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Salmon Feast

You are invited to join us for lunch at
12:00 on Thursday, November 3.
Yu'sa (Fish Soup) will be served.

Important Dates

Nov. 1	Fish and Rice Day
Nov. 3	Salmon Feast at noon Everyone Welcome
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:50
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day, No School
Nov. 16	Cross Country Meet at AJ Elliot
Nov. 17	Performance, Will's Jam at 1:00
Nov. 18	District Pro-D, No school
Nov. 28	Last Day to order Purdys Chocolates
Dec. 5	Student Photo retakes



Alert Bay School Newsletter

October 2022

Vice-Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Happy Halloween! I can't believe time has passed us by so quickly. We have been busy at school with our Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for the grade 4 and 7 students, working on our school wide writes and completing the District Assessment for Reading and Writing (DART) and the Diagnostic Math Assessment (DMA). We have also been assessing our students reading levels using the PM Benchmark assessment tools.

Our students in grades 4-7 have been working on a Halloween play and Halloween writing assignments and the grade K-3 students have been completing assignments around fall and Halloween and learning about "Brain Pocket Writing" where they are learning that "our brains hold our thoughts in three different "pockets": one pocket stores our experiences and memories; another hold facts and information; and the third holds our imagination" (Adrienne Gear, Powerful Writing Structures, p. 11).

We had a wonderful ceremony on Truth and Reconciliation day where students wrote a message to a residential school survivor of hope and positivity. Students read their letters to the rest of the school and shared their learning and we sang a t'lek'waga't (Village Island song) "to shake off the tears." The ceremony was led by our cultural teacher Ernest Alfred who explained the importance of reconciliation. Our students were very respectful and considerate as always.

We had a great turnout for parent-teacher interviews. Students are working hard and doing their best at their own level. We are working diligently to ensure they feel safe, are challenged academically and learning how to be independent learners.

We have had a great start to the year and look forward to working on our Remembrance Day projects. We will conduct our ceremony on November 10th 2022 at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We have an open door policy at our school. Parents are welcome at any time. If you have any questions or concerns about your child please feel free to give us a call.

Yours Truly,
Roberta Harris
Vice-Principal

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Welcoming National Chief Roseanne Archibald



Assembly of First Nations' National Chief, RoseAnne Archibald visited our community on Monday, October 17. Chief Don Svanvik invited our students to the gukwdzi to help welcome her to our territory. The students performed the 'Namgis Welcome Dance and the Peace Dance. The National Chief was very impressed by the warm welcome.



Halloween Costume Parade



Performance by Kutapira

Kutapira performed at our school on October 14. The name Kutapira means "sweetness" in the Shona language of Zimbabwe, a fitting title for a band that plays a fusion of Zimbabwean marimba with West African and Afro-Cuban percussion. Our students enjoyed dancing to their beats.



Fire Prevention Week

Two firefighters from the Alert Bay Volunteer Fire Department presented to the school about fire safety and fire rescue. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention week is "Fire won't wait plan your escape". It highlights the importance of working together with people with whom you live and work to be better prepared to prevent and survive a fire in your home or workplace. For more information about fire prevention visit [Fire Prevention Week](#).



In Case of Power Outages

With the weather changing we'd like to remind families about power outage procedures. Should the power go out while school is in session, we stay in session. We have emergency lights and flashlights. If the power will be out for an extended period of time the Superintendent will make the decision whether schools will close. If the decision is to close the school, staff will phone families using their cell phones or our emergency plug in phone line. If the power is out in the morning before school, check our Facebook page for the most current information or listen to the local radio station CFNI 1240 The Coast AM. If we hear school is closed we will begin phoning families.