



**First Nations Language Keepers Gathering
Workshop
Noella Eagle**

Title: Teaching Paperless

Presenter: Noella Eagle

Biography: Noella Eagle is currently the Principal of Standing Buffalo Dakota School. Noella has been doing Language and Culture Advocacy work for over a decade. Noella is currently in her second year of the Doctor of Education degree with the University of Calgary specializing in K-12 Leadership. Noella is a mother to two adult sons and she has one takoza (grandchild) from her oldest son but numerous takoza from the Dakota Kinship Model. Noella has 3 cats and 4 horses. Noella enjoys Kuns'i time, reading, beading, quilling, baking, and dancing Pow Wow when time permits.

Abstract: Noella has been involved in teaching the area of language acquisition for over a decade and she has come across many methodologies and pedagogies. Through experience she has found that students must acquire sound structure and fluency through oral teaching rather than reading and writing in the language. Students have become more fluent through methodologies like the Total Physical Response (TPR) method of learning language. She feels it builds the building blocks of fluency and confidence in speaking the language.

Learning Outcomes: Participants will:

- Develop and understanding of the Dakota Sound Chart; and,
- Engage in TPR activities.