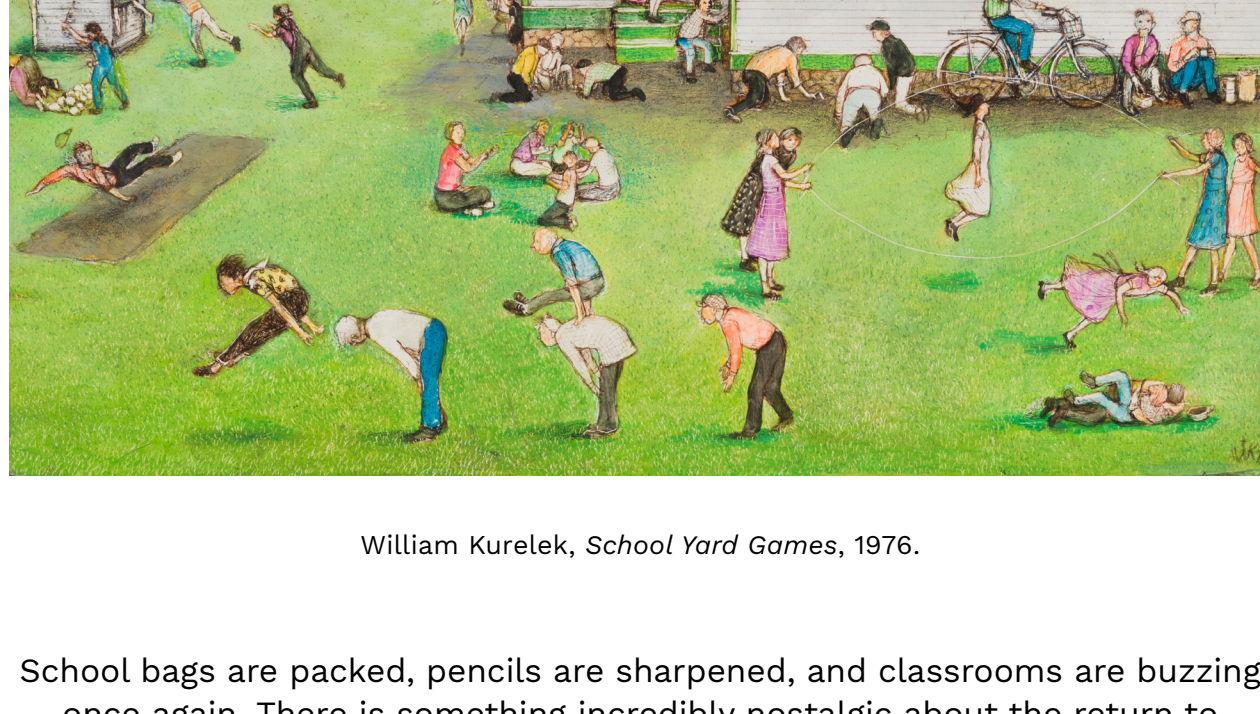


EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

START THE SCHOOL YEAR
WITH CANADIAN ART

Discover what's in store for ACI's Education Program in 2026–2027, with new resources and learning opportunities that bring Canadian art into the curriculum



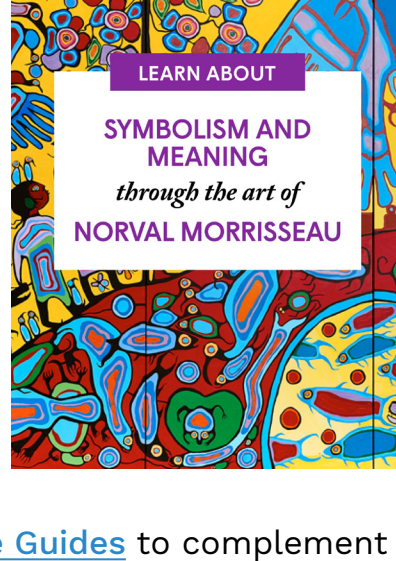
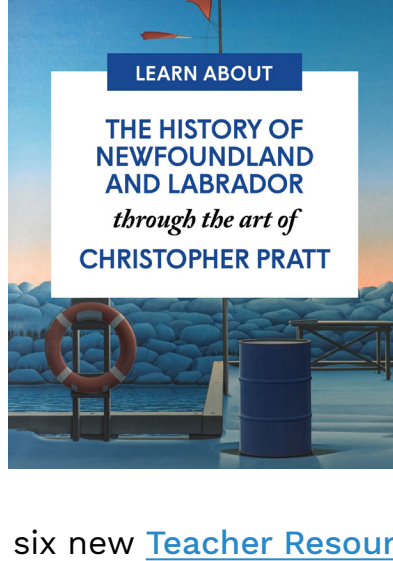
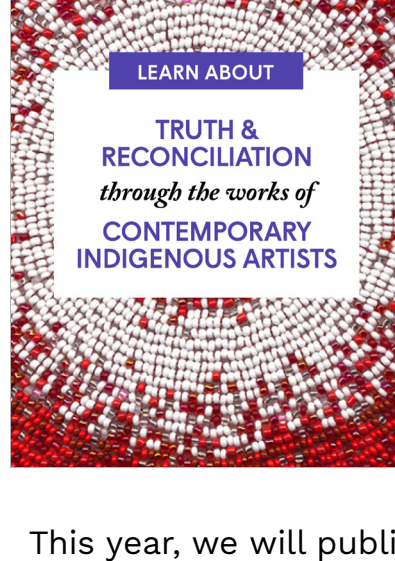
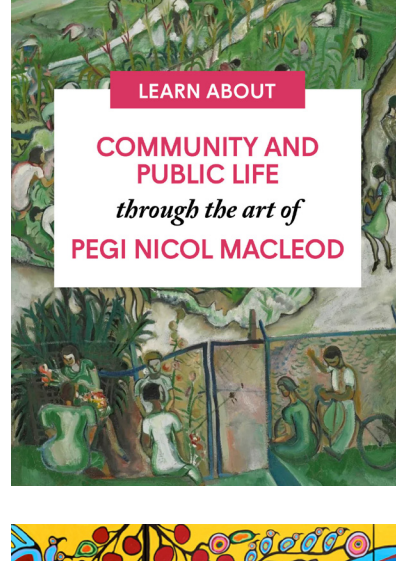
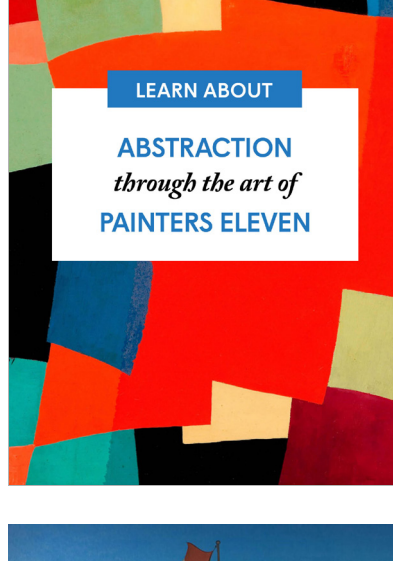
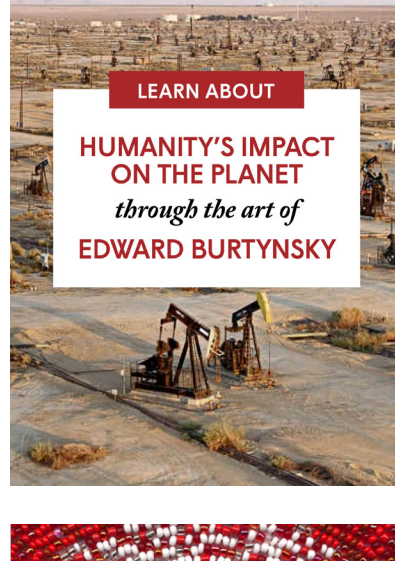
William Kurelek, *School Yard Games*, 1976.

School bags are packed, pencils are sharpened, and classrooms are buzzing once again. There is something incredibly nostalgic about the return to school: the anticipation of a new season, the excitement of seeing friends, and the joy of schoolyards coming back to life. Few artists capture the spirit of childhood quite like William Kurelek (1927–1977), whose lively vignette of students enjoying recess transports us back in time.

As educators across the country prepare for a new year of learning, remember that ACI is here to support you. From our collection of online art books and thematic newsletters to online exhibitions, classroom resources, and exciting student opportunities, there is plenty to discover. This year, we are thrilled to introduce six new cross-curricular Teacher Resource Guides for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. We are also preparing for Art Toronto, where we will spotlight the finalists of the 2026 Student Art Inspiration Challenge. Here's to an inspiring and creative school year ahead—we're so grateful to be a part of your classroom!

— The Art Canada Institute Education Team

AVENUES TO EXPLORE

Spotlight on Our 2026–2027
Teacher Resource Guides

This year, we will publish six new [Teacher Resource Guides](#) to complement our growing library of online art books. Learn about the history of Newfoundland and Labrador through the art of Christopher Pratt; explore humanity's impact on the planet through the groundbreaking photography of Edward Burtynsky; and guide your class through meaningful conversations surrounding Truth and Reconciliation by examining works by contemporary Indigenous artists in Canada. These new resources offer engaging, curriculum-connected ways to bring Canadian art, history, and contemporary issues into your classroom.

The Canadian Art Inspiration
Student Challenge

ACI's booth at Art Toronto featuring the finalists of the 2025 Canadian Art Inspiration Student Challenge.

From October 29 to November 1, ACI will celebrate the finalists of the 2026 [Canadian Art Inspiration Student Challenge](#) at Art Toronto, the nation's largest contemporary art fair. Their works will be on display in ACI's booth, giving visitors an opportunity to discover the creativity and perspectives of Canada's next generation of artists. Sharing the talent and achievements of the Student Challenge finalists is always a highlight of our year.

We hope to see you at Art Toronto this fall. Stay tuned for more information about ACI's showcase, and mark your calendars—the 2027 Canadian Art Inspiration Student Challenge is launching in November this year.

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We are creating a central digital resource to tell the world about Canada's most important works of art and where they are located.

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