

Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School Newsletter

Strong Together In All We Do



May/June, 2023

News from the Principal



Gilakas'la

I can't believe this will be the last newsletter submission of the year. June is already here and we started this month with a new school event! We had our first GN outdoor soccer tournament last week. The weather cooperated and students enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of games. It was great to so many families out watching!

Every June, we say farewell to our grade 7 grads as they conclude their elementary schooling and transition to high school (PHSS or Eke Me-Xi). We wish them all the best in the coming years and remind them of the foundational skills they have learned with us, and to be proud of who they are and where they come from as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.

A massive thank you to our amazing GN School staff, parents and families. We could not do what we do without this wonderful team that makes up our fantastic school community. It never ceases to amaze me the strength of our school and Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw community. As we step into summer vacation mode soon, please accept our very best wishes for a safe and fun July and August. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on September 5th.

The last few weeks are very busy so stay connected via social media for updates on events happening. I hope to see many of you in the coming weeks!

All the best to our families,

Reed Allen - Principal



News from Karen

Happy June everyone, we are all amazed that we are down to the last few weeks of the year. Thank you to all the parents, students and community members that attended our Literacy event. It was a huge success and I want to thank all the staff that supported this great event. We are excited to start up the Parents Club next year with a group of parents that have shown interest in supporting this club. As the year ends we are fortunate to provide our students with many rich and exciting opportunities over the next few weeks. Be sure to keep tabs on our Facebook page or your child's classroom page to see what is happening. I want to wish our Grade 7 students all the best as they move on to Grade 8 next year. It has been a pleasure getting to be part of your academic journey and I look forward to hearing about all the amazing adventures in your lives as you grow.

Some pictures of our Literacy Evening and readers in our school! Have a great summer!



News from Shannon

Yo Everyone! As I say every year, I can't believe we are down to our last few weeks of school! Our students who have received learning assistance services and supports this year have made excellent progress in many areas and should feel very proud of their achievements. Thank you for supporting your children in getting the support they need in order to learn best. I also want to thank our amazing staff for their hard work and dedication to our school and students.

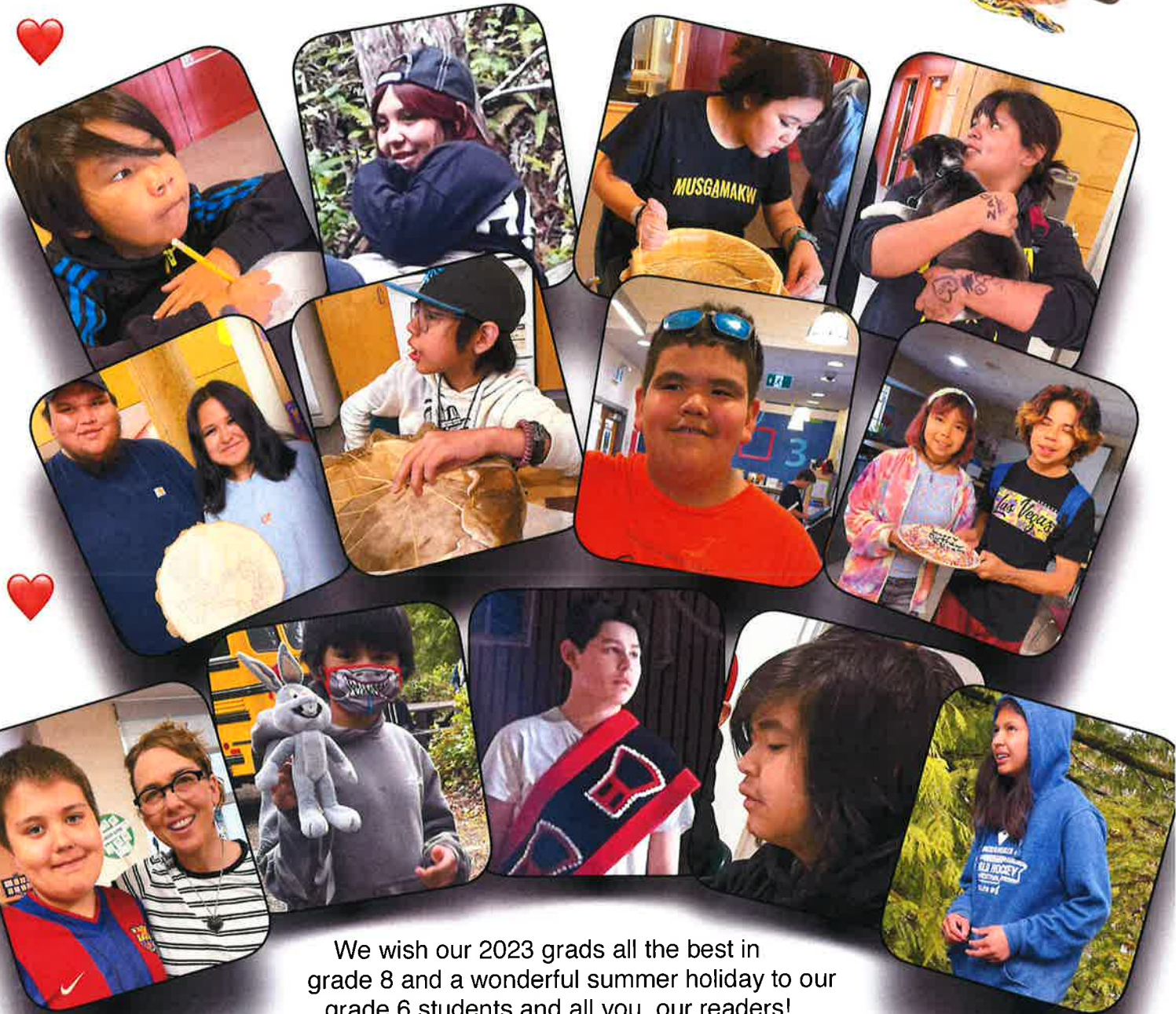
So, now that it is almost summer vacation, and now what do we do with our kids for two whole months? Hopefully we have lots of opportunities to get outside together. Here are some fun ideas for spending time in nature together:

- * Go for a picnic at a park or the lake
- * Go for a nature walk at the beach or in the forest
- * Camp out!
- * Make slime outside
- * Use sidewalk chalk to make art on the cement
- * Paint rocks
- * Blow bubbles
- * Go on a bike ride
- * Build an obstacle course
- * Run through sprinklers
- * Have a water fight with sponges
- * Go fishing
- * Have an outdoor movie night
- * Go on a scavenger hunt
- * If you can have a fire, cook s'mores or roast hot dogs

Have a wonderful summer everyone and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in the Fall!



News from Dianne's Grade 6/7 Class



We wish our 2023 grads all the best in grade 8 and a wonderful summer holiday to our grade 6 students and all you, our readers!



News from Nic's Grade 5/6 Class



One more month!? It's hard to believe that May has come and gone and all that's left is June.

This month, we were back out in the canoes, we took a VR tour of whale lungs, we learned some new songs, and we finished our Matilda novel study - come by and check out the finished product.

June looks busy too! Lots of fun and learning still to be had; a great leading to what I hope is a fantastic summer for all!



News from Leslee's Grade 4/5 Class



Gilakas'la Everyone!

May flew by in a blink of an eye. The kids did some testing, learning and also had fun outside enjoying the great weather. We have had a great year of learning and creating some great memories.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break!

News from Jen's Grade 3/4 Class



This Class! It sure is going to be hard saying goodbye to this group. We have all grown so much in so many ways this year and have learned so much from each other. They truly are a special group that I will forever remember. There are so many amazing qualities that this group shares. They all have a great desire to learn and to better themselves, they are all full of wonder and curiosity, and they all have an incredible sense of humour. Laughter is great medicine and together we have shared some pretty funny stuff. Here are a few jokes that will definitely put a smile on your face and a chuckle in your pocket. Have a great summer all!

Kevanna

What drinks to
you give a
Tree?

Root beer!

Carla

Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Donut.
Donut who?
Donut eat my
food!

Louisa

What has a no
body, no
head, two
arms and a
face?
A clock

Alice

What do you
call a person
with no body
and no nose?
Nobody
knows!

Lazarus

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
They see.
They see who?
They see me
rolling.

Nicole Knock, Knock. Who's there? Cows go! Cows go who? No they don't they go "moo!"

Kendra

What flies
without
wings?

Brendan

What did the
cat get on his
test?
A purrfect
score

Simone

What do you
give to an
injured pig?
Oinkment

Cristian

Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Sheik
Sheik who?
Sheik, sheik,
your booty!

Konner

What do you
call cheese
that is not
your cheese?
Nacho cheese

News from Jackie's Grade 2/3 Class



Beach exploration in our front yard ~ How lucky are we?

Wow! We have been so busy ~ exploring, hiking, making friendships, learning about self-awareness, cooperation, teamwork and so much more! We went to visit the District of Port Hardy's Public Works and had a chance to learn all about their cool trucks and equipment used to keep Port Hardy clean and beautiful!



News from Melanie's Grade 1/2 Class



Wow, what a month we had! May was full of learning, exploring, culture and fun. Some of our highlights include; visiting the carving shed, exploring Beaver Lake trails, sunny beach days, and reading and writing stories. We have made so much progress this term in our writing. The students are enjoying being able to write their own stories and ideas. They especially like to read their stories to the class. I am so proud of them! Every student has learning so much and it has been a joy witnessing their growth.



News from Sheri-An's K Class

Gilakas'la! I cannot believe that June is upon us. We have had another amazing month. It is always wonderful to reflect and see how much the children have grown this year. June is full of many fun activities culminating with our trip to Ba'as. Our year will soon be over and I really want to express how proud Martina, Kat and I are of all the kids. We have truly been blessed to be able to be a part of their journey this year. Have a wonderful summer!



Showing Auda Gertie rhubarb



Public Works



Police Officer Kyle



Walter explaining pole stories at the carving shack.



Watching the old Ba'as video while Auda Gertie shares knowledge of her home.



News from Michelle's Pre K Class: May & June



hamdzalatsi



I am like a flower,
raised with love by you



Granny Gertie visits



I wish to congratulate all the gangananaṃ on completing their first year at the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School. We have had a lot of fun together and students have been very courageous to try new experiences and express their unique selves. I'm quite excited for them to share their gifts and their knowledge of Bakwamkala with the world as they grow up. Gilakas'la to elders Kathy, Gertie, Mary and Mary V for sharing their knowledge and love with us. Gilakas'la to Dea-ta, Kristine and Payge for their creativity, compassion and loving care provided every day. This very special class is ready for Kindergarten and each child gives me hope and inspiration for the future. We will always remember their random acts of kindness, beautiful smiles and entertaining stories. Have a summer full of family time, adventure and fun. -Michelle



growing beans



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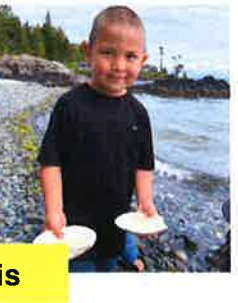
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News from Robin's Bakwamkala Class

Gilakas'la! What a wonderful year we have shared together. The gangananam are learning and using more language in and around the classroom. Our students, including the Pre-Ks, are making the more difficult sounds that occur in our language, like explosive k and glottalized g. It is exciting to see them embracing our language and taking pride in speaking it. Our fluent speakers are one of our greatest gifts and resources. We treasure our time with them. It is so wonderful when we can learn from them and invite them into our school.



Lesson 17: Household Chores

 tsutsaxwaga	 tsuxwa	
 xikwa	 dix'i	 tsuxwalifa
 kas'watla	 kapix'i	

 musmus	 watsi	 gu'dan
 gwasu	 sitam	 lamadu

Lesson 19: House

 gukw	 taxala	 dux'solas hang'solas
 ha'mi'ksilas	 laxlagas	
 kwa'lilas	 xalatsi	 kwa'elas

Lesson 16: Actions 2

 kasa ke'nakwa	 dzalxwa	 daxw'a
 dadaxwusta'o	 t'apusta'ola	 xalpa
 tulwaxa	 tikwata	

News from Lauren's Culture Class

Gilakasda'xw'la to all our Families and Ganganam;

This term we have spent a lot of time singing, some dancing, sewing, learning our Kwakwaka'wakw form lines, step by step lessons for an eagle design, learning about and tasting our traditional food; t'ubakw d'fu dzaxwan d'fu t'li'na. The ganganam have been working so hard at all of these activities and I couldn't be more proud of their efforts and growth.

The grade 6 and 7's kangextola d'fu tsep are coming along really beautiful.

It has been amazing to see the amount of artists that we have in our school. Keep drawing ganganam, it will get easier with practice!

The excitement for summer is in the air and I hope that you all continue to practice and participate in our beautiful culture and the events that might take place during the summer. Watch out for singing practices at the carving shed :) The more we practice, the stronger in our culture we will be!

Gilakasda'xw'la

Gwanti'lakw



News from Heather's Physical Education Class

WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR IN THE GYM!!



Enjoy an active and restful summer!!

******Try Gardening*Get Biking or Roller Blading*Go Swimming*Go Boating, Canoe or Kayak*Go Hiking*Pack a Picnic*Fly a Kite*Make memories******

Don't forget: Drink tons of water!!



More Learning



Taking learning to new heights



Jersey day



Outdoor soccer tournament teams

June Birthdays

Happy June Birthday to Damien, Aliwas, Wilfred, Mitchell, Carey, Ta'nis, Elijah, Evette, Lila-Rose, and Tomika



July Birthdays

Happy July Birthday to Kevanna, Mason, Satiya, Anthony and Peter



August Birthdays

Happy August Birthday to Kwol, Sirah, Landon, Dorian, Calai, Jayce, Storm, Karder, Kendra, Maddox, Eliza, Denise, Leslie, and Corey





Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School

Invites you to our

EDUCATION CELEBRATION

Please join us at the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School as we
celebrate the 2022-2023 school year.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 @ 10:00 AM

ROBB SWAIN MEMORIAL AWARD

YEAR END VIDEO

KENNETH HENDERSON PUBLIC SPEAKING

GRADE 7 GRADUATION

**** LUNCH PROVIDED ****

**** HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS ****

**** CLASSROOM AWARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT BY TEACHERS ON ANOTHER DATE ****

MONDAY,
JUNE

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BOUNCE-A-RAMA

GWA'SALA-'NAKWAXDA'XW
SCHOOL

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw families come join us for an afternoon of fun!

Free event including hot dog bbq

****This event is provided by through a partnership with the GN School and
GNN Youth Sports and Recreation****



JUNE 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Div 1 Dianne Div 2 Nic Div 3 Leslee Div 4 Jen Div 5 Jackie Div 6 Melanie Div 7 Sheri-An Div 8 Michelle</p>				1 Grade 3 + Soccer afternoon Happy Birthday Damien Phillips	2 Div. 3/4 Swimming Port McNeill 9:30 Div. 6/7 Storey's Beach (PM)	3 Grade 6/7 softball tourney @FRES Happy Birthday Aliwas Hemphill Assu
4 Happy Birthday Wilfred Williams	5 Div. 1/2 Outdoor Education @10:00	6 Preparing Salmon at Smoke House Earthquake Drill	7 Track & Field @Sunset RCMP Bike Tune-Up	8 PHSS Grade 7 Trades Day RCMP Bike Rodeo - 1:00 Happy Birthday Mitchell Jack-King	9 Div. 3/4 Swimming Port McNeill 9:00 Div. 6/7 Storey's Beach (PM) Happy Birthday Carey & Ta'nis Galis-Charlie	10
11	12 Pre-K Grad 10:00 Culture Room Ocean Ambassador Canada	13 Div. 5 Tex-Lyon Trail	14 Div. 4 Storey's Beach Happy Birthday Nicole Dondaneau	15 Grade 6 Immunizations Div. 5 Storey's Beach	16 Div. 3/4 Swimming Port McNeill 9:00 Div. 6/7 Storey's Beach (PM)	17
18 Happy FATHER'S Day	19 Div. 6/7 Boat Trip 9:30 PHSS Grad Victory Walk @ 11:00 Div. 1/2 Outdoor Ed.(PM)	20 Div 4 - Visit Teacher Jen House Sports Fun Day 1:00 - 3:00	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Education Celebration all students @10:00 students dismissed after eating	23 Div. 3/4 Swimming/Movie Theatre 9:00 Last Day of School Happy Birthday Teacher Melanie	24 Happy Birthday Teacher Leslie
25	26 Bounce-a-Rama @1:00 Family Fun at field	27 Happy Birthday Elijah Joseph	28 Happy Birthday Evelte Walkus	29 Happy Birthday Ula-Rose Henderson	30 Happy Birthday Tamika Jack-King	
<p>HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!</p>						

