

SD #69 – Indigenous Education Program

Newsletter



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School District 69 exists within the territories of Coast Salish People, and within the shared traditional territories of Snaw'naw'as and Qualicum First Nations.



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Salish Weave Exhibition

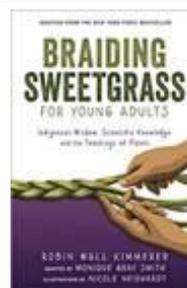
– Samantha Stagg, Teacher at Oceanside Elementary

This Spring, Ecole Oceanside School students investigated the Salish Weave Exhibition. Kindergarten to Grade 7 classes interacted with the individual pieces, shared personal connections, and listened to the artists' statements. It was an honour to have this body of work in our school for the children to appreciate and learn from.

Upcoming resource –

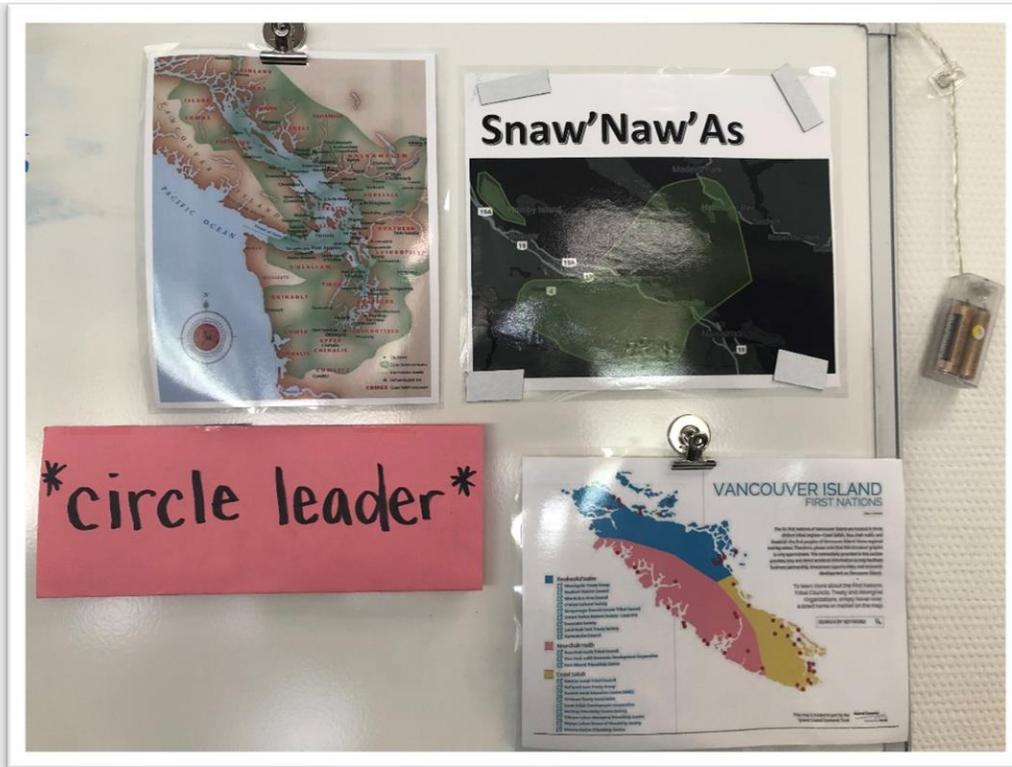
Keep an eye out this fall for the adaptation of “Braiding Sweetgrass for young adults”, adapted by Monique Gray Smith.

<https://www.moniquegraysmith.com/braiding-sweetgrass-ya-adaptation>



In the classroom >>>

Becky Weiss and Her Grade 1 / 2 Class Practice Land Acknowledgement



In my class I love having daily circles to hear about the student's lives and to hold a space for storytelling and listening. At the beginning of the year I model for the students how to be the circle leader which includes doing a land acknowledgment. As time goes on we look at more detailed maps, and we add more detail to our land acknowledgment; now all the students are confident in being able to stand up and acknowledge whose territory we are on.

For more information on Land Acknowledgement visit [Here!](#)

Totally Tuesdays - Drum Making With Linda Rabideau >>>



Student's at Nanoose Bay Elementary School were captivated by Linda's teachings and drum making expertise!



In Our Schools >>>

On May 5th, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Ecko Aleck shared the Woman's Warrior Song and other songs with our staff and students. People had the opportunity to show their support by getting a red paint handprint on their face or arm.

To learn more about Ecko Aleck visit her site [HERE](#)



Seasonal Rounds

The Indigenous Education department has created a resource for schools that follows the names of the 13 Salish Moons. Within this resource you will find Indigenous knowledge on local plants, animals, and hul'q'umin'um' language. The information for this resource can be found in the portal on the Indigenous Education website page.

Or click [*HERE!](#)

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In our Community >>>



From left to Right:, Ashley Callingbull, Dallas Phillips

On May 6th, three students went to the “Honouring Our Sisters” Conference hosted by Kwumut Lelum in Nanaimo. The day was filled with empowering workshops and the students heard Ashley Callingbull tell her remarkable life story.

To learn more about Ashley Callingbull check out her website [here!](#)

Additional Resources >>>

➤ <https://www.carolynroberts.net/resources>

Check out Carolyn Roberts site for resources, lesson plans, books for the classroom, and YouTube video resources.

➤ <https://www.firstvoices.com/>

First voices is a great resource that is an initiative of *First Peoples Cultural Council*.

Click here to Explore Languages → <https://www.firstvoices.com/explore/FV/sections/Data>

“Megalodon Attack!!”
- Darwin Hager



Sophia shows us one of their beautiful earrings crafted from their own design.

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