

SNEP Newsletter



Sitka Native Education Program

Yak'éiyi yagiyee (good day!)

From field trips to art lessons, our students were able to participate in many rich opportunities in November. We saw students and teachers embrace form line art on paper and with copper tooling. Students in SNEP grew their language, song, and dance skills. The month of showing gratitude for the land we live on was felt throughout all of our programs.

Staff Spotlight

Cultural Specialist

Kaaljáakw | Claire Hill

Kaaljáakw has been working with SNEP since 2019. Through her dedication to passing down traditional knowledge, our youth have had many opportunities to grow deeper in their culture. Her commitment to passing down knowledge to each generation is truly a gift to each child in Sitka.



Cultural Para and Lead K-1 Teacher

Yakdushí | Jamie Bradley

Yakdushí has been with SNEP for over 10 years. Today, she is a cultural para at BES and the SNEP lead teacher for kindergarten and 1st grade. Her classes are rich in culture as she weaves the language, art, and storytelling throughout her lessons. We are so fortunate to have Ms. Yakdushí's knowledge at the primary level.



SNEP Snapshot

Photo on right:
Artwork created by
a Pacific High
Student in Mark
Sixbey's class



Photo on left:
2nd - 5th grade
students practicing
song and dance

Photo on right:
BMS students take a field
trip to UAS to see the
canoe being carved by Ya
Tseen (Nick Galanin)



Photo on left:
1st grade students learn
how to drum and proper
dancing technique with the
help of Daanax.ils'eik
(Chuck Miller)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 18th: Session 3 Culture Class Begins

March 10th: Session 3 Ends



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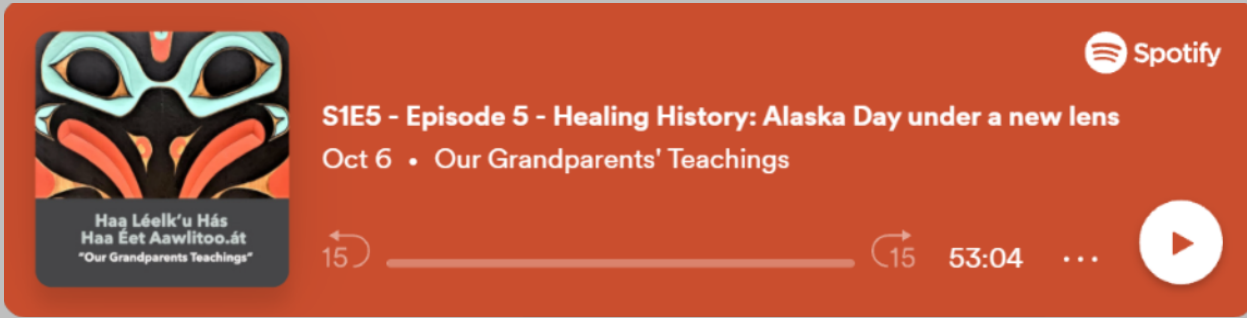
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S1E5 - Episode 5 - Healing History: Alaska Day under a new lens
Oct 6 • Our Grandparents' Teachings

Haa Léelk'u Hás
Haa Eet Aawlitoo.át
"Our Grandparents Teachings"

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Updates, News, and More Highlights

- 2nd through 5th grade KGHD group went on a tour of the clan houses past and present in our community. By using [this map](#), students learned the history and uses for clan houses today and long ago. The tour culminated with a visit inside a L'uknaḡ.ádi (Coho) clan house.
- The Gájaa Héen Dancers continue to work on crafts for upcoming raffles and auctions. So far, students have dabbled in painting, beading, weaving, and sea otter crafts.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade put their formline knowledge to use by designing their own formline feather for their turkey. They also learned to draw their own yéil or ch'aak' designs. Mr. Chuck visited for the first time to work with the boys on their dancing.
- 1st grade learned about guwakaan and made drum ornaments.



Photo on the Left: Gájaa Héen Dancers practice their song and dance skills.



Photo on the right: A Gájaa Héen Dancer is working on a beading project for their fundraisers during their after school class.



[Click HERE to view the SNEP gallery](#)

Word of the Month:

Sigóowu Yées Táakw

Happy New Year!



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