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TEACH FOR CANADA is a non-profit organization working to ensure every child in Canada has access to a high quality education in their home community. We work towards educational equity by partnering with remote First Nations to recruit, prepare, and support dedicated teachers for their schools.

We are excited to invite your students to participate in the Teach For Canada Readathon! From May 2-8, 2021, students will be inspired to read more books by Indigenous authors, prompting important learning and discussions with their families and peers. Their hard work will raise funds for an important cause, helping to make sure that all students—no matter where they are from—are supported to succeed.

WHY WE EXIST

Education in Canada is a success story. Study after study shows that our public schools are among the best in the world. But high overall quality masks deep inequality. On First Nations reserves, 3 in 5 students do not complete high school. In remote communities, teachers are tough to recruit and even tougher to retain. And, too often, teachers arrive in northern First Nations schools without the preparation and support they need to succeed—and stay—in the classroom.

Teach For Canada helps students and teachers succeed in remote First Nations. We partner with northern First Nations to recruit committed teachers from across the country, give community-focused training, and provide wraparound support for a minimum of 2 years. At the same time, we are investing in local educators to realize a future with more local certified teachers in northern schools. Since 2015, 235 Teach For Canada teachers have gone North, teaching 4,700+ K-12 students across 20 northern First Nations. Their inspirational teaching is increasing student attendance, engagement and achievement.



INSPIRING TEACH FOR CANADA ROLE MODELS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

“Having lived on my own reserve most of my life, I know how important it is to understand the community’s values and to be able to incorporate those into your teaching. I never really thought of myself as a role model, but if I am able to help inspire children there to go to school and one day return as a teacher that would be a wonderful thing.”

— Emily McCartney-Maracle, Pikangikum First Nation

THE TEACH FOR CANADA READATHON

This year, the Teach For Canada Readathon will run from May 2-8, 2021 in celebration of Canadian Children's Book Week. The Readathon will support our work while providing an opportunity to your students to read more books by Indigenous authors and engage in important conversations with their families and peers.

FUN FACT

After completing the reading log program, participants will have had over 500 - 1,000 additional minutes of reading this year.

This has proven to increase participants' reading speed, comprehension and higher thinking level. A wonderful byproduct is that participants frequently increase time they spend in recreational reading providing a great alternative to video games and social media content.

By joining us, your students and their families will:

- **Choose** books to read from an age-appropriate list. This list will include works from various Indigenous authors and cover a wide range of topics to capture their interest.
- **Discuss** new ideas with their peers and families, sparking meaningful conversations and inspiring them to learn more.
- **Participate** in an important fundraiser. While you learn from Indigenous authors, you can help raise funds to support students in northern First Nations schools. Your funds will help First Nations find 50 outstanding teachers for northern classrooms, making sure that more students are supported to succeed.
- **Receive** a virtual participant handbook and reading log, certificate of achievement and be eligible for other prizes!

Schedule	2021
Fundraising period	April 18 th – May 1 st (two weeks)
Readathon	May 2 nd – May 8 th (Canadian Children's Book Week)

Upon partnering with us for the Readathon, your school will receive customized materials and support from [Mind Growth Education](#) to help run a successful and low-capacity reading program for your students. This includes a pre-recorded kick-off video and media kit, a virtual organizer and participant handbook, and an online portal where students can track their donations.

THANK YOU

If you have any questions about the Readathon or are interested in learning more about Teach For Canada, please reach out to **Taylor Leppik, Growth and Partnerships Manager** at taylor@teachforcanada.ca or by phone at (647) 781-7213.

We are reaching out to academic leaders across the GTA to help raise support for northern schools during this challenging time. We hope that you will join us!