



**Livingstone Range**  
SCHOOL DIVISION

# **FNMI Newsletter 2019-2020**

*Every student, every day.*



The Livingstone Mountain range is known as **Pani'kahtaayiikstakiksi** (tipi liners) in Blackfoot because they are shaped like the liners or curtains inside of a tipi.



# Building Resilience

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

A list of traditional practices to continue or start to build resilience in your family:

Smudge/ Pray  
Tobacco Offering/ Give Thanks  
Make a 'Spirit Plate'  
Go Outside  
Dance  
Drum/ Sing  
Arts & Crafts  
Share Stories  
Practice/ Speak Blackfoot  
Connect with Friends & Family

For emergency & financial support and mental health resources:  
[www.lrsd.ca/parents-students/resources](http://www.lrsd.ca/parents-students/resources)

Follow Alberta Health  
Guidelines and your local  
Community Guidelines



## Nitotsistapi'takit (I Understand)

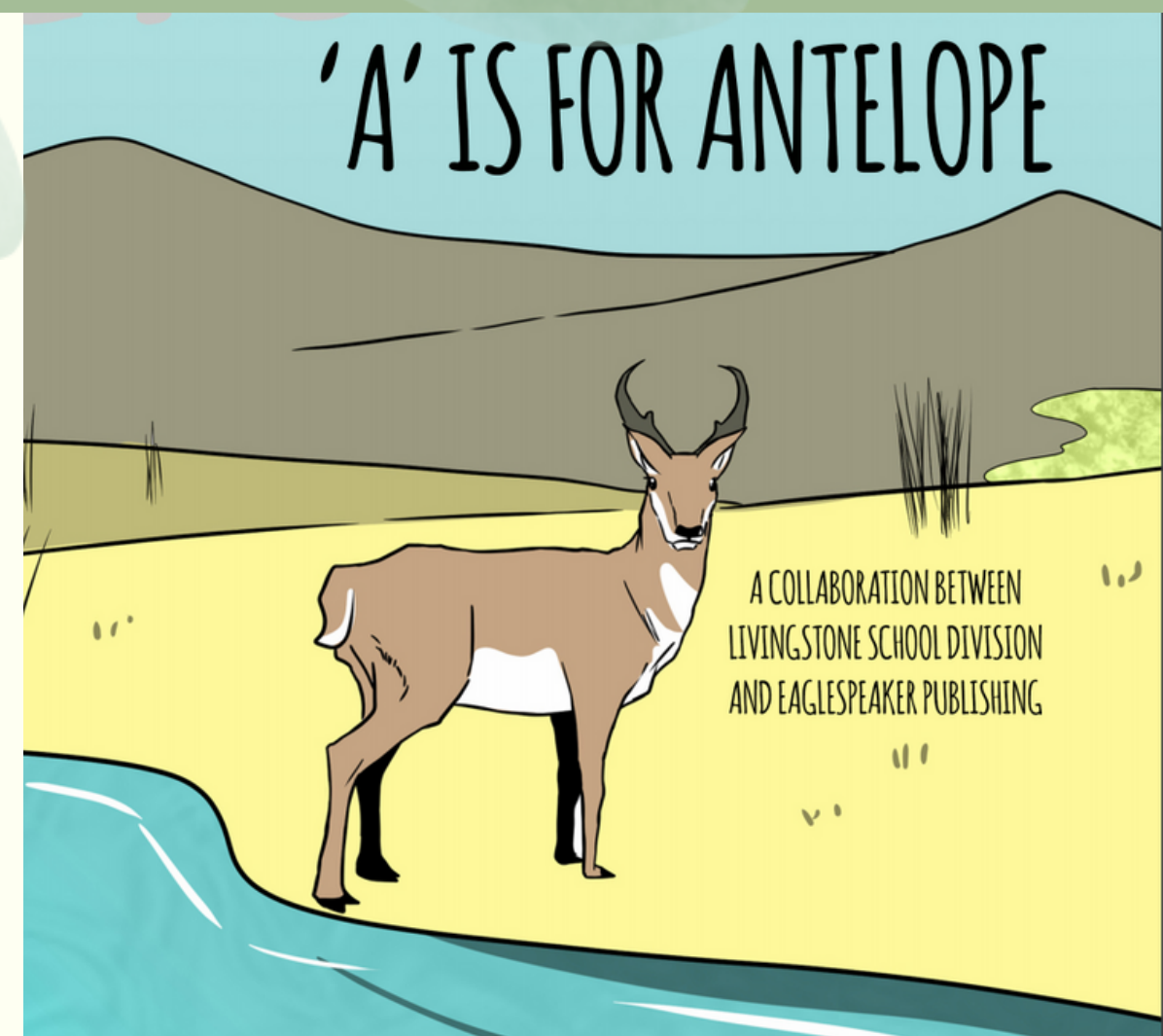


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In January 2020 Grade 9 Students at F.P. Walshe were given the opportunity to work with Calgary Animated Objects Society. The idea to create Blackfoot Language Animations was the dream of Celestine Twigg, Blackfoot Language Teacher at F.P. Walshe. This project was supported by Alberta Education and the Canada Learning Bond Program. See the link below to see some of the students work and learn Blackfoot words in a fun way!

<http://animatedobjects.ca/blackfoot/>

The Indigenous Languages In Education grant is also allowing LRSD to work with Kainai and Piikani elders to collect meaningful stories about Blackfoot animals, places, and language to create children's books. We are working with Jason Eagle Speaker to illustrate and publish this collection of books.



“Kitsitsipowahsinnoon Ihtaotsistapitsiip Kiipaitapiiwahsinnoon: Our Blackfoot language helps us understand our Blackfoot way of Life.  
~Pat Twigg (Blackfoot)

# Celebrating Student Success

## MHHS STUDENT ACCEPTED TO STANFORD UNIVERSITY!

Congratulations to Irvin Provost who attended Matthew Halton High School in Pincher Creek until Grade 11, when he was accepted as a Grade 12 student to attend Pearson College- United World College in Victoria, BC. Irvin continues to find success as he has been accepted to attend Stanford University in Fall 2020!

**Q: What advice would you share with students in LRSD?**

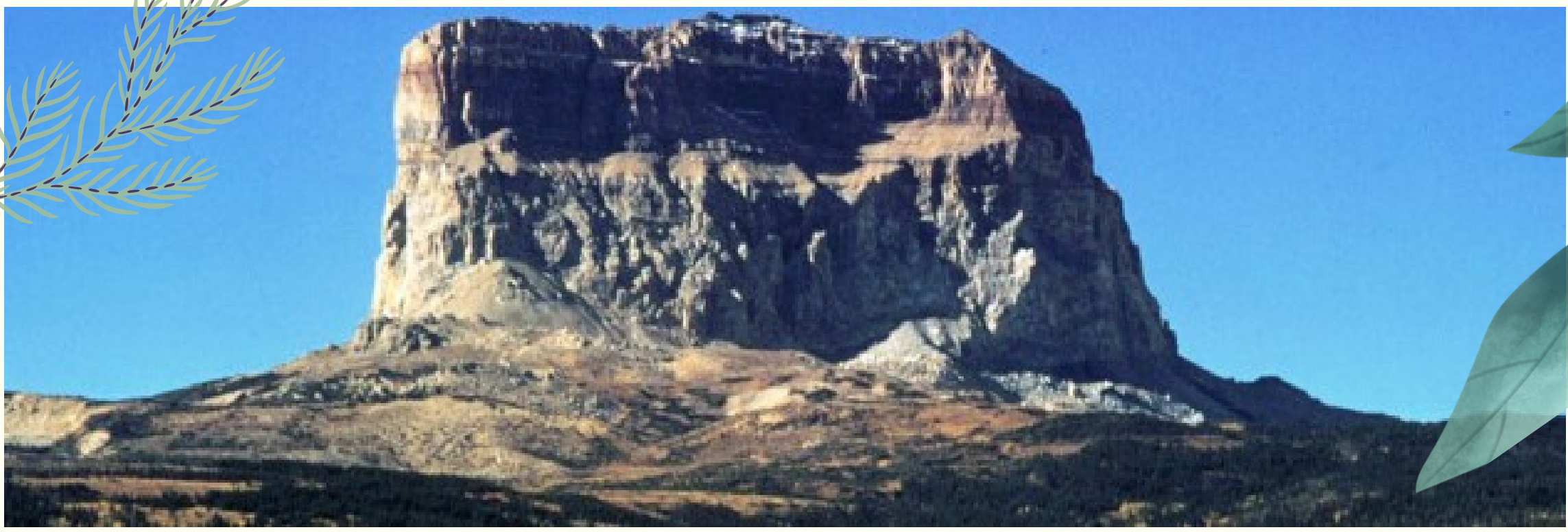
**A: "I WOULD STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPLORING THEIR PASSIONS AND FOLLOWING WHERE THAT JOURNEY TAKES THEM. WITH DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK, NOTHING REMAINS UNACHIEVABLE." - IRVIN PROVOST**



## F.P. WALSHE STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR PROVINCIAL AWARD

BEST WISHES & GOOD LUCK TO  
TESS PROVOST (LEFT) AND  
KRISTINA LACERTE (RIGHT) FOR  
BEING NOMINATED FOR THE  
"HONORING SPIRIT AWARDS" FOR  
FIRST NATIONS, METIS AND INUIT  
STUDENTS.





## Ninastako is the Name for 'Chief Mountain'

THIS SCHOOL YEAR, W. A. DAY SCHOOL WAS PROUD TO HOST THE NINASTAKO DRUM AND DANCE SYNERGY GROUP FROM JANUARY UNTIL MARCH. THIS SYNERGY GROUP WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN WHITE FEATHERS INC, THE KIDS FIRST FAMILY CENTER, AND W.A. DAY SCHOOL. SHELDON DAY CHIEF, PENNY FOX, KYLE BLOOD, JUSTIN ZOETEMAN, AND GEORGIA HANSEN WERE LEADERS OF THE PROGRAM. IN THE NINASTAKO SYNERGY GROUP, STUDENTS WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BLACKFOOT CULTURE AND STRENGTHEN IDENTITY BY DRUMMING, SINGING AND DANCING. SHELDON, KYLE AND PENNY ALSO EMBEDDED IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS INTO THE LESSONS. THE LEADERS FELT PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH SUCH A WONDERFUL, DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATED GROWTH, JOY AND COMMITMENT IN THE PROGRAM. WE COULD SENSE A LOT OF PRIDE IN THE STUDENTS WHEN THEY WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM A ROUND DANCE SONG IN A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR THE "HAVE A HEART" INITIATIVE IN FEBRUARY.



# INDIGENOUS GRADUATES OF 2020!



**F.P. Walshe**

Christopher Cotton

Denton Fox

Tris Good Rider

Elliot Iwen

Tess Luther

Arianna Prairie Chicken

Shelby Scout-Bastien

Brandi Yellow Wings

**Virtual Feather Blessing with Elders Peter Strikes With A Gun & Jeannie Provost.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
PAYTON WATTS (METIS),  
WILLOW CREEK COMPOISTE  
HIGH SCHOOL



# Matthew Halton High School



Naomi Assoon



Teshayla Cold Weather



Jobey Crow Shoe



Sienna Dupuis



Natalie Scout



Marlene Sharp Adze



Anna Bruder

## To the Seventh Generation

Survive

Keep hopes and dreams

Take care of yourself

Remember your spirit

Be there for each other

Respect Courage

Share knowledge

Always keep learning

Remember your values

- Elder, Strengthening the Sacred Circle: 2000 and Beyond.  
(Education is Our Buffalo)





Watch our National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration video [here!](#)





# Indigenous Stories Online!

*Click the titles for the stories and books!*

[YOU HOLD ME UP](#)

[NAPI AND THE BIG ROCK](#)

[SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A FOX](#)

[NAPI JOINS THE MOUSE DANCE](#)



## Thank you to our FNMI Committee for making 2020 a great year!

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**Thanks to the many Elders  
and Knowledge holders who  
helped guide us throughout  
the year!**

Martin and Pam Heavy Head  
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Joe Eagle Tail Feathers  
Mike Bruised Head  
Ira Provost  
Leroy Little Bear  
Pat Provost  
Shirley Crow Shoe  
Blair First Rider  
Wilfred Yellow Wings

... And many other parents, community members and organizations who generously support our learning!

