

Middle School Presentations

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

Every student deserves to understand the necessity of being a reader. Students should also understand that anyone can read. David's message to middle school audiences is crystal clear:

*"A book is a passport to freedom! Reading allows us to travel anywhere in the world – anywhere... today, yesterday or tomorrow. Reading makes us feel good about ourselves and reading is the one tool that is essential to success in and out of school. And the best thing about reading is that anyone can learn to read. It's a matter of finding one book you like...just one book...then one more...then one more! Learning to read is as simple as **one book at a time!**"*



Through Native flutes, storytelling and books, David teaches that reading is a necessary, a wonderful and an achievable skill for every one of us.

David shares the history of his flutes and of his Métis sash. He shares his aboriginal culture and through stories, demonstrates the power of the spoken word.

David touches all listeners: strong and weak readers, readers with learning disabilities as well as readers from various cultural backgrounds. All come to understand the need to become readers and that reading is accessible to everyone.

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

