



Xaayda kil uu Xaayda Gwaay.yaay sda iijii, xaayda kil t’alang gyaaging gyin GiiGanxan.nuu Xaayda Gwaay.yaay ad t’alangs sding gang ga.

**The Haida language comes from Haida Gwaii. When we speak Haida, we become one with Haida Gwaii<sup>1</sup>**

## EMBRACE UNIQUE CULTURE & TERRITORY

### DANCE FOUNDATIONS 11 & 12 COMING TO GIDGALANG KUUYAS NAAY

We had been considering a locally developed and Board authorized and approved (BAA) course specific to Haida Dance and Song. However, a current Ministry course, Dance Foundations, has significant curricular overlap, so we plan to offer Dance Foundations 11 and 12 next year. **Kristy Alsop** will help with content and instruction, and we are budgeting accordingly to compensate Kristy for her time.



### INUIT THROAT SINGERS VISIT PORT CLEMENTS



A visiting Inuit Throat Singer group visited our school on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The presentation was fabulous and enjoyed by all. The group set up interactive activity stations that were a hit, as evidenced by the constant table laughter.



### VISITING GOLDEN SPRUCE FISH HABITAT



The PCES primary classroom took a field trip to the Golden Spruce Fish Habitat as part of the school’s Salmonoid Enhancement program.



<sup>1</sup> That Which Makes Us Haida – The Haida Language 2011



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## AGNES L MATHERS SCHOOL DRAWS KELP



**Emmy O’Gorman** organized a school-wide kelp drawing art afternoon with the Sierra Club. As well, Emmy participated in the Growing Innovation rural schools symposium in Vancouver at the beginning of May. She shared our [Growing Innovations project](#) focused on Haida language and culture through visits to the Language Nest.



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## GUDANGAAY TLAATS’GAA NAAY VISITS MT.

### MORESBY ADVENTURE CAMP

Grade 9s attended [Mount Moresby Adventure Camp](#) and visited Gwaii Haanas in May. All staff and students reported having a great time with lots of culturally relevant learning. "We should just move the school there," remarked one of the supervising teachers.





## WORKING TOGETHER

### GRADE 8S AT GIDGALANG KUUYAS NAAY WRITE THE PCAP

Grade 8s wrote the [PCAP \(Pan Canadian Assessment Program\)](#) in April. The PCAP is a CMEC (Council of Ministers of Education) project, and we were randomly selected to participate. The assessment does not count towards grades at all, but helps compare BC with other jurisdictions across the continent. Grade 8 got pizza to thank them for their efforts.



### DID YOU SAY MUD???

On a walk to the Port Clements Community Park, our intermediate students decided to collaborate and work together on making a mud bog. The mud bog is a big hit at Canada Day events where vehicles try to be the fastest at going through the mud.

### LIMESTONE IS BACK

Limestone may be back on after a long hiatus given the Pandemic and changes in the methodology of the researchers (no more late night bird counting). But this year, we are gearing up to go back down to Vertical point and aid researchers in their work. Kayakers are practice paddling in the Inlet, and we hope to submit a field trip application soon.

### GUDANAGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY WELCOMES PARENTS / GUARDIANS

GTN held a very successful round of Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, April 6. The conferences were well attended and it provided a good opportunity to check in with families about how their child's learning is progressing.

### THANK YOU CHRISTINE FRASER!

**Christine Fraser**, SD 50's contracted literacy specialist, completed her third and final visit to Haida Gwaii May 15 – 19. In addition to visiting our schools, Christine also presented during the May 19<sup>th</sup> professional development day. Thank you to District Principal **Leighann Rodger**, who travelled with Christine and took over classrooms allowing Christine to work directly with **Janet Gray, Martin Wood, Emmy O'Gorman, Jacqui Ferraby, Jenny Kellar, Nadja Smith-Hanson, Marcie Watkins, Julia Maestrello, Claudette Lavoie, and Jenna Perry**. Hawaa to Christine for supporting our continual learning about literacy strategies and assessment!



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## HORSES AND SMITHERS

A group of Gudangaay Tlaats'ga Naay grade 8 students, along with teacher chaperones **Kim Madore** and **Christine Cunningham**, went to Mountain View Adventures in Smithers to attend a horseback riding camp and learn about general horse care in Smithers from May 15 – 18.



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## UNIVERSITY TOURS

With support from Gwaii Trust, GTN completed its Grade 11 Post-Secondary Tour from May 14-19. Students toured and visited Camosun College, University of Victoria, Vancouver Island University, Capilano University, SFU, UBC, and BCIT. Students also got to participate in some cultural and educational endeavours on the trip by visiting the Royal BC Museum and the Vancouver Art Gallery. It was a long trip so there was also a chance for some recreation including shopping, visiting Granville Island, and the Richmond Night Market. Thank you to chaperones **Ian Keir** and **Naveed Ali**.





## STUDENT WELL BEING



### ANTI-BULLYING COMING TO GIDGALANG KUUYAS NAAY

Principal **Deavlan Bradley** and Counsellor **Jenn Wissink** are reviewing a variety of anti-bullying resources and choosing lessons for grade 8 and 9 students in the coming school year. A strong candidate is a Preventing Bullying Resource Guide from Safer Schools Together. Once a resource has been chosen, Deavlan will try to find some teacher time to assist with implementation.

### BUSY, BUSY, BUSY AT GIDGALANG KUUYAS NAAY

- During the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, GidGalang Kuuyas Naay hosted guests from Rexton NB whom the Travel Club had visited earlier this Spring. The school planned a dance on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the guests. Haawa to **Sian Nalleweg** for volunteering to chaperone so the students could complete their Gwaii Haanas portion of the trip.
- Grade 9s go to [Mount Moresby Adventure Camp](#) and into [Gwaii Haanas](#) from June 5 – 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The girls' soccer team took second place at the Hazelton tournament held May 12 – 14! Way to go girls!
- Science and Outdoor Education students went via Morex to Government Creek with Hecate Strait Streamkeepers.
- UNBC's [Health Care Roadshow](#) visited our school on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Busy days ahead as we look forward to an Artstarts performance on May 29<sup>th</sup>, a visit by grade 7 students on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and our graduation ceremony on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Haawa to all our volunteers, parents, coaches and extra-curricular sponsors, chaperones and organizers: **Megan Romas, Jenna Perry, Debi Laughlin, Colin Greenough, Steve Querenjung, Joe Halle, Russ Fleming and many more**. Apologies if we missed anyone as there are so many people helping to create these opportunities for our students.

### GUDANGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY WELCOMES BELLA BELLA STUDENTS

GTN is hosting a group of students from Bella Bella from May 22-25. There will be two basketball games

happening on May 23 with a chance for students from Tahayghen and GTN to come watch their team play. There will be cultural sharing as well happening as the group explores and tours around the North end of Haida Gwaii.

