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RE: Invite - 3rd Annual First Nations Youth Celebration of Our Languages

The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. invites all MFNERC and MFNSS First Nation schools to participate in the 3rd Annual First Nations Youth Celebration of Our Languages event being held at Charles Sinclair School, Fisher River Cree Nation, Manitoba, on **June 2nd, 2026.**

This event will showcase First Nations language learning for early, middle, and high school students learning First Nations Language programming. Participants will have a choice of activities to showcase language learning and speaking (not limited to traditional or contemporary songs, nursery rhymes or skits, traditional demonstration, picture conversation, speed vocabulary and games, art, etc.)

Interested schools will need to:

- Designate 10 students and one fluent Elder/Knowledge Keeper from their respective communities. The Elder/Knowledge Keeper will assist with student performances. Please provide the name of the selected Elder/Knowledge Keeper, as an honorarium will be provided on the day of the event.
- Complete the registration form and return it to Ashley Kinsman, Administrative Assistant by May 22nd, 2026, **via email at ashleyk@mfnerc.com or by fax (204) 477-4314.**

Please be advised that MFNERC will not be responsible for travel and accommodation for this event. Lunch will be provided on the day of the event. If you require additional information please contact Karen Taylor, Language and Technology Developer, karent@mfnerc.com or by phone: (204) 594-1290.

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Jennifer Williams
Director of Languages and Cultures

3rd Annual First Nations Youth Celebration of Our Languages

June 2, 2026, Charles Sinclair School, Fisher River Cree Nation, Manitoba

Registration Form

(Please PRINT Clearly)

School: _____

Language Group: _____

Chaperone (s): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Students: _____ Grade: _____

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_____ Grade: _____

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Elder/Knowledge Keeper: _____

Please return completed form to Ashley, Administrative Assistant, by May 22, 2026, via email at ashleyk@mfnerc.com or fax (204) 477-4314. Confirmation letter will be emailed or faxed within four business days.

Audio Visual Consent Form

Date: June 2, 2026

Title/Project: 3rd Annual First Nations Youth Celebration of Our Languages

Location: Charles Sinclair School, Fisher River Cree Nation, Manitoba

Producer: Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc.

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Name of Participant (please print)

Signature of Participant

Date

For participants under eighteen:

I am the parent or guardian of the participant named below. I hereby consent to this agreement on their behalf.

Name of Participant (please print)

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian