

Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School Newsletter

Strong Together In All We Do



February/March, 2025

Gilakas'la,

The second term is quickly drawing to a close, and life at the GN School continues to be filled with activity, with learning and events happening everywhere. February was a great mix of classroom lessons, school events, and community involvement. It also brought our first real taste of winter, which the students really enjoyed! We encourage everyone to take a moment to read through the newsletter and catch up on everything that's happened over the past month or so.

We're excited to see you all at the Yayuma on March 11. We hope this will be the final one held at the school, and that next year we'll be able to host it at the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw gukdzi. We had a tour a couple of weeks ago, and it looks absolutely beautiful!

Reed Allen
Principal



News from Karen

Happy March

We have had a busy two months and we are all looking forward to spring break. We hosted Missoula Theatre at our school, and we were super excited that we had 18 students from our school in the play. The students did amazing and presented the play with only 4 days of practice. You can check out the video on our school YouTube channel.



Additionally, we celebrated the students reading well over 500 books with a pie throw at Mr. Allen and me. The kids had a blast and we had a tasty treat!

Have a wonderful Spring Break!



Dianne's Grade 6/7 Class



Yo, Families and Friends! February was all about connecting—connecting with classmates, new people, animals, families, other students from the North Island, and our maya'ant (respected one)♥. Have you heard of WOOP? Instead of just dreaming of your wishes and wants, complete a WOOP! W - List your wants and wishes. O - What will be the outcome? O - What are the obstacles?

P - Make a plan! Good luck, and may all your wishes come true.♥♥

W.O.O.P

Theo - I want new soccer boots.
Hope: I want to save money.
Evette - I want to finish my apron and regalia blanket.
Blaire - I want to play soccer for Team BC.
Mason - I want to play Junior A hockey.
Albert: I want to learn how to play guitar.
Inez: I want to go to Japan.
Mitchell: I wish to be a Guardian and work with my dad.



W.O.O.P

Orie: I want to learn how to make Kraft Dinner.
Cason: I aspire to play hockey at a high level.
Carey: I want to get better at drawing and sketching.
Fred: I want to get better at gaming.
Storm: I want to learn how to drive a car.
Willie: I wish for a black and gold basketball.
Mia - I wish for a dog.

Allyson's Grade 5/6 Class

Goodbye February 2025! Students have been playing and practicing with their bakwamka'la questions...



'Mat'sa sux da?

Mat'sa sux da? *What is that?*

'ma'ox da? *Is this a...?*

duk'waa'masa xi...? *Do you see...?*

da'kala'mas? *Are you hurt?*



Yayuma
March 11



Busi ma'ox da?



laka'a 'ma'ox da?



'Mat'sa sux da?



duk'waa'masa xi da migwat?



wawadi 'ma'ox da?



duk'waa'masa tsulquate?

Em's Grade 4/5 Class

We had many adventures in Division 3 this cold and snowy February! We visited the estuary, where we spotted and identified birds as part of the annual Backyard Bird Count challenge. We have been learning about migration as well. In class, we have been digging deep into the world of multiplication and division, and students are making amazing progress! We have had a great time learning our math facts through singing catchy songs. In music, we are learning about harmony. We were sad to say goodbye to Michael and Kaelyn this month. We wish you both the very best at your new school!



Jen's Grade 3/4 Class



Spread kindness like confetti! All February we have been focussing on caring for our selves and others by demonstrating kindness and love in and out of school. Especially now, during a period of time when the world needs love and kindness the most! Here are some pretty powerful words said from students in the Grade 3/4 class!



Don't Bully!
Be helpful.



Be the reason
someone smiles! Be
sweet as candy!



Everybody should be
loved. Be your best.
Be happy!



Be you! When you be
kind to someone,
they will always be
kind back.



Believe in yourself



Be kind your entire
life! Be
compassionate. You
are an amazing kid!



Always be the heart
in cards!



Love yourself forever.
Let your heart shine.
Always do the right
thing!



Be kind to your
friends. Love is better
than being mean.



Sprout out like a
seed. Raise up. Bee
Kind!



Love always wins
against bullying!



I believe in my
dreams. You're loved.
I am strong enough
to handle hard
things!



Jackie's Grade 1/2 Class

Our 100th Day of Learning



Elder's Agenda

Elder's arts and crafts - making necklaces

Elder's Exercise

Elder's Breakfast

Elder's Portraits

Elder's Memoirs

100 Balloon Drop



Melanie's Grade 1 Class

February was a month full of special celebrations, including Valentine's Day, 100th Day, and Pink Shirt Day. Our focus was on **kindness**, encouraging children to practice random acts of kindness each day. It was heartwarming to see them go out of their way to support and uplift one another. We learned that kindness spreads easily—the more we give, the more it shines.

Data xa ik noke'



Sheri-An's Kindergarten Class

Gilakas'la! What a wonderful February we've had. Our salmon eggs hatched and are now fry, we will release them to the Quatse River before spring break. We continue to observe the kwiwk Jackie and Shadow and begin pip watch next week. We are hoping for some eaglets to hatch in the next week. We finished the month with a wonderful animal presentation by the vet, who brought some animals for the kiddos to meet and pet.



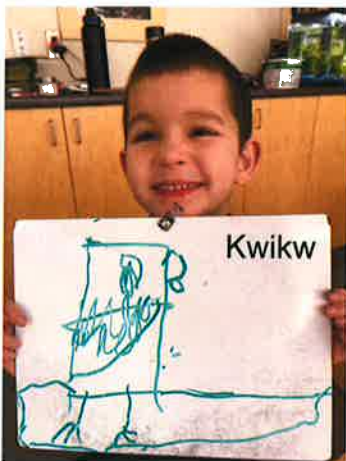
Snowy Adventures



Snow painting



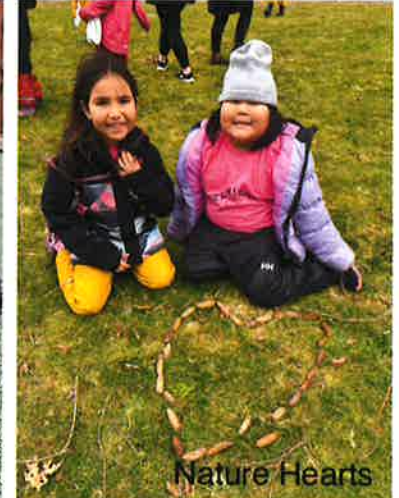
Every day is Pink Shirt day.



Kwikw



Alfred & Alfred



Nature Hearts



Oaklynn in Pinocchio



Fry

Michelle's Pre K Class: February/March

February was an exciting month of growth together. We enjoyed the sun and snow, celebrated kindness, and enjoyed new experiences. All the students received Pink T-shirts to honour the importance of being kind and creating a safe, bully-free world. Our class is growing and attendance is great, so our room is a busy hub of interaction, problem-solving and working together. This week, the students were happy to welcome their families to the school and share their learning. We ended the week with a visit from the North Island Veterinary Hospital. We learned how to care for pets and also had the opportunity to pet the animals. The children loved meeting Alfred the gecko! In March, we are continuing



Robin's Bakwamkala Class

Gilakasda'xw'la

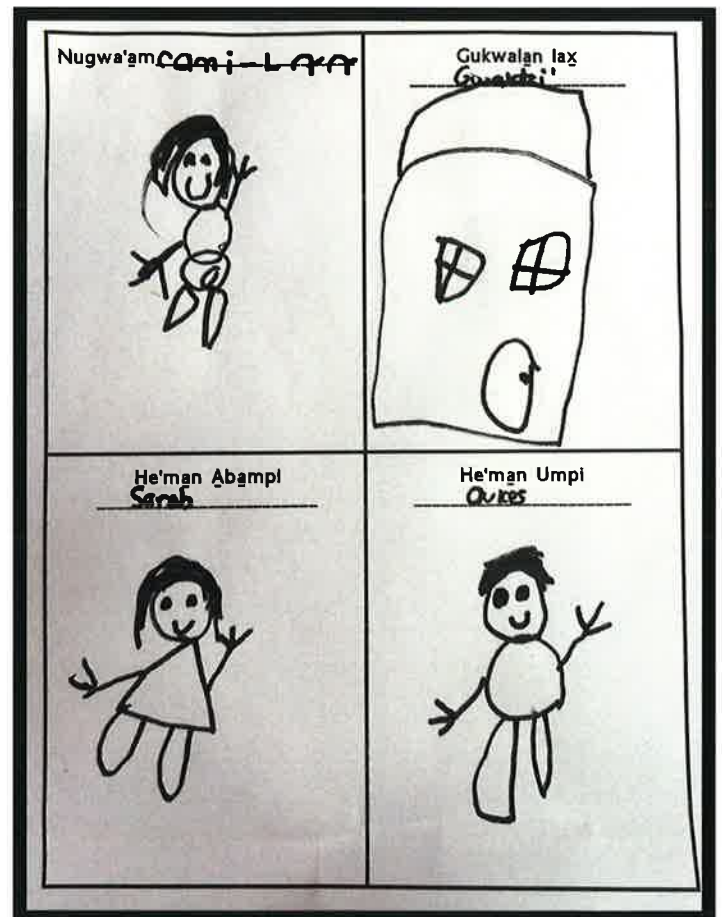
After a long, dark winter, Spring is almost here. In Bakwamkala class, we have been working on our introductions. I have included a few samples of the Kindergarten student's introduction project. It is important for our young ones to know where they come from and who they are connected to. Please continue to have these conversations with your children. We have also been learning new vocabulary and phrases. Last month we focussed on things you find in your home.



Even the big kids like to play with the toys!



Nova



Cami-Lynn

School Activities



We were visited by Robyn and Dr. Emily from the vet clinic, Bentley and Mr. Allen before he was pined in the face and Missoula Theatre production of Pinocchio.



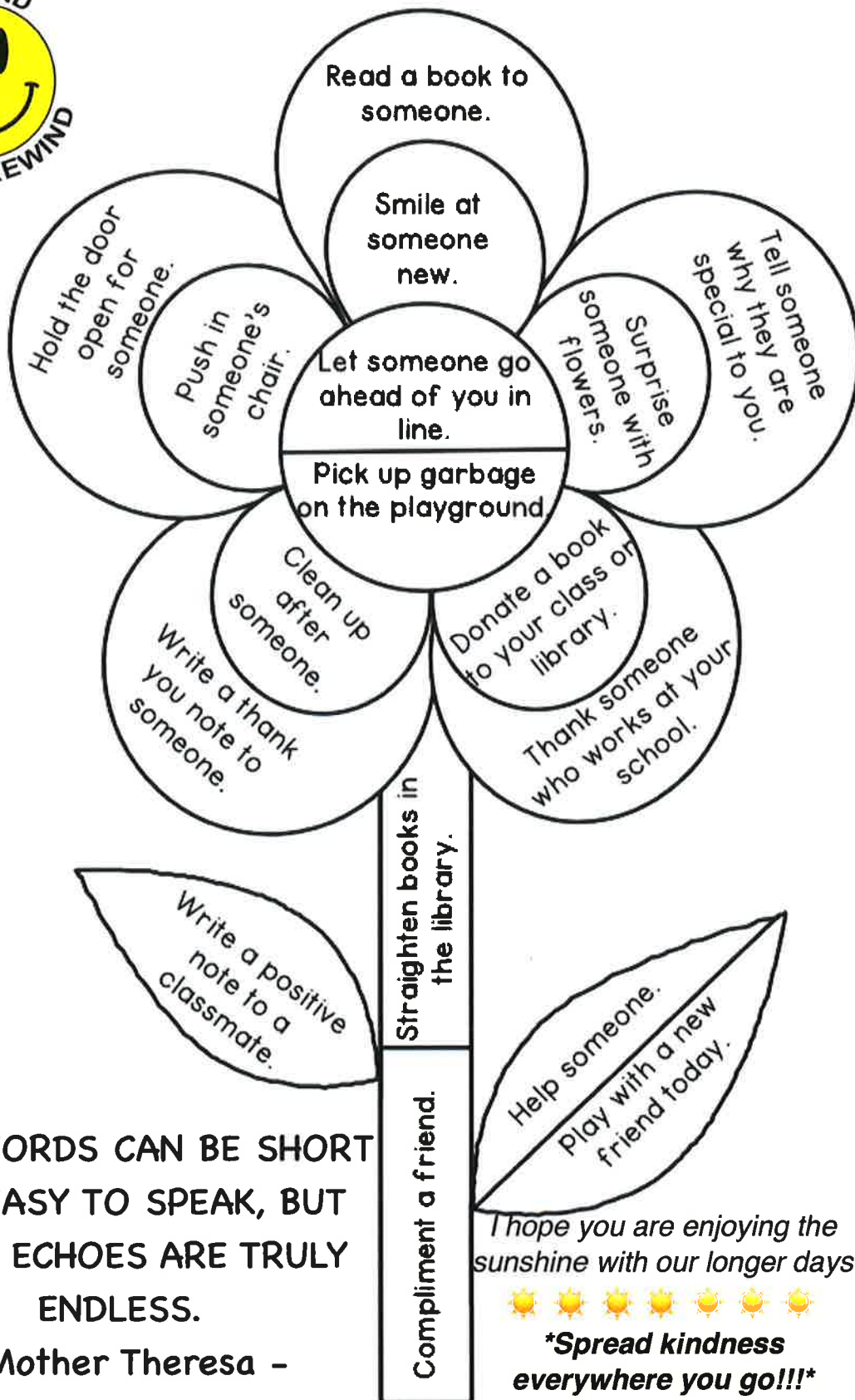
Lyam's P.E. Class

Gilakas'la Everyone,

This past month, we have been working on badminton and gaga ball. The students have been enjoying the sports and have really improved their skills in badminton. We started badminton using a balloon and by the time the unit ended we started playing with birdies.



News from Heather



KIND WORDS CAN BE SHORT
AND EASY TO SPEAK, BUT
THEIR ECHOES ARE TRULY
ENDLESS.

- Mother Theresa -

I hope you are enjoying the
sunshine with our longer days



***Spread kindness
everywhere you go!!!***

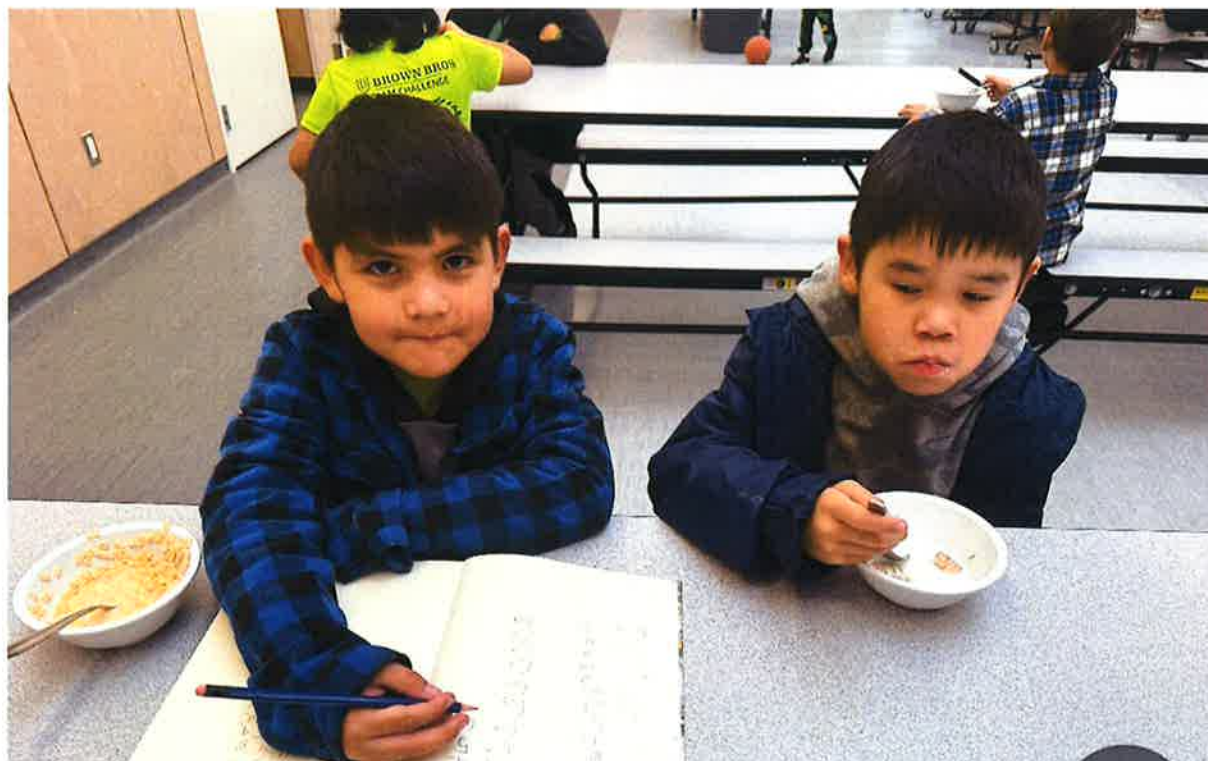
KINDNESS COUNTS!

News from Chef Sharon

Hello everyone!

Here we are at the end of February. The weather is getting warmer! Soup season is almost over! I will be adding some spring items to the menu in April. Any favourite food ideas are always welcome.

I would like to wish everyone a great spring break, stay safe and I will talk to you again in April.



March Birthdays

Happy Birthdays to Jenna, Bobbi-Ann, Cameron, Royce, Bailey, Bentley, Rita, Spruce, Simone, Kai, Carla, Louisa and Kenton!



February Birthdays

Happy February Birthdays to Arabella, Amelia, Albert, Cason, Kevin and Kenneth!



GWA'SALA- NAKWAXDA'XW SCHOOL YAYUMA



COME AND JOIN US
11 MARCH 2025

10:00 am start

NO SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK!



March 17 - March 31



MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Div 1 Dianne Div 2 Allyson Div 3 Em Div 4 Jen Div 5 Jackie Div 6 Melanie Div 7 Sheri An Div 8 Michelle						1
2	3	4	Div. 4/7 Fish Release (AM) Div. 6/7 Storey's Beach	Div. 3/4 Outdoor Ed (Am) Div. 5 Outdoor Ed	7	8
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Div. 1/2 Outdoor Learning 10:00	Yayuma @10:00 am Report Cards Sent Home Swimming PreK/K	Div. 6/7 Storey's Beach	Div. 5 Outdoor Ed	Swimming K-7 PJ Day!	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	No School-Spring Break					
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
	No School-Spring Break					
	School Reopens on Monday, March 31					