

Recognition of Treaty Land

We acknowledge we are on the lands of Turtle Island where Indigenous Peoples have lived since time began. These are the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew, and Dakota Nations as well as the traditional trade and travel routes of the Anishininew, Dene, and Inuit. We also acknowledge we are on Treaty One territory and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Pembina Trails School Division is committed to working together in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation.

Traité no 1

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes sur les terres de l'île de la Tortue où les peuples autochtones vivent depuis le début des temps. Il s'agit des terres ancestrales des nations Anishinaabe, Ininew et Dakota, ainsi que des routes traditionnelles de commerce et de voyage des Anishininew, des Dénés et des Inuits. Nous reconnaissons également que nous sommes sur le territoire du Traité un et la patrie nationale des Métis de la rivière Rouge. La Division scolaire Pembina Trails s'est engagée à travailler ensemble en partenariat avec les communautés autochtones dans un esprit de réconciliation.

Indigenous Graduation Stole

As a part of Pembina Trails School Division's commitment to Reconciliation, self identified Indigenous graduates have been presented with a distinctive graduation stole symbolizing recognition and celebration of Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba. Information describing the significance of each image is included below:



The beadwork flower is to honour Métis graduates; the beadwork represents family, community, and enterprise.



The Eagle feather is to honour First Nations graduates; the Eagle feather represents truth, honour, and integrity.



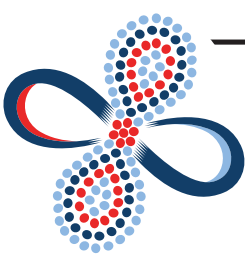
The Inukshuk is to honour Inuit graduates; the Inukshuk represents safety, hope, and friendship.



The ribbons represent our braided and interconnected journeys through education and life. Ribbons are used in many Indigenous cultures to symbolize identity, pride, and resilience.

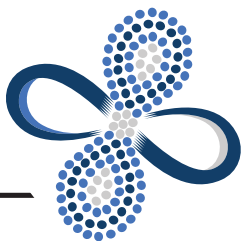


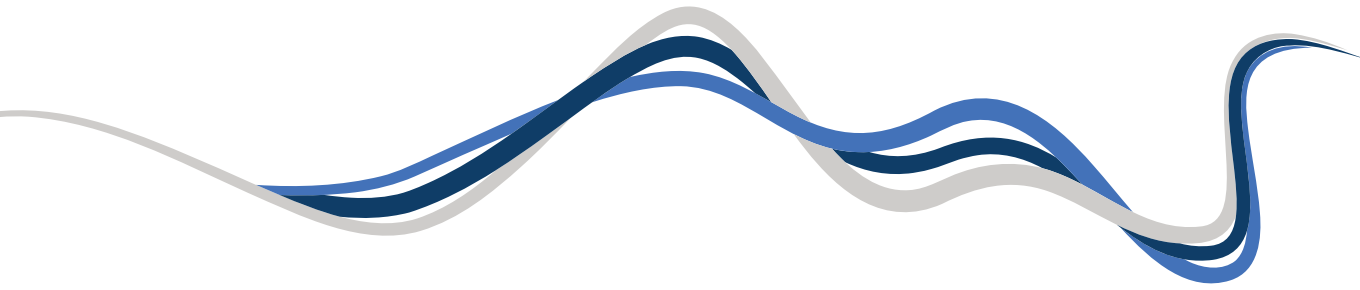
For Oak Park, the bison represents the connection and proximity to The Passage. The historic Passage was used by many Métis hunters and traders as a bison river crossing.



Kisténitākosowīn Kēsikow Honouring Indigenous Graduates of 2025

June 23rd, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
The Passage - 6161 Southboine Drive
Winnipeg, Manitoba





Honouring Day Acknowledgements

With Special Thanks to:

Ray Co-Co Stevenson – *Master of Ceremonies*

Walking Wolf Singers & Dancers

Brendon Ehinger – *Graphic Artist*

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Feast Cafe Bistro – *Food and Community*

Kristin Schacht – *Gifts*

Teecka's Boutique – *Gifts*

Indigenous Reflections – *Gifts*

Grade 3 Students at Dalhousie School – *Artwork and Thank You Cards*

Sylvia Wastesicoot – *Singer and Songwriter*

Amanda Ciavarelli and Lynn Forsyth Levine - Pembina Trails Teachers

Indigenous Youth Singers – Bairdmore School and École South Pointe School



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Procession and Dance

Honour Walk for Indigenous Graduates

Prayer from Elder and Greetings

**OneLove – Original song and performance by Sylvia Wastesicoot and
Indigenous Youth Singers**

Presentation of Graduation Stoles and Gifts

Graduate Honour Song

Message of Gratitude from École secondaire Oak Park High School Graduate

Message of Gratitude from Shaftesbury High School Graduate

Closing Remarks and Victory Song

Food and Community