



XIT'OLACW Community School

September 9, 2011

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Mount Currie, B.C.

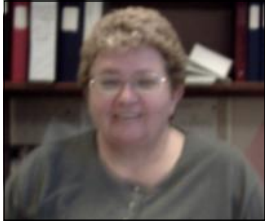
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P R O U D T O B E H O M E O F T H E E A G L E S !

Verna Stager, Education Director



**Welcome back to all the students,
teachers and all school staff.**

***Appreciation to Glenda, Janitors and Maintenance Staff who
work during the summer to keep things organized and looking
great for our return. Your work is so important.***



Our 2011-2012 school year is bursting with high expectations for our student success.

We begin a new 5-year period implementing the Lil'wat Nation Strategy and the New School Improvement Plan.

Our school Improvement Plan has three goals:

Goal #1

Increase school-wide Literacy levels.

Goal #2

Culture: We want Xit'olacw students to leave our school as responsible, respectful and confident individuals; ready to contribute to St'at'imc Nation and global community.

Goal #3

Increase Mathematics scores in all grade levels.

We are so excited with the new methods we are gaining through our involvement with the **Aboriginal Student Achievement Project** designed by **Dr. Russell Bishop** in New Zealand.

We have been privileged through the endeavors of the First Nations Schools Association to have access to **“cutting edge”** educators leadership during the summer and past school year. Today, as I am writing this notice to you, our staff under the direction of our mentor, **Pat Pearce** is in a workshop to reinforce exciting methods in preparation to begin implementing.

As you will see, reading the staff line up; we have a number of new staff as well as permanent staff that have taken different positions in the school. **We do have a very good team of teachers dedicated to your children and excited to work towards the educational success of each one.**

We will be reporting to you throughout the year and look forward to your attendance at workshops and meetings to assist us with your ideas and input.



**Remember, everyone is welcome to the
Salmon Barbecue (September 16, 2011).**

***Last, but certainly not least,
we appreciate your support of the Xit'olacw Community School.
Your trust in our commitment to do the best for your child is our honor.***



Kukwstumckacw
Verna Stager
Education Director

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Jeanette Green—Principal

Kalhwa7acw. Entsa7s Kika7a. Jeanette Green is my English name. Lil'wat7ul lhkan. I am the Principal. I oversee the staff, students and school programs for all the Grades Immersion, Nursery to High School. I am looking forward to an exciting year. Please come and visit. Kukwstumckacw, **Proud To Be An Eagle!**

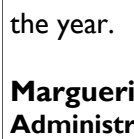
Heather Shaffer—Special Education Coordinator

Hi! Hope everybody had a wonderful summer. I sure did, painting and camping. I'm excited to be back for another school year. I'm starting a new position as the Special Education Coordinator. I'm looking forward to working with the T.A.'s and the students to have successful year! Welcome to the new staff. I look forward to getting to know you. Welcome back to the old staff. Welcome back to the students. Have a good year everybody.



Glenda Gabriel—Secretary/Receptionist

Welcome Students to the 2011-2012 school year. We are all anxious to see everyone on the first day—students, elders, parents and all the family that come and celebrate the opening of the school year. P.S. Newsletters are sent home weekly to keep everyone informed on events throughout the year.



Marguerita James—Administrative Assistant



Sherry Johnny—Nursery Teacher

I've been here at the Xit'olacw School for 20 years and have had my E.C.E. for 21 years. Oh, how I love to work in the Nursery. They are at that stage, where they like to explore and experience play, while learning at the same time.

Eleanor L. Wallace Kindergarten Teacher

Ama Sqit. Good day everyone. My name is Eleanor Wallace. I am the "Kindergarten Teacher" for this year. Special thanks to all the Parent/Guardians who have put their trust in me to teach their child/children this year. I look forward to a positive year and to work in harmony with you. Please feel free to stop by our class and give a helping hand. Our doors are always open.



Bernita Saul—Grade One/Two Teacher

K'a wa7 alap nsnek'nuk-wa7. Tsemana7 K'ek'cupel Permina n ucwalmicwts skwatsitsa. Lil'watemc lhkan, ucwalmicw lhkan. My other birth given names are Bernita Charlene Saul. Lots of family, friends and children call me Nana.



This school year I'm very pleased to be back to work. I had a great summer holiday and find I do much better in my lifestyle being on school schedules and time tables. I'm also very pleased to say I'm back in my old (new) classroom again, the one by the parking lot and by the small park. Ideal setting!

This school year I will be teaching a split Grade 1 and 2 Class. I look forward to having a fun, hard working and playing time with all the children. Welcome to our school to all new teachers and welcome "back" to everyone. Kukwstumckalap.

Rosa Andrew—Grade Three Teacher



I'm back after a busy summer, putting food away and enjoying grandchildren—and I am currently working towards a Master's Degree through UBC. I'm happy to be back in Grade 3 and looking forward to another wonderful fun-filled year. I look forward to meeting all my new students and parents for a successful year.

Dean Nelson—Elementary P.E. Teacher

Hi everybody, hope everyone is doing well. Very happy to be back at XCS with all the new old faces (I mean students). Looking forward to working with all the students and staff again in the new school year.



Paul Lammens—Grade Four Teacher



Here I am in what is surely one of the most beautiful places on Mother Earth, about to embark on a journey of learning alongside my Grade 4 Students. Thank you for welcoming me into your community and I look forward to meeting the parents and learning about Nt'akmen at Xit'olacw.



Pamela Cook—Grade Five Teacher

I'm glad to be back at XCS after a summer of adventure and farming. I will be following my students from last year into Grade 5 and exploring the curriculum with them. Andrew Morrison will be joining our class in the Fall as a student teacher from UBC. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with lots of activities and projects.

Paul Burley—Grade Six Teacher

I am really excited about my new assignment, teaching grade six. I have lots of fun activities planned for the students.



Sarah Grant—Grade Seven Teacher

I am excited to be at XCS for the beginning of a new school year. I am teaching Grade 7 this year, and am really looking forward to working with this great group of students. Grade 7 is an exciting year as these students will complete their final year in elementary school and make the transition into high school. I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to work hard and have some fun this year!





Kerrie Palmer, Child and Youth Therapist

Greetings! It is an honour and a privilege to work with the children, youth and their families here at Xit'olacw Community School. I look forward to collaborating with parents, guardians, teachers and support staff to find the best ways to serve our children and youth. Please feel free to talk to me about our counselling program or if you have any questions or concerns about the work that we do with children and youth. Kukwstumckacw.

Tanya Richman, Child and Youth Therapist



I am happy to be back working with the students, staff and community at Xit'olacw Community School. I am excited for the opportunity to meet more students by creating a fun and active environment. I look forward to working collaboratively with staff, care givers and students. We would like to welcome people to stop by the counselling area for a chat and a look around at some of the resources we have for students and caregivers. Kukwstumckacw.

Gloria Wallace—Ucwalmicwts Teacher

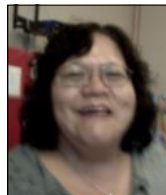


Hi, my name is Gloria V. Wallace, born in Lil'wat and lived here all my life. I thank my parents, Stephen and Catherine Pascal for their knowledge, and also for my grandparents Joseph and Matilda Jim.

They lived with us for quite some time—no English was spoken with my grandparents. As a teacher of Xit'olacw Community School, I am very proud of my profession, with the knowledge of teaching our language. Happy return to school, students of 2011/2012.

Terri Williams Immersion Teacher

E7entsa s Kakalh Meskiya7 Tilalus. Lil'wat7ul lhkan. I am Terri M. Williams, Lil'wat Clao7alhcv Immersion Teacher 2011/2012. I am looking forward to another good year working with Clao7alhcv Lil'wat children learning St'at'imcets, Lillooet Language.



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Gladys Joe— Librarian

I am the Library Technician at our Eagle's Nest. It's great to be back to another new beginning.

I have two grandsons that are starting Grade One; they have been counting the days for school to start since June 18th. It feels awesome, they love school. I am very proud of them, they both started reading in December, so now I am very lucky they read me stories.

There are many rewards when family members involve themselves in their child's education, such as feeling successful, feeling proud, building self-esteem, it's a great motivator, and the child feels that having an education is worth it.

Please feel free to visit the library.

Tyroan Wallace— Computer Technician

Our awesome and busy computer tech.!



Marcella Jim Immersion Teacher Assistant

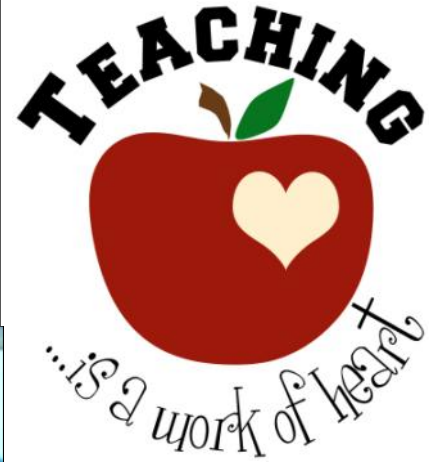
Entsa sas (Shash). Lil'watulhkan. I'm the TA for the Clao7alhcv Immersion Class, and excited to be working at the school again. I worked as a TA when my daughter was in K-2 and it was great. It will be fun to learn Ucwalmicwts again. It's been awhile since I've used my language.



Dixie Joe—Immersion Resource



Tassie Wallace— Immersion Resource



Breakfast/ Lunch Program

The cost for the Breakfast/Lunch Program is \$30.00 per month for one person, or \$35.00 per month for a family rate. See Glenda Gabriel for your payment. Please bring your cup for Hot Chocolate.

Kukwstumckacw, Administration Staff

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Mark Gabriel **Lower Level Math** **and Science Teacher**

I am very excited to be back for the 2011/2012 year. I have great expectations for the year. I see success coming in all areas. I will focus my extracurricular activities on our growing golf program, canoeing program as well as soccer and possibly basketball. I am excited to be working with the old staff and new staff in this wonderful environment. Thank you, Mark Gabriel.

Burt Williams—Ucwalmicwts/ First Nation Studies Teacher



My Lil'wat name "**Ha7ya**" means father figure / a friend to everyone.

The students and most people call me and know me by "Ha7ya" now.

I have a bachelor degree in General Studies from SFU. My other big accomplishments come in the rodeo arena, where I rode bulls for about 28 years, 10 years professionally. I am a lifetime member and hold a gold card in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association. Canadian Indian Bull riding Champion in 1979.

This year I will be teaching St'at'yem'cets and First Nation Studies in High School. The super courses and electives that I will be teaching are in the fields: Hiking, Hunting, Agriculture, Lil'wat Traditions and Culture, Rodeo and Bull riding. I have been teaching our children for over 31 years—every year holds new experiences.

I am looking forward to another great year. My classroom is open to parents and elders to come and listen/share at any time.

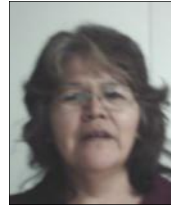


Cheryl Thomasson— Higher Level Math and Science Teacher

Hi, my name's Cheryl Thomasson, and I'm happy to be back at Xit'olacw Community School for another exciting school year. This community has an awesome spirit and strong cultural tradition, which is great to be a part of.

Barbara Peters **Home** **Economics Teacher**

I am a resource teacher for Home Economics.



Electives: Foods Grade 8-12
Sewing Grades 8-12 and Textile Art

Super Courses include: Canning and Preserving, Xmas Crafts, H.E. Activities, Sew for Season.

I encourage students to practice cooking skills, make use of after school sewing. Volunteering and sharing is also encouraged.

Joanna Hindle **English and Social** **Studies Teacher**

-- Jo -- was born in Kelowna, and grew up there and on the Big Island of Hawai'i. She moved to the UK after earning a degree in English Literature, and then returned to Montreal to study for her Bachelors in Education. Having since taught in the U.S. and Canada, Jo's looking forward to studying English and Social Studies with the Gwelp and Sup groups.



Kathryn Ast **Grade Eight Teacher**

"I am very excited about this opportunity to be a part of the Xit'olacw School community. This is my first teaching job, and I have a lot to learn about the students, culture and community.

Originally from the east, I moved out to the west coast nearly ten years ago, drawn by my love of the mountains and the ocean. I am excited to explore the Mount Currie area and I am looking forward to the year ahead! Thanks! Kat."



Sarah Zuiker-Francis **- Lower Level English/Social** **Studies Teacher**



Sarah Zuiker is from Brockville, ON, and moved to Cold Lake, AB, after graduating from the Queen's Trent Concurrent Educa-

tion Program (Honors History degree/Minor in Geography) to accept her first teaching assignment. Since then, her husband has followed her to Terrace, BC. And now to beautiful Mount Currie to teach high school Social Studies and English. Sarah adopted a passion for Native Studies / Canadian Studies from her professors at Trent University and is dedicated to the philosophy that every child can learn; children are individual in their approach and ability to learn. She believes that it is through our differences that we are able to and continue to learn from each other and to practice life long learning.

Xit'olacw Community School Staff- 2011/2012



**Sheila Harris,
Head Bus Driver**

Laurence Wallace - Bus Driver



**Garry Pascal,
Maintenance**



**Oliver Pascal,
Assistant
Maintenance**



**Doreena Gabriel,
Head Custodian**



**Sherry Wallace
Custodian**



**Sherry Jones
Custodian**



**Janice Dan
On-Call
Custodian**



**Michelle Williams,
Breakfast
and Lunch
Program**



**Brenda Thevarge—
Teacher Assistant**

Hello, I am glad to be back and starting my third year as Speech & Language Assistant. I am looking

forward to meeting the new students we have coming into the school and seeing all the students I have known for a few years. I enjoy my work and I am happy to be working at Xit'olacw Community School.

**Connie Wilson—
Student Support Worker**

Entsas Kicya7. Lil'wat7ulhkan. My English name is Connie Wilson. I love my position here, working with our children from Immersion to Grade 12. I am the "Student Support Worker". We are off to another exciting term. I especially appreciate our youth learning their language, culture and traditions throughout the year.



Cindi Peters

I am looking forward to working in the Kindergarten Class this year. This is my fourth year back at our school. Love, Live, Laugh!!
2011/2012



**Casey Gabriel,
Teacher Assistant**

Well, I am back for another year at Xit'olacw Community School. I had an awesome family vacation at West Edmonton Mall. I'm pretty sure we all had a ball cause I sure did. I also did my usual food preservation of freshly picked fruit, didn't get as much as I wanted, but am happy with what I have. I also went to Fish Camp and I am now rich with Tswan. Welcome to the new staff, and to our awesome team!



**Kenneth Joe,
Teacher Assistant**

I had a great summer at the Summer Camp. I worked with Mason Wallace, and now I am back for his last year of school. So proud of Mason, and I am proud I am here for his last year of school.



Julia Joe—Teacher Assistant

My name is Julia. I've worked at our school for 9 years as a Special Needs TA. I am very happy to be back.



**Barbara Louie,
Teacher Assistant**

My ancestral name is Keekyick. I work with special needs students. I enjoy sharing our culture i.e. inner cedar bark.

**Miranda Wells
Teacher Assistant**



**Jennifer Frank—
Teacher Assistant**

**Lindsay Thevarge,
Teacher Assistant**



**Lorne Edmonds
Teacher Assistant**

My name is Lorne Edmonds—Puppy. I am a teacher assistant. I will be working with High School students. I am happy to be back @XCS. I am proud to be Lil'wat. I look forward to the year ahead.

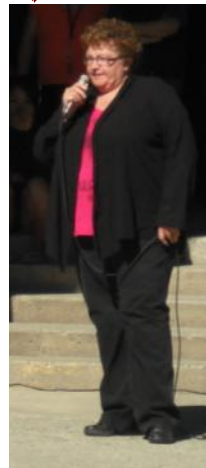




Opening Ceremony

Sept. 6, 2011
11:00 a.m.—Noon

**Thank You,
Elders, Grandparents, Parents,
Guardians, Aunts, Uncles,
Cousins, Brothers, Sisters, Friends
Hand Drummers**



For Attending The Opening Ceremony.



**Thank You to:
Felicity Nelson—
for the Opening
Prayer**

**Mary A. James—
for the
Smudging
Ceremony.**



**Kukwstumckacw,
Dean Nelson
Connie Wilson**





Salmon Barbecue

Elders,
Hand Drummers,
Mount Currie Community

You are invited to a
Salmon Barbecue
at Lil'wat Place on
Friday, September 16, 2011
Bring Your Hand Drums!

Bus Pick Up at the Church Corner at 11:30 a.m.
Bring Your Bee Kits
Bring your plate, cup and cutlery.

12:00 p.m. - Salmon Ceremony
Lunch

Kukwstumckacw,
Xit'olacw Community School

Xit'olacw Community School Bus Schedule



Mount Currie and Lake Road

Laurence (Bess) Wallace

7:50 a.m. - Old Reserve / Rancheree
8:05 a.m. - Seymour Road
8:10 a.m. - Lake Road
8:15 a.m. - Georgina Nelson

Sheila Harris

8:00 a.m. - Old Reserve / Rancheree
8:05 a.m. - Trudy Williams
8:15 a.m. - Water Street
8:20 a.m. - #10 Reserve
8:25 a.m. - Lake Road

Xit'olacw School Bus Route

Mount Currie Route

8:00 a.m. - Rancheree
8:35 a.m. - Xit'olacw School Bus Loop

Uphill Route

8:35 a.m. - Town Houses—X-treme Road
8:45 a.m. - Xit'olacw Bus Loop

Lake Road Bus Route

8:00 a.m. - Seymour Road

Mega Bingo

**Xit'olacw Community School
Friday, November 25, 2011**

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| 1st Regular Game | \$500.00 |
| 10th Game | \$1,000.00 |
| 20th Game | \$2,000.00 |

**\$40.00 for 1st Booklet of 6-ups
Extra Cards \$2.00 each**

**We appreciate donations for:
Concession—Food Hamper—Door Prizes**



**Thank You
For Your Support!**

Xit'olacw Community School Staff

**XIT'OLACW
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL
CALENDAR
September
2011**

At the
Opening
Ceremony
September
6, 2011



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>Creator of all good things, give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect, and to be kind to each other so they may grow with a peace of mind.</p> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 LABOUR DAY | 6 School Opens Registration/Open Ceremony Half Day School. | 7 Super Course I | 8 Super Course I | 9 Super Course I | 10 |
| 11 GRANDPAR- ENTS DAY | 12 Super Course I | 13 Super Course I | 14 Super Course I | 15 Super Course I | 16 Salmon Barbecue Super Course I | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |