



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

APRIL IS NEURODIVERSITY MONTH



Have you noticed that everyone thinks, learns, and processes information differently?

Neurodiversity is based on the idea that everyone has a differently wired brain and their own unique way of thinking and experiencing the world.

Neurodiversity is about recognizing and respecting that we don't all learn the same way. Differences in the way our brains are wired means that you may struggle to do things that others find easy. You may also find things easy that other people struggle with.

Neurodiversity is about recognizing that everyone's brain works differently.

Indigenous knowledge to neurodiversity

Grant Bruno, the University of Alberta researcher and Samson Cree Nation member, advocates for relational, culturally grounded approaches to supporting neurodivergent children.

"In the Western system, you're trained to look for deficits. You're trained to find what's wrong," says Grant Bruno. "Our Indigenous way is to look at what's right with that child. We still acknowledge challenges, but we focus on their gifts. How can we celebrate them in the way they deserve?"



Check out the whole article:

- » [Seeing strengths, not deficits: Grant Bruno brings Indigenous knowledge to neurodiversity — McGill Reporter](#)

Inspiration

YouTube Video:

- » [I am a non-speaking Autistic. This is how I found my voice.](#)

Podcasts:

- » [Indigenous Perspectives on Autism and Neurodiversity with Grant Bruno, Ph.D., and Otilia Johnson](#)



- » [Let's talk ... Neurodivergent Kids with Izzy Judd](#)

Celebrate!

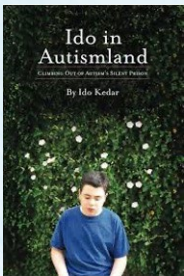
- » Use of Assisted Augmented Communication Devices that enhance communication for neurodiverse students
- » Sensory spaces are becoming more prevalent in many schools across WSD
- » YMCA starting after school programs at Collège Churchill High School



- » **SAM's Place — Check out this coffee shop in Winnipeg providing opportunities for employment! [Sam's Place Coffee](#)**

FOR FAMILIES

Current Research:



- » [Ido In Autism Land](#)
Ido Kedar

- » [Autism Research Centre-The Parents Project](#)
Autism Research Centre
- » [Autistic Behaviors are Human Behaviors \(3 min\)](#)
Dr. Barry M. Prizant
- » [Dr. Temple Grandin: All Autism Talk: Dr. Temple Grandin and Dr. Debra Moore Navigating Autism](#)

Resources:

- » [Neurodiversity MB-Resources](#)
- » [Parent Support Groups — Autism Manitoba](#)
- » [Spicy Parenting Webinars — Supporting Community Together](#)
Angela Taylor
- » [Aide Canada: Learn — Autism & Intellectual Disability Resources](#)
- » [Self-Reg Parents-RESOURCES — Self-Reg](#)
Dr. Stuart Shanker
- » [Special Ed Shouldn't Be Separate — The Atlantic](#)
By Julie Kim
- » [Pearls of Wisdom \(PDF\)](#)



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