

Aboriginal Students –

David Bouchard - *Order of Canada/Senior Editor for Rubicon and Pearson Publishers/Métis Author/Educator/Renowned conference speaker* - speaks to *aboriginal* students.

With pride, aboriginal youth learn and are entertained by this celebrated, award winning Métis author as he speak about stories, music and culture.

David teaches the importance and value of culture and reading. He shares this message through Native flutes and the unfortunate history behind them.

“We played our flutes for centuries but as with our stories, languages and much of our culture, we lost them. For two hundred years, the lives of our Grandmothers and Grandfathers were consumed with survival. They did not have leisure time to make and play flutes or to tell their children the stories that should have been passed down to us.”

David teaches the history and the beauty of the flute. He speaks to the importance of stories and language. Through stories, listeners are taught the protocol of stories, telling and listening. David introduces and speaks to his books, most which include aboriginal people.

“My books are inclusive. We can see ourselves in my books. And my books are accessible. I work hard to make sure that almost anyone can read them. I include art and music and I often write them in rhythm and rhyme so that they are more easily read. And in order to help regain many of the languages that are being lost, I try to write them in as many different languages as possible.”

David offers prizes of signed bookmarks and books and two gifts for every listener: the gift of pride and the gift of reading!

