

About Goota Desmarais: Goota was born in Kinngait (Cape Dorset) Nunavut. Her early childhood was spent in a modern Inuit settlement during the winters and in a traditional camp during the summers. She is now an urban Inuk, living in Sherwood Park Alberta for the past 30 years yet stays connected to her Inuit culture through frequent visits to her home community. Goota began sharing her Inuit culture in classroom settings 25 years ago and continues to do so with great enthusiasm.

Dressed in a traditional baby carrier, called an amauti, Goota passionately shares her culture through storytelling complemented by authentic Inuit artifacts. She displays items such as the Qulliq (the Inuit stove), skins of different animals and Inuit art. Goota also brings to the presentation a traditional feast and invites the class to try traditional bubble gum, arctic char and more. Her interactive and hands-on teaching style makes learning a fun experience.

Details: Goota is available for school presentations in the mornings from Monday to Friday. Presentations are for all ages; her teaching method varies with the age group. Younger audiences will experience a lighter approach, and more serious matters are presented to the older groups.

Note: Raw food is brought to the presentation to display how the Inuit eat.

Goota is in Sherwood Park and does presentations throughout Alberta. Bookings outside of Sherwood Park will have additional fees. Please contact Goota for details.