

## Land Acknowledgement January 2025



Greetings! Hello! Aanii!  
Tansi! Aanii is a very common Anishinaabemdaa word for “hello”. Tansi is the Cree word for “hello”. Aanii and Tansi are the greeting words used by Indigenous peoples in the territory of our meeting place.

We acknowledge our presence within this land that is the ancestral home of

the Wendat, Anishinaabeg Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and which is still the home for many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

In 2020, Isabella Kulak, a young Indigenous girl, wore a ribbon skirt to a "formal dress day" at her Saskatchewan elementary school but was shamed by a staff member who said it did not meet the standard of "formal dress". When Isabella returned to school after the holidays on Jan. 4, 2021, a crowd of women wearing ribbon skirts led her to class, along with chiefs from the surrounding First Nations, as a show of support.

Following this Senator [Mary Jane McCallum](#) put forward Bill S-219, an Act respecting a National Ribbon Skirt Day, in honour of Isabella. It was passed into law in December 2022.

Do you have friends or acquaintances who wear a ribbon skirt?

Looking for More Information? Check out some or all of the following.

1. Hello in the Indigenous languages of our territorial region - <https://anishinaabemdaa.com/everyday-terms/greetings-and-farewells>
2. Lightning Ribbon Blog - Ribbon Skirt: Indigenous Culture's Significance and Meaning - <https://lightningribbon.com/f/ribbon-skirt-indigenous-cultures-significance-and->

