



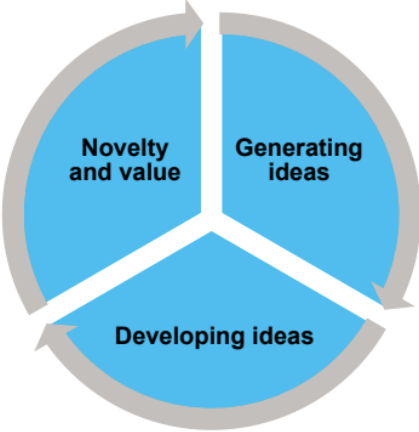

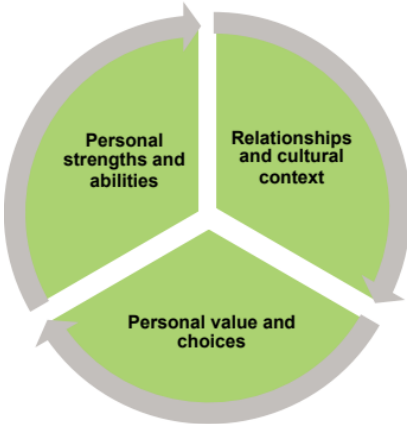

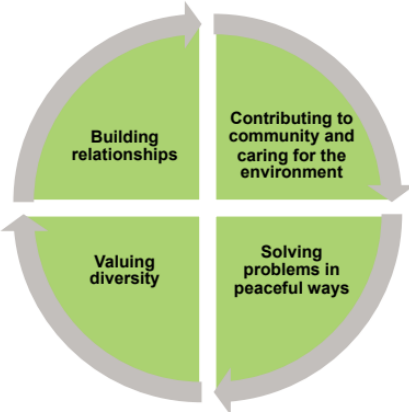


CONNECTING THE CORE COMPETENCIES WITH FIRST PEOPLES PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING

Core Competencies						
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Indigenous Connection	<b>COMMUNICATION</b> Wolf is a great communicator.	<b>CREATIVE THINKING</b> Raven is a creative thinker.	<b>CRITICAL THINKING</b> Mink is a critical thinker.	<b>POSITIVE PERSONAL &amp; CULTURAL IDENTITY</b> Bear is our great protector.	<b>PERSONAL AWARENESS &amp; RESPONSIBILITY</b> Beaver is our diligent collaborator.	<b>SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY</b> Orca is our guardian and navigator of the sea.
<b>Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim</b> ("skō-hō-mesh snee-chim" –)	<b>Tkáya</b> ("tuh-kai-ya" – wolf) teaches us to <i>communicate</i> clearly. Wolf teaches us how we can <i>connect</i> and engage with others; gather and share information; and <i>cooperate</i> with others by <i>listening</i> to and <i>respecting</i> each other.	<b>Skewk'</b> ("sk-oww-k" – raven) teaches us to be <i>creative</i> and playful in all that we do. Raven teaches us to generate new ideas inspired by others or by our own personal experiences. As Creative Thinkers, we can generate unique and innovative ideas.	<b>Kayx</b> ("kai-hh" – mink) teaches us to think critically and <i>persevere</i> when faced with a challenge. Mink teaches us to <i>observe</i> , <i>analyze</i> and <i>critique</i> information and experiences. Our <i>inquiries</i> , provides us with opportunities to <i>question</i> and <i>investigate</i> as well as <i>develop</i> and <i>design</i> plans.	<b>Míxalh</b> ("may-hoth" – black bear) teaches us to <i>reflect</i> on our feelings and find <i>balance</i> with rest. Through the Black Bear, we can learn to nurture our own <i>personal well-being</i> by valuing ourselves and our accomplishments; understanding our feelings and <i>making good choices</i> that <i>demonstrate respect</i> for ourselves and others.	<b>Skełáw</b> ("skuh-lau" – beaver) teaches us to <i>work cooperatively</i> to make a change for the greater good by making the world a better place for all. Through Beaver, we can learn to <i>care for our community</i> and environment by valuing diversity, advocating for others and working together for a greater good.	<b>Yéwyews</b> ("yo-yose" – orca) teaches us about <i>who we are</i> , <i>where we come from</i> , and to <i>understand our own personal histories by learning the ways of our ancestors</i> . Through Orca, we can learn about ourselves by exploring our relationship to others through cultural contexts such as family background, heritage, language, sexuality, etc. We can develop an understanding of our personal strengths and abilities, as well as how our values shape our choices in the varied contexts of our lives.

						
<b>Michif</b> (“mih-chif” – Métis Language)	<b>Koorboo</b> (“core-bo” – raven) teaches us to be a good <i>communicator</i> .	<b>Aen portipik</b> (“An por-tuh-pik” – porcupine) teaches us to be <i>curious</i> and have a big imagination.	<b>Aen Yiiboo</b> (“Ā yee-boo” – owl) teaches us to <i>watch</i> and <i>listen</i> .	<b>Aen noor</b> (“An noor” – bear) teaches to be <i>strong</i> and <i>confident</i> . The bear also teaches us to <i>protect</i> ourselves and others.	<b>Aen kaastor</b> (“Ā kas-tore” – beaver) teaches us to be busy and purposeful and to always finish what you start.	<b>Shoovreu</b> (“sho-vroo” – deer) teaches us to be sensitive and kind with ourself and others.
						

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