

Teaching Project, which she created in 1990 as an Internet-based curriculum on Native Americans. It has developed into a multimedia teaching aid entitled Science Through Native American Eyes. The Cradleboard project grew out of being asked to help develop a better Indian Studies unit in her son's grade five classroom.

WAS SHE KEEN?

"I was just waiting to be asked!" she says.

In setting out to make her personal mission a bridge between the two cultures, she developed the science curriculum that is taught through the study of native culture, and she established a partnering program for schools.

ZEST FOR LIFE

When asked where her zest for life came from, Ms. Sainte-Marie spoke of an appreciation for the moment, explaining that she has always put the most into every day.

Her latest project involves the National Commission on Service Education, helping to design a new way of teaching. The premise of service education is to help students find a practical application to what they have to study and to make a contribution to community. She helped to explain the concept by quoting an old proverb: "I hear, I forget; I see, I remember; I do, I understand." She went on to applaud the Kellogg Foundation for its incredible support for both projects.

Buffy Sainte-Marie is more than the total of all the talents mentioned here. She embodies the spirit of positive thinking. She has been shaped, in part, by her passion for books, libraries, and knowledge. A visionary for education, she is an excellent role model for many of us, a true advocate for authentic learning. ■



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