



# Alert Bay School Newsletter

November 2019

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Dog  
Salmon Time



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## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful and busy time at our school in the month of November. We welcomed families and friends into our school for our Salmon Feast, Parent Teacher Interviews and our recent Literacy Day. Our staff is also finalizing student assessments and term marks for our report cards that are going home on Friday, December 6th.

In a few days it will be December. In December we will be welcome Missoula Theatre to our school. The acting coaches from Missoula will be working with our students starting on Monday, December 9th to get everyone ready for our Christmas Concert Performance of The Snow Queen on Friday, December 13th at 7:00pm in our school's gym. We hope to see all of you there.

On Monday December 9th in the morning we will also be welcoming our School Board Trustees and Senior Administration from our School District to our school for a visit. We are looking forward to seeing them in Alert Bay and at our school.

In the final week of school before the holidays students will be learning Christmas Carols. They will be spreading some Christmas cheer by singing for our Elders in Extended Care at the Hospital at 1:00pm on Friday December 20th. We would love to have family members join us for the carol sing at the hospital. If you can make it, please let the office know by calling 250-974-5699.

Kindest regards,  
Jen Turner

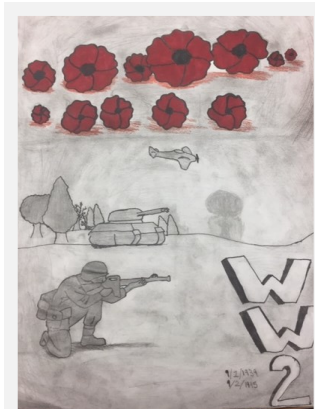
## Salmon Feast - November 7



We were very lucky this year to be given pink salmon from the 'Namgis First Nation. Thank you to the fisherman and the crew for providing our school with the salmon that we shared with our guests. With the help of Chief Norman Glendale, Helen Glendale, Karissa Glendale, and Aunties Modi and Gundy, students helped prepare food to serve at the feast. Alert Bay School served Yusa (fish soup) with t'li'na (oolichan oil), homemade buns, fresh desserts, and beverages. Students not only helped prepare the food, but they served it to every guest in the room. Students also gave our guests fresh apples for coming to our celebration. We danced the Salmon Dance to celebrate the return of the pink salmon and our good fortune. We sang a feast song and danced the fun dance with our guests. Thank you to our guests and friends who came to celebrate with us, including the students from North Island Secondary, and Sunset Elementary Schools.



## Remembrance Day



We honour Remembrance Day in a few ways at Alert Bay School. The students participated in the Royal Canadian Legion's Poster and Literary Contests. We held a Remembrance Day Assembly. All the students wore a poppy. We sang "Oh Canada" and observed a minute of silence to reflect, honour, thank and remember the fallen.

Left: Poster made by Senica  
Right: Meadow and Peyton speaking at the Remembrance Day assembly.



## French Culture Day at NISS



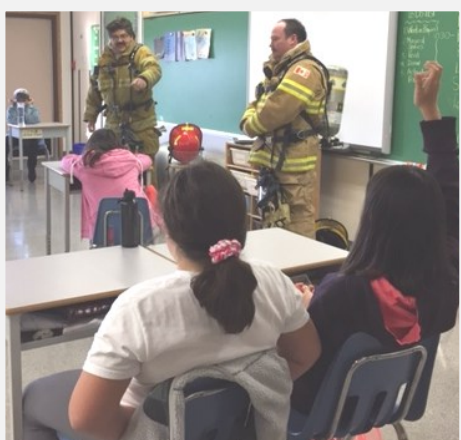
November 25 was French Culture Day at NISS. There was a performance by Les Bouchérons where students learned French songs, history and how to play the spoons! Students also sampled crepes and poutine at lunchtime.  
Left: Meissa and Rowen playing spoons



## Fire Safety Presentations



Thank you to Ben Wilson and Ron McKinney, of the Alert Bay Volunteer Fire Department, for doing fire safety presentations in Ms. Nelson and Mrs. Bragan's classes. They were fully suited up in fire protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus when they entered the classroom. They wanted to show the students how fire fighters look and sound when they enter a burning building so the children wouldn't be scared and hide in an emergency situation. The students enjoyed the engaging presentations.  
Photo left: James  
Right: Ben and Ron in Ms. Nelson's class



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## Power Outages

In the event of an overnight or early morning power outage, children should attend school unless it has been communicated that school is closed. If the power goes out during school hours, students will continue to receive instruction until parents have been notified otherwise. Bus students will not be sent on the bus until parents have been notified to ensure that someone is home to receive the student.

If you need to call the school during a power outage please use our fax number, 250-974-5925. We will have a phone connected to that line that is able to send and receive calls.

## Maya'xala Draw Winners



This month's winners of the Maya'xala Draw are Aydan, Dallas, Jocelyn, Jonny and Brees.

## Important Dates

Dec. 6	Report Cards sent home
Dec.9 - 13	Missoula Theatre auditions and rehearsals
Dec. 13	7:00 Christmas Concert Everyone welcome!
Dec. 20	1:00 pm Carolling at Hospital Extended Care
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Christmas Break - No School
Jan. 6	Pro-D Day - No School
Jan. 7	First Day Back for Students