

## **Quality Control for Program Integrity Medicine Wheel Kindergarten Alternative Program**

Medicine Wheel Kindergarten, in partnership with the Metis Calgary Family Services, provides an Aboriginal language and culture focus. This culturally broad and rich program supports and encourages child and family development in a balanced manner covering the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of life and development. Medicine Wheel program is offered to all kindergarten students who enjoy an Aboriginal focus in their learning experience.

- ✓ Teachers hired will have or are committed to having appropriate professional development/ training in the program philosophy and culture.
- ✓ The CBE teachers plan jointly with the school and the Metis Calgary Family Services Medicine Wheel Learning Centre where appropriate.
- ✓ Michif and Cree languages are taught.
- ✓ Parents, elders and members of the Aboriginal community have an on-going involvement in planning of co-curricular and extra curricular programs.
- ✓ Aboriginal story telling, traditional drumming, fiddling and jigging are part of the program.
- ✓ Aboriginal content is infused and emphasized into the Program of Study.
- ✓ The program is modelled on the principles of the Medicine Wheel, the balance of the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional person
- ✓ Students are provided breakfast, lunch and transportation funded by Metis Calgary Family Services.
- ✓ The program's presence is apparent throughout the school and the school's communications.



## **Recommendations to Maintain Quality and Consistency in Medicine Wheel Kindergarten Alternative Program**

### **Recommendation 1:**

THAT site-to-site cooperative planning occurs.

### **Recommendation 2:**

THAT Medicine Wheel on site and from site to site work together as much as possible to implement and develop the Medicine Wheel program; this includes common professional development days and other opportunities as can be agreed upon.

### **Recommendation 3:**

THAT the CBE school sites be demonstration classrooms for Aboriginal language and culture programming.

