



18th Annual IEFA Best Practices

Building Capacity for Effective Implementation

Monday, March 24, 2025

**East Helena High School
East Helena, MT**

7:30 AM STAFF MEET AND GREET

8:30 AM OPENING DRUM / SUPERINTENDENT / ADVOCACY AWARD

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – TERRY BROCKIE

10:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

LESSONS FOR BECOMING LITTLE SHELL

DANCING ACROSS THE GAP: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT: BUILDING AN ENGLISH CURRICULUM WITH IEFA AS THE FOUNDATION

THERMODYNAMICS & INDIGENOUS INGENUITY

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DISCOVERY ED EXPERIENCE

INDIGENOUS DANCE & DRUM GROUPS

NATIVE LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT MTDA

BRINGING INDIGENOUS EDUCATION TO LIFE WITH VIDEO GAMES AND A.I.

DISCOVERY ED EXPERIENCE

IEFA FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATH AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

INTERSECTION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SCIENCE PEDAGOGY WITH WESTERN, TWO-EYED SEEING

HONORING THROUGH ACTION: SUPPORTING INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS & SCHOOL CLIMATE THROUGH TALKING CIRCLES: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR LEVERAGING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN THE CLASSROOM

DREAMBOX (DISCOVERY ED) MATH

IEFA FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATH AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

POWER UP IEFA WITH PBS!

2:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

UNDERSTANDING AND ENJOYING INDIGENOUS DANCE

COYOTE STORY: STORY-TELLING, PUPPERTY, AND ART

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

DISRUPTING THE NARRATIVE: AHTOVE.ORG AS A GATEWAY TO AUTHENTIC INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

UNDERSTANDING TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND IEFA

DREAMBOX (DISCOVERY ED) READING

EMPOWERING INNOVATION: BUILDING CAPACITY FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT BASED LEARNING AND MAKERSPACE

3:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP

CENTERING INDIGENOUS VOICES IN HISTORICAL NARRATIVES

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS BOOK STUDY

RESOURCES OF THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4:00 PM ADVOCACY AWARD PRESENTATION

4:15 PM POWWOW SHOWCASE





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8:00 AM STAFF MEET AND GREET

8:20 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BILLINGS BEST PRACTICES: INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IN SD2

DISCOVERING ONE'S OWN CAPACITY TO CONNECT THE ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE FILM, "DANCING ACROSS THE GAP"

EXPLORING IEFA THROUGH PRIMARY SOURCES FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WINTER SOLSTICE AND BUFFALO

HOLISTIC STUDENT & STAFF SUPPORT: EXPLORING THE WELLNESS WHEEL FRAMEWORK

THE GREAT AWAKENING: THE UNLEASHING OF STUDENT POTENTIAL

BLACKFEET LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

9:20 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

LITTLE LEARNERS TO ADULTHOOD: EFFECTIVELY BUILDING THE CAPACITY FOR BUILDING A CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND DIVERSE COLLECTION IN YOUR LIBRARY OR YOUR CLASSROOM

STUDENT PANEL

10:20 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Tammy Elser

11:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

NATIVE LITERATURE CIRCLE

TREATIES: DESIGNED TO FAIL?

INDIGENOUS WHOLE LEARNER RELATIONAL FRAMEWORK

NOTICING: HOW TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT IEFA THROUGH NOTICING LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL BIAS

MORE THAN A SPECIAL DAY- INCORPORATING IEFA IN THE CLASSROOM

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