



# Welcome Back Newsletter

## Sitka Native Education Program

### Yak'éiyi yagiyee (good day!)

The start of the new school year has been full of excitement and smiling faces as we welcomed most of our students back to in person learning. The SNEP staff are looking forward to continuing our mission of bringing traditional knowledge and skills to the district level through in school and after school programs.

### A bit about us:

#### Sitka Native Education Program

Nearly 50 years ago, the Sitka Native Education Program was founded with the goal to revitalize the Lingít culture in Sitka. Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) develops summer programming and after school programs for Alaska Native and American Indian youth.

#### SSD Cultural Department

The Cultural Department's mission is to use funding from the Indian Education Act Title VI Grant to provide in school academic and social support. The department also works in conjunction with SNEP to offer after school programs and summer programs.



Meet **Lakrisha Johnson**, SNEP co-director and Sitka Tribe of Alaska Cultural Resources Education and Employment Director



Meet **Jule LeBlanc**, SNEP co-director and Sitka School District Cultural Director

### SNEP Snapshot



Photo on left: Mr. Charlie shows students how to make an Earth oven during our summer camps.

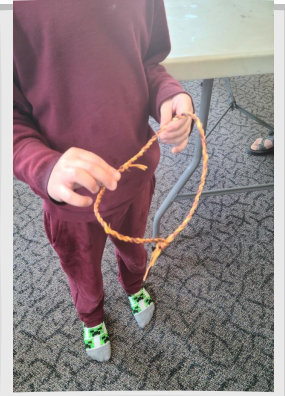


Photo on right: summer camper shows his cedar twine project

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

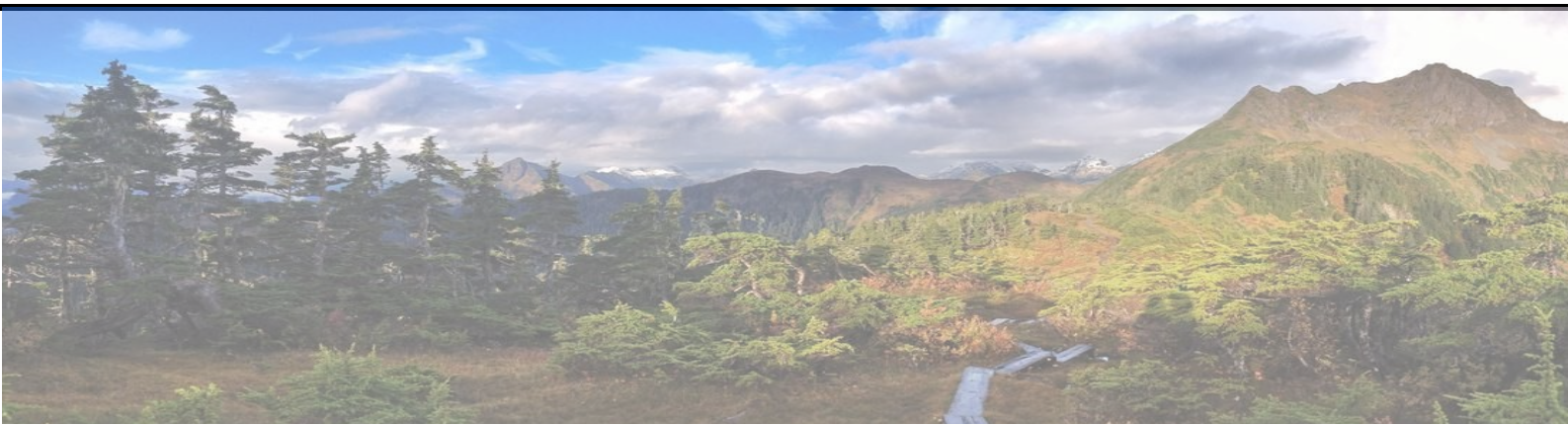
**September 6th:** Culture Classes started K-12th grade

**October 22nd:** Culture Class session 1 ends

**November 1st:** Culture Class session 2 begins

**December 17th:** Culture Class culmination event





## Updates, News, and More Highlights



This year, we were able to provide a pair of shoes to all students who filled out a culture class interest form at backpack giveaway. Be on the lookout for your shoes and an art kit to put form line art on them!

## Word of the Month:

Gunalchéesh

listen to audio



## Interested in more opportunities for your child?



Click the form to learn more about extra opportunities



Middle School students learn how to make their own chocolate mold out of local shells using Theobroma chocolate during the SHI camp June 2021

### GET INVOLVED WITH SNEP:

**i** Join the SNEP Parent Advisory Committee  
Students, parents and teachers are welcomed to join.

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