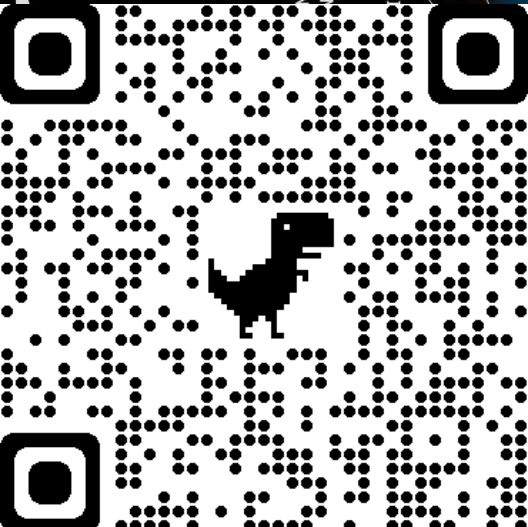


Some Extra Info on the Sky, Science and the Indigenous Perspective:

- The following article outlines Wilfred Buck's journey, and includes a link to a short interview on [CBC Radio](#)
- Article on the relationship between Indigenous studies and science education here: [Living Knowledge](#)
- A short video on the [Cycle of the Moon](#)
- [Indigenous Astronomy](#) is a thorough and fascinating article through Ontario Parks that reinforces the reasoning behind the resurgence of astronomy from an Indigenous perspective.



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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!