

Pelltetaqem

“Cross-Over Month”

December Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 1 – Pro D Day – No School

Wednesday, December 6 – Parent Meeting at the Community Centre

Thursday, December 21 – Shihya Christmas Concert and Dinner

Friday, December 22 – School Closed for Winter Break

Monday, January 8 – First Day of School



School Contact Information

Please feel free to contact the school at 250-838-2246 or text at 250-540-0428 if you have any questions or concerns.

School hours: 8:30-2:30

Email: shihya_secretary@splatsin.ca

Ms. Miller's Classroom News

Students have been enjoying learning the letter names, sounds and poems in our whole-class Read Well lessons. They have learned 11 letters and Kindergarten students are using this knowledge to begin to sound out words and become confident readers.

We have learned facts about spiders and worms, using vocabulary words such as, arachnids, thorax, abdomen, and spinnerets. We have had some great class discussions about being unique and being proud of who we are.

In Language students continue to learn numbers, names of foods and colours. Students enjoy using the story retell table to act our Culture story, How Bear and Coyote make day and night. We have wondered what it would be like if it was dark all the time or light all the time. Students have had great ideas of how different our lives would be. We have been busy creating our own re-tell projects, and students are proud of what they have created this far.

I was very proud of everyone at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Students were very respectful as they paid respect for those who fought for us.

We absolutely love Thursday afternoons when we have PE with Peggy. Peggy has made our time with her so much fun while working on goal setting, locomotor skills and functional play. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Bulldog Boxing Gym.



Miss Racher's Classroom News

What an incredible month November was in Grade ½! I cannot emphasize enough how proud I am of the consistent growth in both Reading and Math for all students. Students are in a good groove with our routine, and they are showing up ready to learn and work hard every day! We have been working with the theme “Coyote reminds us that everything and everyone is connected to the sun”. Mid November saw a change of programming and groups for our collaborative PE and Culture blocks. The students are loving being able to try the sport of Jujitsu and I am so impressed with them!

In addition to our regular daily learning, we are also keeping very busy as we work away on our final term projects. We look forward to sharing these with our families and the community at the Winter Celebration. As always, I appreciate the incredible support from families and please keep reaching out to me if you have any questions or concerns at any time!

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Amanda Racher

Grade 1&2 Teacher, Shihya School

Mrs. Marta's Classroom News

This month students learned about Coyote, the life cycle, and habits. Students learned about the moon cycles, the orbit of the moon, and earth. We attended the Indigenous Veterans Day ceremony at the center and completed some Remembrance Day activities in class. Students have continued to work hard in their reading and math groups. Our class is doing a daily reading log, at the end of each week if they have filled in their reading log, they get a prize. Please continue to send your students to school dressed for the weather.



Mrs. Kopp's Classroom News

December is the final month in our first term of learning at school. Students continue to work hard and show individual growth and improvement. We have been working on Leadership skills and being a social detective. Students have loved the switch over in our PE Schedule to Jiu-jitsu with Mario in Grinrod and knot tying with Mrs. Marta for Culture. We continue to collaborate and work together to ensure each students gifts and talents are recognized. We continue to work on our Coyote story this term and are excited to share with everyone the end of term project and Winter Celebration. Thank you for sharing your children with us each and everyday. I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Shihiya Language Program – John Jones

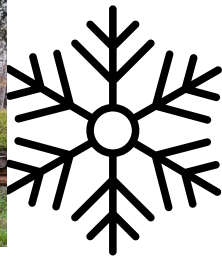
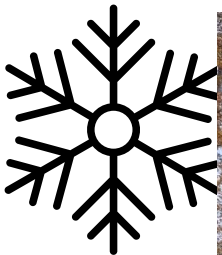
Waytkp (Hello everyone):

I would like to acknowledge our fluent speaker Donna Antoine and all her expertise she dedicates to our program. Kukwstsámċ Donna.

Many years ago, I heard one of the elders say that our language came from the land. It took a long time to realize what they meant. Last year when we did the story, Coyote Juggles his Eyes, it became clear. When Coyote he lost his eyes and was using kinnikinnic berries for eyes and could not see very well. As he came down the mountain he ran into several trees. Each time they would have a conversation with the trees. Near the bottom of the mountain, he ran into a tree. The tree said, “Mulc, re ra amétentsut.” (“I call myself the Cotton wood tree.”) The land had a language before the Secwápċ were put on this land. Only after I heard this story did it make sense the language came from the land.

At Shihiya we are using traditional creation stories to learn the language. We continue to create vocabulary lists and use the words to make set questions and responses. We are working towards proficiency in pronunciation, some words are easy to pronounce, some are exceedingly difficult. We are using Book Creator which has an audio clip to assist in teaching, our fluent speaker can be heard as many times as the reader wishes.

It’s great to hear Shihiya students come up to me and share their Secwápċtsin with me!



Graham Tea Biscuits

Oven: 220c or 425F

Tripled Recipe. It was a hit with the Kids.

4 ½ cups flour 3 cups graham cracker crumbs

1 ½ tsp salt 6 tbsp sugar

1/3 c. baking powder, 1 ½ cup margarine or butter

2 ¼ cups milk (depending on texture)

Directions:

Combine margarine, flour, graham cracker crumbs, salt, sugar and baking powder well, add milk slowly and gently knead into a ball. The dough should have a soft fluffy texture.

Roll out flat with a rolling pin. Using a glass, cup or cookie cutter, cut into portions 2 cm approx. ¼ inch thick. Place on a parchment covered cookie sheet.

Bake at 425F or 220C for 10 to 12 minutes.

News from Brenna Joseph ***Parent Engagement Coordinator***

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Due to the building closure of the main administration building (the Band Office) and 2 department portables, the Education team will be relocating to Shihya School. The direct phone number to contact Brenna Joseph, Nerissa Joseph and Darrell Jones will be (778) 943-1857 – main reception will continue to be able to transfer to the direct line. They can also be reached on their cell phones and emails. Please allow for extra response time during this transition period.

Parent Engagement Coordinator:

Tablets will be ready for handout in December! Parents, keep your eye out for information regarding the Tablet Project being sent home with your child/ren!

Parent night at the Enderby Library will be rescheduled to a later date in January due to conflict with community events. A new poster will be released closer to the scheduled date.

Reminder to complete the Parent Input Survey attached in the newsletter to be entered in a draw to win one of two holiday baskets!



Splatsin Parents:



Parents GROUP

Hosted by Splatsin Education Department

We Want to Hear From You...

This survey will assist in ensuring the group outline includes specific needs of Splatsin parents.

to scan the QR code: open the camera app on your cell phone, hold camera over the QR code and press the link that appears on your screen.



Splatsin Parents, please participate in this survey to provide input on a future Splatsin Parents Group! Participate through the QR code or link.

<https://form.jotform.com/shihiyaschool/parentgroup>

The survey will close November 30, 2023

Parent group start date: January 2024

Those who participate will have two chances to win a Christmas holiday basket!