

## February - It's About Family

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### Lunar New Year – February 10th

#### Activities:

[Make An Awesome Paper Lantern](#) – School Aged

[Build a Vortex Cannon!](#) – School Aged

[Homemade Rice Paper](#) – School Aged

#### Books to Read:

[Lunar New Year](#) – Yim, Natasha

[The 12 Days of Lunar New Year](#) – Lettice, Jenna

[The Night Before Lunar New Year](#) – Wing, Natasha

#### Lunar New Year:

Many people in countries such as Canada celebrate Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival or Chinese New Year. It marks the first day of the New Year in the Chinese calendar.



# National Flag of Canada Day – February 15th

## Activities:

[Canada Flag Science and Sensory Play](#) - PreK

[Canadian Flag Activity for the Felt Board](#) - PreK

[Handprint Canadian Flag Fun](#) - PreK

## Books to Read:

[A Flag for Canada](#) – Archbold, Rick

[Our Flag – Owens](#) - Ann-Maureen

[When I Get Older: The Story Behind “Wavin Flag”](#) – K’Naan

## National Flag Day

The national flag of Canada was inaugurated on February 15, 1965. The anniversary of this date is officially called the "National Flag of Canada Day", which is often shortened to "Flag Day".



# Louis Riel Day – February 19th

## Activities:

[Louis Riel Fiddle Dancer](#) – Middle School

[Metis Gathering: Learning Packages](#) – School Age

[Metis Association of Alberta: Cultural Resources](#) – School Ages

## Books to Read:

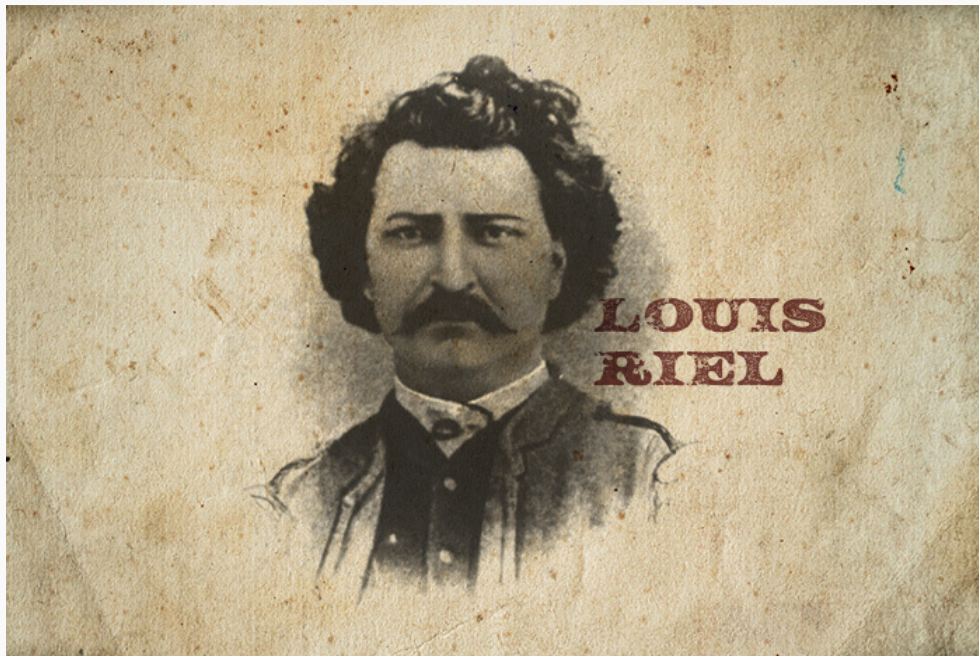
[Louis Riel Day: the Fur Trade Project](#) – Delaronde, Deborah L.

[The Pemmican Eaters](#) – Dumont, Marilyn

[Louis Riel: A Comic-Strip Biography](#) – Brown, Chester

## Louis Riel Day

Louis Riel Day is an annual general holiday in the Canadian province of Manitoba on the third Monday of February. It commemorates the life of Louis Riel, a politician who represented the Métis people's interests.



# Family Day – February 19th

## Activities:

[23 Fun STEAM and STEM Activities for Kids – School Aged](#)

[Tiny Dancers \(A Homopolar Motor\) - Ages 5 – 9](#)

[Project No More “I’m Bored!”: Water Bubbles – Ages 7 - 11](#)

## Books to Read:

[Mia Mayhem and the Super Family Field Day – West, Kara](#)

[My Funny Family Saves the Day - Higgins, Chris](#)

[The Book of New Family Traditions – Cox, Meg](#)

## Family Day:

Family Day is observed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick on the third Monday of February. This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities.

