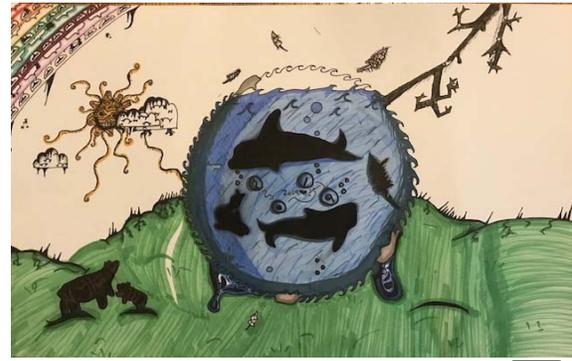


## FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS WIN AWARDS

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“The pictures I drew show some of the traditional knowledge that has been passed on to me. Everything is connected, from the sky, to the sun, to the earth, to the ocean. The mom bear passes her knowledge to her little bear just like my mom passed her knowledge to me. The Orcas are old and hold lots of knowledge. We look to nature for lessons and for help with our health.” These observations and corresponding poster (#1 above) earned Mia an award in FORED BC’s **Traditional Knowledge and Medicine**-themed artwork contest.



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This annual poster contest celebrates the **rich cultural and heritage traditions of BC’s aboriginal people** with cash prizes to aboriginal youth ages 5-18. Entries were received from all across BC, including band schools, as part of **FORED’s Aboriginal Heritage, Education & Dialogue (AHEAD)** program. **Cash prizes were awarded to six youth winners below (whose corresponding numbered posters are in this release):**

1. *Mia, Metis & Mi’kmaq, Brentwood Elementary School, Brentwood Bay (above)*
2. *Emilia & Annalsia, Metis, Gibsons (right) (parent submission)*
3. *Simone, Kaydus & Lillyanna, Tsay Keh Dene School, (right)*
4. *Arianna, Cree, Harwin Elementary School, Prince George (below left)*
5. *Cheyenne, Cowichan, Claremont Secondary School, Victoria (below ctr)*
6. *Hayley, Osoyoos Indian Band, SenPokChin School, Oliver (below rgt)*



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“These students are keepers of valuable indigenous knowledge,” says Victor Godin, FORED’s Educational Director. “This historic and cultural legacy is important to preserve.”

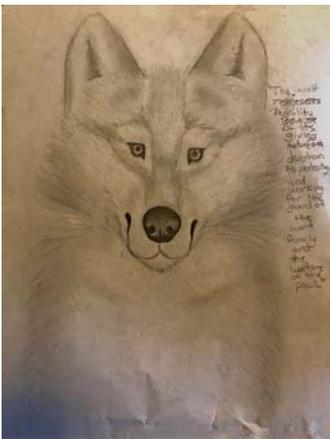
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