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Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq 2024

Iqaluit, Nunavut (April 3, 2024) – The month of April is *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq*, Nunavut’s annual celebration of Inuktitut language. This year’s theme is “Nattiq,” the ringed seal, which has been a key provider to Inuit for generations upon generations.

This year, Nunavummiut are invited to join the celebrations by sharing their experiences in how to hunt and properly harvest seals, knowledge of different seasons for the seal's life cycle from pup to adult, how to differentiate between seal species, the terminology and anatomy of the seals, the traditional roles for hunting, butchering, and preparing the seal, and the traditional tools and skills used for working with seals. This year's theme will also bring about the sharing of stories, myths, legends, and songs of the seal and showcase Inuit culture and language.

“Culture and Heritage is thrilled to unveil a series of educational initiatives highlighting our rich Inuktitut language. This year’s focus on ‘Nattiq,’ the ringed seal, reflects our commitment to preserving our rich heritage. I am deeply gratified by the collective efforts that have made this celebration possible and eagerly anticipate its significant impact on Nunavummiut,” said Honorable Minister Daniel Qavvik.

Nunavut is a unique and distinct linguistic space within Canada. *Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarniq* is an annual event to promote the importance, history, and diversity of Inuktut in the territory. Nunavummiut are encouraged to promote Inuktut every day through stories, games, and participating in the fun on social media using *#Quviasuutiqarniq*.

For more information visit the [2024 Uqausirmut Quviasuutiqarnig](#) page on the Government of Nunavut website.

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