

Seeds of Knowledge

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Teaching

Metis Sash

What is a Métis Sash?

The Métis Sash is a vibrant, finger-woven belt, typically around three meters long. Historically, it was worn by voyageurs during the fur trade and has become a significant symbol of pride and tradition for the Métis people. The sash represents the unity between First Nations and Métis voyageurs during the 18th and 19th centuries. While it originally served practical purposes, today it is worn as a symbol of honor during events and ceremonies.

Practical Uses:

- Rope
- Harness
- Washcloths
- Towels
- First aid Kits
- Saddle Blankets
- Emergency sewing kit
- Fire starter
- Bridle

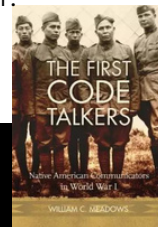
and much more!!



Something to think about

Did you know...

Indigenous veterans were not recognized by the Canadian government as soldiers until 1994? Indigenous peoples actually had to give up their “indian” status to enlist and fight in the wars, which is why they were not recognized. Even though more than 12,000 Indigenous peoples served. Although Canada tried many efforts to assimilate and strip Indigenous peoples of their culture and language. It was, in fact, their way of life that brought the most valuable traits such as patience, stealth and marksmanship. As well as Cree speakers, also known as “Code Talkers” used their language as a means of secret communication that others couldn’t decipher.



What's Happening This Month



Indigenous Veterans Day: November 8th

A day where Canada honors the First Nation, Inuit and Metis veterans and their legacy serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Metis Week: November 12th-18th

This week celebrates the heritage, history and contributions of Metis people to Alberta and Canada with events held across the province.

Rock Your Mocs: November 15th

This is an annual event that encourages all people to wear their moccasins to school/work. The event fall on November 15th. Although some places/people celebrate all week.