



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

KHUI - WINTER

Dakelh: Dec., Jan. & Feb.

- 'Eldziyaznun = Time of the Small Moon
- 'Eldzichonun = Time of the Large (Bright) Moon
- Yussulnun = Time of Wet Snow (Flakes)



Tse'khene: Dec., Jan. & Feb.

- Meh tun tun chi = Time of the Ice Getting Thicker
- Tli che usdats = Singed Dog Tail
- Tatl'ah sas azi = Baby Bears are Being Born



'It'loo Noye Khunni - Weaving Words Celebration
March 5 - 8, 2025

HEAR OUR WORDS
Storytelling Showcase

2025 Theme: "Story Forward: Journeying with Youth"
Open to all Indigenous youth aged 5 to 29 from or living in Northern BC (north of Bella Bella and Williams Lake).

Send work to storyteller@unbc.ca or mail to Weaving Words, Department of English, UNBC, 3333 University Way, Prince George / Lheidli T'enneh V2N 4Z9

We encourage storytelling of all kinds, including short story, poetry, music/song, visual art, and performance art.

Facebook @WeavingWordsCelebration
Web weavingwords.ca
storyteller@unbc.ca

Deadline: Feb 15, 2025

Lheidli T'enneh
All storytellers will receive a small gift in recognition of their story submission, and be showcased during the Weaving Words Celebration March 2025.

Bannock Puppet Show and Song with Elder Clifford



Join Elder Clifford, Cliboyaz puppet, and Cherie on a magical Bannock making journey! This 30-minute lesson involves an interactive Puppet story, worksheet, singing, drumming using Indigenous drum and learning conversational Dakelh target language like "What is it?", "This is ____.", "What is he saying?", "I am hungry, I want food.", "What food do you want?" and all the ingredients needed to make Bannock. Great for all levels!

Connect with Cherie Chai to book a demo lesson or discuss a lesson plan.
Email: cchai@sd57.bc.ca

Reminder: SD57 Community Dinners

- February 12, 2025: 6pm-8pm PGSS
- May 7, 2025: 4pm-6pm McLeod Lake Indian Band Office & Mackenzie Secondary

Register with Dorothy at 250-562-4843 or email her @ dstewart@sd57.bc.ca

Highlighted Resources

- *[Land Based Target Language](#) for Dakelh teaching on the land (click words for audio)
- *[Pink Shirt Day LibGuide](#)
- *[Dakelh Phrases \(Lheidli\) LibGuide](#)
- *[DLC Resources to Support Truth and Reconciliation LibGuide](#)

The Medicine of Stories in Educating Hearts, Minds, and Spirits – 4 Sessions

SD57 has purchased 100 seats in this virtual webinar series! **Sign up on PD Reg.** All sessions are 3:30pm to 4:30pm and are facilitated by Monique Gray Smith, in collaboration with the Outdoor Learning School.

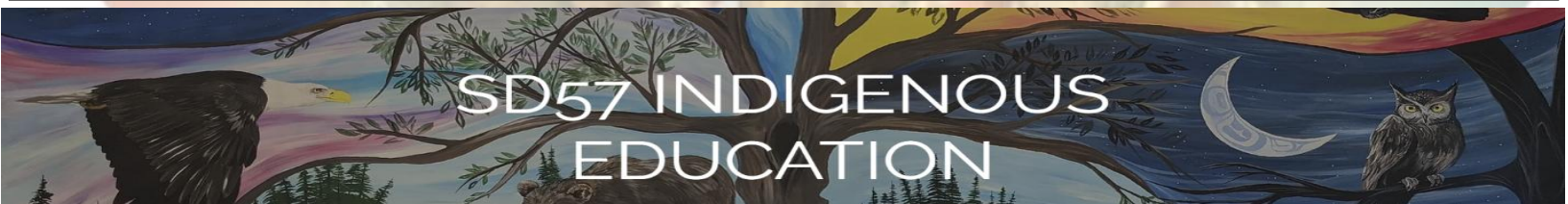
- January 30th Dr Robin Wall Kimmerer
- March 27th Richard Van Camp
- April 24th Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser
- May 29th Leona Prince

Mussih Pinewood Students!



In January, the Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Holders Advisory Council meeting was hosted by Pinewood Elementary with drumming, lunch, gifts, and art! Mussih! Photo by Deanna Hood.

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





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A Snowy Walk!



Snowshoeing Glenview Elementary students in December! Photos submitted by Carrie-Lynn Dexter, IEW

Learning Dakelh Fridays With Cherie Chai, online via Teams

No registration required.

All staff invited! Teams folder: [Learning Dakelh Fridays with Cherie](#)

When: Every Friday (except NID and holidays) from 2:45pm to 3:15pm

Meeting link: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 256 404 655 711
Passcode: FPC5At

Indigenous Resources for the Early & Elementary Years

With Qwultultun (Robert) Goldsmith, Emma Metallic, Natalie Laurin & Dr. Valdine Bjornson



4 PM PT
7 PM ET
Feb 18

FREE!



February 8th, 4pm-5pm – Free Virtual Workshop on Early Years Indigenous Resources

Explore the plethora of Indigenous resources available to support all youth in developing core skills in reading, writing, science all while nurturing social and emotional wellness skills. This workshop will share with educators how authentic Indigenous resources can connect students to place through evidence-based literacy, numeracy and science curriculums. The new Decodables series also specially supports those will challenges like dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia. Join to get inspired on how to embed Indigenous resources into your Early and Elementary education practice.

Visit the [Outdoor Learning session page](#) for more information and to register.

[More free February workshops listed here!](#)

Nela 'ineh! – You Help Us!

The Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Holders Advisory Committee (IEKHAC) are looking for schools to host their meetings. They occur on the Third Tuesday of each month (except March) from 11am – 1pm.

We need:

- space large enough for approximately 10 people
- access to a projector
- table space for lunch
- amenities for making tea/coffee
- staff or leadership students to provide a school tour after lunch (usually 11:30)

If you are interested in hosting one of this year's IEKHAC Meetings, please contact Jennifer Pighin! Email: jpighin@sd57.bc.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 12th Community Dinner at PGSS Cafeteria
- Feb 17th [Natneke Dzen](#) – Family Day
- Feb 18th Elder & Knowledge Holder Advisory Council Meeting
- Feb 26th [Dzoot'an Dunulk'un Dzen](#) – Pink Shirt Day
- March 5th-8th 'Ut'loo Noye Khunni – Weaving Words 2025: Story Forward: Journeying with You(th)

Teaching of Smudge



Ron Brent IEW Tyler Haiste shares the teaching of smudge (taught by Larry) with students and staff. Photo submitted by Larry Garnot

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

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