

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

"Muskoka Beechgrove Public School acknowledges that this land is the traditional homeland of the Ojibway Nation and the Huron/Wendat Nation, and now includes communities from the Mohawk Nation, the Pottawatomi Nation and the Métis Nation of Ontario .

Under the One Dish With One Spoon Treaty, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe peoples agreed to share and care for this territory for the benefit of the future generations. We acknowledge their stewardship throughout the ages."

What is a land acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement recognizing the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples. It acknowledges the enduring relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the land.

To learn more about traditional territories visit;
the interactive website Native Land

<https://native-land.ca/>

And read more on <http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland/>
who work to be agents of social change

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Why do we say a land acknowledgement?

Honouring the land is a tradition that dates back thousands of years for Indigenous Peoples.

Today, this tradition is being introduced to non-Indigenous people who are hearing land acknowledgments in schools, at sporting events and cultural celebrations. It makes a small step towards reconciliation. A small way to recognize the history of colonialism and a move towards a more society where Indigenous culture is honoured and respected.

To learn more, have a look at the CBC news article called;

“What is the significance of acknowledging the Indigenous land we stand on?”

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/territorial-acknowledgements-indigenous-1.4175136>
[Canadian Students Recognize Indigenous Land](#)

Moving Beyond Acknowledgement Being an Ally

Acknowledging the land is a very important first step, however it is really just the beginning. Regardless of your personal ancestry and heritage, as people living on traditional Indigenous lands

WE are ALL Treaty People!!

<https://vimeo.com/85540034>

For non-Indigenous people, being an Indigenous Ally is a commitment for life and demonstrated through your words, deeds and actions. Allyship is not something you “earn” once or even a designation you give to yourself, but rather something you show through your commitment to standing with (in solidarity) our Indigenous friends and families.

Being an Ally is hard work!

It requires self-reflection and lifelong learning.

[Wab Kiinew - 500 years of history in 2 mins](#)

[N'we Jinan Artists - "IMPORTANT TO US" // Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary](#)

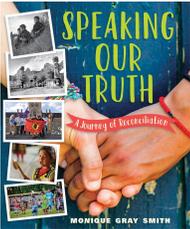
[RECONCILIATION - Jah'kota ft LB & Albert Dument](#)

[The Anti-Oppression Network - Allyship](#)

[Allyship - PeernetBC](#)

To Learn more about **Allyship**, check out the following links to articles and videos

Here are 3 simple things to keep in mind as you move towards being a strong Ally.

	<h3>Learn</h3> <p>Learn about privilege, oppression and the history of colonization. Learn about Indigenous people and the rich and vibrant cultures. Learn about the land we live on. Listen to stories, talk to Elders, Senators and Knowledge Keepers. Read books. Listen to music, podcasts and plays.</p> <p>Speaking our Truth</p>
	<h3>Build Relationships</h3> <p>Having Indigenous friends and building relationships with community is a very important part of Allyship. Go to a local event, visit a friendship centre, go to a reserve. Be open, listen and talk. Invite someone of Indigenous heritage to visit your school. Listen to others of Indigenous heritage who are already here!</p>
	<h3>Act</h3> <p>Be accountable! Speak up! Stand up! Act! Check out this links for ideas.</p> <p>Shannen's Dream https://fncaringociety.com/shannens-dream</p> <p>Josephine Mandamin - Water Walker</p>

