In September, 2016 we unveiled the painting of our St. Michael School Métis Education Model. The ten monthly themes are represented in and around the Red River Cart wheel. We start and finish the year  
with a focus on developing community

symbolized by the wheel that unites us all.  
October’s focus is on Family symbolized by  
the wolf. November’s focus is on Leadership  
symbolized by the Métis flag. December’s  
theme is Celebrations represented by the  
fiddle and moccasins. January’s theme is  
the value of Kindness symbolized by the  
buffalo. February’s theme is Storytelling  
and symbolized by the eagle. March focuses  
on the value of Balance and is symbolized  
by the Red River Cart. April will focus on  
nature and Mother Earth and is symbolized  
by the bear. May is the month of Mary and  
the symbol is the rosary. This brings us back to our focus on community. Outside the circle are Dr. Brokenleg’s themes of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. Within the wheel are the colours of the circle of life that remind us of our grandparents’ teachings. The themes will help focus our efforts to include Métis perspectives and the Michif language throughout the school. Teachers will use these themes to make curricular connections, identify resources and support school themes and celebrations.

