



## Stz'uminus Education Society March 2022 Newsletter

The monthly teaching for wulxus is 'lyusstuhw tun'a skweyul (Enjoy today),  
the time when the wuxus (frogs) start to sing.

### HAPPY MARCH

'uy' skweyul! It is hard to believe that we will soon hear the wuxus lulling us to sleep at night and greeting us on our forest journeys (RIBBET). Our staff and students have been super busy these past few weeks. The older kids did a school-wide write and all students have been working hard in their Hul'q'umi'num classes. My favourite part of every day is hearing the students and staff speak and sing their morning protocol. My favourite day in February ❤️ was when ALL students came together at the SCS gym for singing and dancing. The older kids were such gentle and supportive leaders for the little kids. There have been lots of house team events, soccer, basketball and volleyball at all grade levels. Our teams have represented Stz'uminus well. In March we are super excited about the JK to grade 7 student-led parent-teacher interviews being scheduled on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting way for families to visit classrooms, meet teachers and have their child show them their learning. We are also very excited for the two-week spring break this month. This will be a much-needed break for all of us and help us prepare for the final term of the school year. We invite the community to connect with us to talk about volunteer opportunities. It takes a village to raise our children, therefore we hope to have the community more involved in our programs.

huy tseep q'u, Colleen Mullin and Kelly Hall

### APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY UPDATES

We have completed the consultation part of the Strategic Planning process that use Appreciative Inquiry (a strengths-based, positive approach to leadership development and organizational change). We have consulted with staff, students and matriarch families from Stz'uminus. We just spent the weekend with the Education Board of Directors for their piece. Now the board is working on pulling all the important discussions into a clear and concise Strategic Plan. The vision for our education programs from ages 0 to 20!.

### STUDENTS AND MASKS

Please provide your own masks each morning. We are unable to give out masks to all students upon entry on the bus. This is the responsibility of the families. We do have spares to give out for emergencies. Huy tseep q'u!

### COVID-19 REMINDERS

Here is a brief summary of ways we are keeping safe at school:

- All staff and students (K-12) are required to wear a mask while indoors (exceptions: while eating, or while participating in high intensity physical activities)
- Students are reminded and encouraged to wash their hands frequently
- All students and all staff complete a Daily Health Check before entering the building

## HEARING SCREENER

- Island health will be coming to the Primary school on March 30<sup>th</sup> to do hearing screeners for Kindergarten and Grade 1

## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (2022/2023)

Will begin at the end of the month!

## STAFFING

We have had some updates to our staffing! Please join me in welcoming the following new staff to the SES school team:



Uy skweyul,  
My name is Nicole, and I am a new teacher on call for both SCS and SPS. I am currently covering for Michaela in the grade two classroom. I am excited to begin my teaching career in such a beautiful community!  
In my free time, I enjoy lots of music activities, especially singing and song writing. I also love to go out for runs and be active.  
I hope to meet more of the students and their families over the rest of the school year!

### Other exciting staffing news:

- Pheona Cessford will join us as our new JK to grade 12 school counsellor. She starts on March 7<sup>th</sup> 😊.
- Chris Alphonse is coming back to open the woodshop. He (re)starts on March 7th.
- Lorien Atkinson was the successful candidate for the Student Success Navigator position, grades 10 to 12 (aka Mandy's mat leave). She starts on March 1st.

## FACEBOOK



We continue to work hard to keep our School Facebook Page up to date. We are posting at least once per day, and sharing things like notices for field trips, weekly updates, amazing photos of our students' art, and of course some important reminders. Please consider following our page at: **Stz'uminus Primary School and Stz'uminus Community School**

## VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS AND SPECIAL GUESTS



It is time we start to invite the community back into our schools. It takes a village to raise our children and we miss you in our buildings! We are seeking volunteers to come and read with our kids, to perhaps come in and teach us your special skills such as knitting, beading, carving, drumming, fishing, working with medicinal plants, weavers, singing to name a few. We are also seeking local authors, artists, musicians to come and be a guest teacher for a day (or more!)

## SPORTS

We are seeking community members to volunteer their time to support our sports programs (specifically we are looking for soccer, lacrosse and baseball coaches after spring break).

The boys' basketball team will be having games against an adult team made up of staff and Stz'uminus community members. If any adults are interested in playing, please contact the community school and talk to Justin. 🏀

- Tuesday March 1 game at 7pm
- Thursday March 3 game at 7pm

- Tuesday March 8 game at 7pm
- Thursday March 10 at 7pm

FYI:

- Each game/practice is at the community school gym.
- Spectators are welcome, but they need to be wearing masks.
- There are plans to finish the boy's tournament watch for those dates.
- The girls' team might have some more games as well.

Other programs:



### Junior NBA for Kindergarten to grade 7

- This program focuses on developing the fundamentals of basketball
- Schedule:
  - Thursdays**
  - K-3: 3:00-3:45pm
  - 4-7: 3:50 - 4:50pm



### Volleyball Club

- This program is in place to work on the fundamentals of volleyball, and it is open to all Community School students. Bus take students home from this event.
- Schedule
  - Tuesdays**
  - 3:00 - 4:30pm
  - Community School Gym



### Primary School Skating Lessons

- The K-2 students are working on their perseverance and building their skating legs.
- Skating Lessons continue each Monday until March 7<sup>th</sup>



### Hope and Health Soccer

- Thursday and Fridays at the Community School gym
- This group has started soccer sessions with every class from Daycare children to grade 12. We are grateful for the work they are doing with our students.



Huy'ceep'qu, Brad Toporowski  
Athletic and Movement Coordinator

**IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORTATION**



Just a friendly reminder for Community members to Please obey School Zone Speed Limits. There has been concerns brought to my attention about the safety of our students at the bus stop on Shell Beach Rd and Thuq'min Rd also the Duplex next to the Cemetery. There is traffic from both directions going over the 30 km school zone limit. Please let's slow down!! We can all work together to keep all our Stz'uminus students safe as some of our students are out by 7:45 waiting for the district bus. Thank you for your attention in the matter, it will be very much appreciated.

**Delia Johnson**  
Transportation Coordinator  
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**PINK SHIRT DAY**

Primary School classrooms got to Paint Constable Glen Martin's SUV on Pink Shirt Day! Pink Shirt Day was on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to bring awareness of bullying.

Junior Kindergarten



Kindergarten



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



## HUNGRY HIPPO HOUSE TEAM EVENT AT SCS



## GRADE FOUR

### Tatul'ut tumuhw/Learning from the Land

The forest is the perfect place for the grade 4 students to uncover their superpowers. Breaking trail, chopping wood, tending the fire and sharing the language are some of the tasks we take part in together. Students reflect in their nature journals daily. Liam was happy to share a few of his thoughts.





## wulxus (March)

### IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, Volleyball club (gr 5 to 12)
- Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, NBA Junior Basketball (gr k to 4)
- Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, SES dancing and drumming at SCS
- Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, Volleyball club (gr 5 to 12)
- Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, NBA Junior Basketball (gr k to 4)
- Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, NO SCHOOL FROM GRADES JK to grade 4. Student led Parent/Teacher interviews all day (9am-4pm) \*\*Call the school to book your time slot\*\*
- Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, SES dancing and drumming at SCS
- **Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, school closed for Spring break**
- Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>, back to school 😊!
- Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, Volleyball club (gr 5 to 12)
- Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Island Health will be coming to the Primary school to do hearing screeners for Kindergarten and Grade 1
- Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, NBA Junior Basketball (gr k to 4)
- Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 pm, SES dancing and drumming at SCS