



# DAWHUT'EN? WHAT'S HAPPENING? SD57 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

KHUI - WINTER

## Social Work Share-Out

The *Indigenous Social Work* team works diligently under the framework of Wellness, as outlined in the school districts strategic plan, guided by the Dakelh holistic lifelong learning model. One of the cornerstones of *Indigenous Social Work* practice is based on the work of Dr. Martin Brokenlegs *Circle of Courage*--(Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity). We start in the first quadrant of belonging- which includes, but is not limited to building relationship, trust, inclusion, and connection— recognizing the importance of building, safe, supportive, trusting and respectful relationships, as pertinent to the process of creating

- Culturally safe, caring, inclusive learning communities, where all students thrive with an emphasis on mental health, physical health and overall wellbeing for students, staff and families.

## Vice Principals Message

Happy New Year!

We would like to share that Wendy Child has retired from to department after 6 years of service. Thank you to Wendy for all you have done in your role. Wendy will be greatly missed. Thank you to Amanda Boucher for organizing the honouring assembly.



## Community Vibez



A group of PGSS students came to help out at the Nusdeh Yoh Christmas Party. They not only helped serve students and families at the Santa breakfast but they stayed and helped with the holiday spa, where hair braiding, hair tinseling, nail painting and medicine bag making took place. A big thanks to Charlee Witwer, PGSS IEW, for bringing these awesome helpers. And a big round of applause to Treena, Grant and Tracy for this amazing event.

## Hard at Work



Pictured above CHSS IEW, Josh Mueller, facilitating a hoop stick workshop. Josh joined the Indigenous Education team earlier this year. We are grateful for all the new skills he brings to our team. Josh and Nola Williams have been doing an amazing job with our students. Mussi Cho to the CHSS team.

## IEW Supervisors Update

We would like welcome Gige Blais to her new role as IEW Supervisor. Her experience and skills will be greatly appreciated in this new capacity. We would also like to acknowledge that Mel Aksidan has accepted the role of PGSS IEW which was previously occupied by Gige. We would also like to welcome Grace Burke our newest edition to the Indigenous Education family. Grace has accepted the role of IEW at DP Todd. Welcome to the team!

## Business Corner

Needing more travel funds for Land Base learning opportunities? The department has a small amount of travel budget for schools that have used up or running low on funds in their existing travel budget. If you wish to make a request, please send a plan to Stephaney Thompson. Please indicate where you are intending on going i.e. Trap line with Reid/Ian. How many indigenous students you will be bringing? If you are requesting for multiple trips please indicate the amount. We will do our best to accommodate the requests.

Lheidli T'enneh ink'ez McLeod Lake Indian Band hubeh keyoh whuts'odelhti. Nts'ezla hubeh yun ts'uwhut'i, ts'uzt'en ink'ez ts'unuwuhlyeh. We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh and McLeod Lake Indian Band on whose land we live, work and play.



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## Do it for the Culture



Pictured above is some staff and students from Nusdeh Yoh sporting their ribbon skirts and ribbon shirts on National Ribbon Skirt Day (January 4<sup>th</sup>). Such a beautiful thing to see multiple generations representing Indigenous cultural in such a proud way.

### Real Tradish

It does not require many words to speak the truth -  
Chief Joseph



Show respect to all people  
but grovel to none -  
Tecumseh

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – National Ribbon Skirt Day
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth Leadership/Elder Conference Planning Meeting
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – IEW Meeting
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Pro D
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Ts'udelhti Follow-up

### LET'S CONNECT!



Do you want to awaken your creative side? Do you want to develop new beading techniques? Do you do want your beadwork to be deadleh? Do you want to hang out with some awesome people? Have you answered yes to any of the above?



Then join Laurie Todd and Louise Creyke on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm @ the Department (102-155 McDermid Drive) to **BEAD!** If you can bring your own beads as there will be a limited amount supplied.

\*Not for qualification hours just to learn new skills and connect

### Deadleh Opportunities

#### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Please keep checking the School District No. 57 website to see when District Awards and Scholarships open. Once they are open the students will have 4 weeks to apply see link to website below:

[https://www.sd57.bc.ca/apps/pages/ind ex.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1144474&type=d&pRE C\\_ID=1386462](https://www.sd57.bc.ca/apps/pages/ind ex.jsp?uREC_ID=1144474&type=d&pRE C_ID=1386462)

More opportunities available here:  
<https://www.sd57indigenouseducation.c om/parents>

#### Pro D sessions for January 29<sup>th</sup>

Dakelh Language Resources hosted by Jen (1.5 qualification hours)

RRP Session hosted by Caralyn Hoffman (3 qualification hours)

101 Series Session 3: Academic Support with Literacy hosted by Nicholas Hadfield (3 qualification hours)

Weaving Strands of Practice Keynote: Denise Augustine (not for qualification)

#### Make A Future IEW postings:

Van Bien Elementary – (35 hours)

Polaris Montessori Elementary – (35 hours)

Have a good news story you'd like to share? How about some traditional knowledge you'd like to bestow on us? Feel free to email your submissions to Dorthy Stewart: [dstewart@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:dstewart@sd57.bc.ca)

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Learning that enriches the life of each student