

Indigenous Education

North Vancouver School District

January 2024



What's happening

Sharing Knowledge - Salmon Welcoming

Salmon Welcoming at Lynnmour Xá7elcha Elementary

On January 24th, Nick George and Laura Lewis did the welcome song and Nick shared local traditional knowledge.

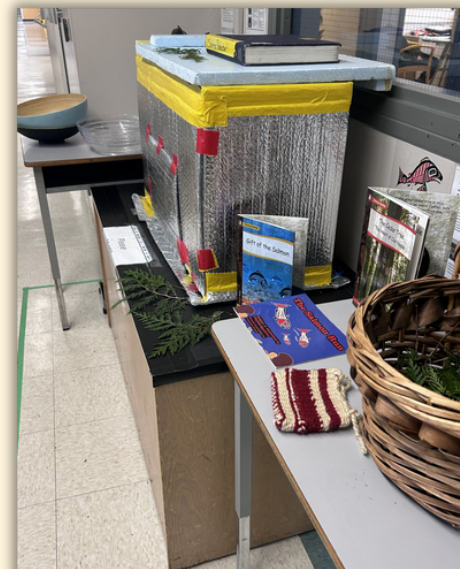
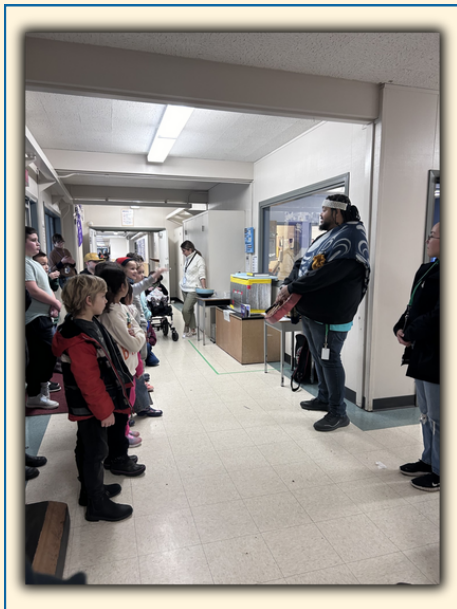


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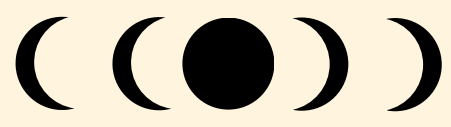
We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and TsleilWaututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

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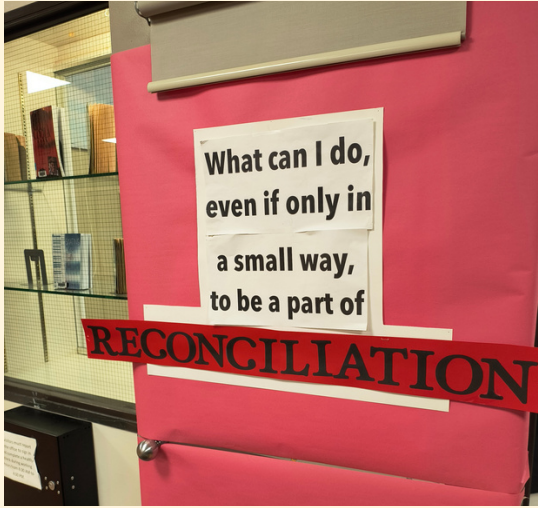
Sharing Knowledge - Salmon Welcoming

On January 29th, Dallas Guss did the welcome song and students shared in drumming and singing. Students also performed process and protocol by brushing with cedar and stream water. This welcoming encourages strong growth of the salmon.

Latash Maurice Nahanee, composed *The Salmon Song* which has been shared to the NVSD schools to use.

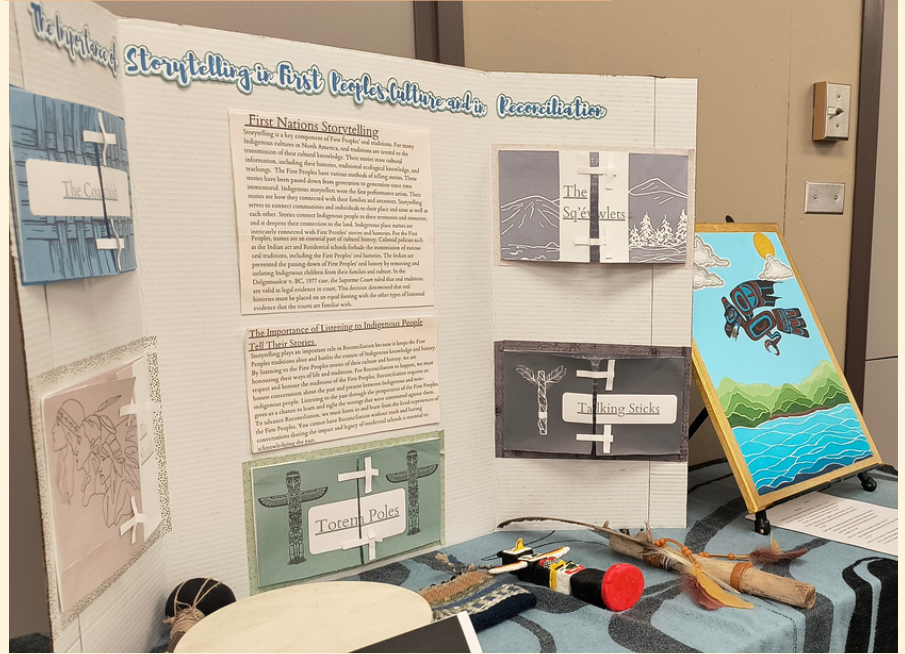
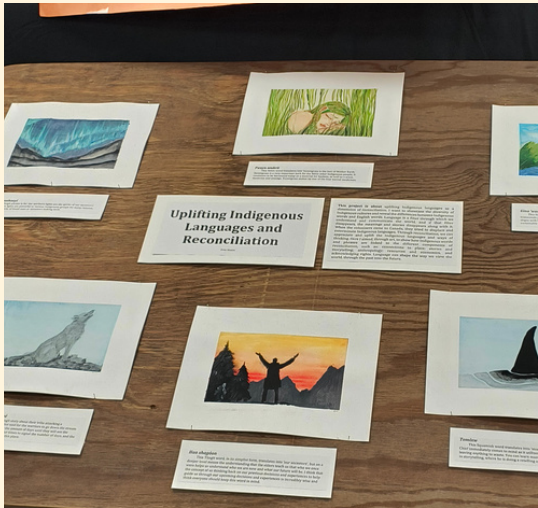


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Give Back Carry Forward Event

On January 23rd, Seycove sáyamətən Secondary students hosted: B.C. First Peoples 12 Public Exhibition of Learning



Grade 11 and 12 students at Seycove are studying the history, cultural traditions, and importance of B.C.'s Indigenous peoples to the fabric of British Columbia. Informed by First Peoples Principles of Learning and the belief that learning is a reciprocal process, you are invited to join this learning journey!

For Ms. McWilliam's B.C. First Peoples 12 class, the exhibition will be the culmination of classroom units and field learning at MONOVA: Museum Of North Vancouver, shown through individual inquiry projects the learners have created. For Mr. Hughes's PLP 11 class, the exhibition is a launch event for the inquiry that will unfold during Semester 2.

All learners are eager to share the new understandings, knowledge, and awareness they have gained.

Now that we have learned, we are ready to give back.

-Emily McWilliam

Announcements

Upcoming Days of Significance of 2024

Jan 26th - Invasion Day

Feb 14th - Have a Heart Day

Feb 21st- International Mother Language Day

Mar 1st & 2nd- Hobiye (Nisga'a New Years)

HOOBIYEE
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Edition

RECLAIMING OUR SPIRIT

Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society is the official host of the Hoobiyee T'samiks Edition, featuring the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Traditional Dancers.

We look forward to celebrating and honouring our culture and traditions, uniting as one nation.

March 1, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
March 2, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PNE FORUM
2901 E Hastings St, Vancouver

Say't K'ilim Goot- One Heart, One Path, One Nation

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Invasion Day/ Survival Day – Australia

Click the link to learn more:

- [Teach about Invasion Day](#)
- [Listen to Indigenous voices](#)

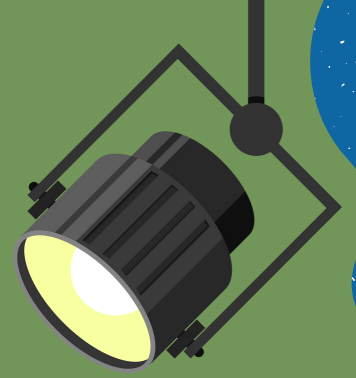


Watch the video for an overview of Indigenous perspective on "Australia Day"



Click image by Charlotte Allingham, to see a Solidarity Statement

Indigenous Education Staff Spotlight



Indigenous Literacy and Graduation Support Teacher

Yáu, Johanne Nielsenxłanugva. Haítzaǰvnugva, ǰvńxsiwa qs h́úmpa. Gáyáq!a qs wáwáǰvtus la tǰas Wág!ís!a. Hi lánugva gvúkv!á tǰas h́á!kv. My name is Johanne Nielsen. I'm Haítzaqvn and of Danish settler descent. My family comes from Bella Bella BC, and I currently live in Vancouver. I'm an Indigenous Graduation and Literacy Support Teacher working for the North Vancouver School District. I'm working to provide support for Indigenous students, building their confidence and skills in Literacy at the elementary levels, and supporting them with achieving Graduation at the high school levels. Ğíáxsiǰa, thank you



Indigenous Literacy & Numeracy Teacher



gilakas'la, nugwa'am Brandi Price. gayutłan lax Tśaǰwalutan dlu' gwa'yi. Greetings, my name is Brandi Price. I'm both Ligwildaxw and Kwakwaka'wakw descent. My family comes from both Kingcome Inlet and Cape Mudge communities. I am a We Wai Kai band member and currently reside in Vancouver with my daughter. I'm an Indigenous Literacy & Numeracy teacher working for the North Vancouver School District. I'm working to provide support for Indigenous students, building their confidence and skills in literacy at the elementary levels. gilakas'la, thank you

Métis Courses & Resources: including a Michif language course!

Métis Courses for Educators:
(Click the links to learn more)

1. [Michif Language Introductory Course](#) - Early Bird Registration Open
2. [Connecting to the Land, the Métis Way Summer Course](#) - Early Bird Registration Open



Métis Resources for Learners:

1. [Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use](#)
2. [Metis 'Connecting to the Land' Children's Book Bundle](#)



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