

January 2022

# SNEP Newsletter



Sitka Native Education Program

## Yak'éiyi yagiyee (good day!)

We hope all of our families, students, and staff had a restful start to the new year. In December, SNEP students participated in activities that encouraged giving from the heart, thinking about community, and others.

January is nearly over and we are already looking forward to connecting with the outdoors through a traditional lens as daylight gets longer and temperatures warm up. Stay tuned for more resources this spring!

## Staff Spotlight

### Cultural Specialist and KGHD teacher

Kristy Corduan

Kristy has been involved with SNEP for 3 years. You can find Kristy using her strengths towards supporting students with academics as she works with teachers at Keet Gooshi Heen. In addition to weaving the culture into KGH, Kristy is gifted in innovative and thoughtful ways to bring the local culture to our youth.



### Cultural Para and K-1 Teacher

Lxeis'| Erin Rofkar



Lxeis' has been with SNEP for 8 years working with all ages. Currently she supports 6th grade students with their transition into middle school and academics all year long. Though she can work with any age group exceptionally well, this year Erin helps bring cultural opportunities to our K-1 students. Erin is at the heart of SNEP's mission with her motivation to help our youth.

## SNEP Snapshot

Photo on right:

*Gájaa Héen Dancers practice their dancing technique at the Naa Kahidi*



Photo on left:

*K-1 culture class students embracing the cookie making season in December*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 24th: Session 3 begins

February 16th: Early release for Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

March 10th: Session 3 Ends

March 14th - 18th: Spring Break



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

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Haa Eet Aawlitoo.át  
"Our Grandparents Teachings"

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## Updates, News, and More Highlights

- We appreciate all families, students, and staff in their flexibility and understanding with our delayed start date.
- December ended with students in Kindergarten through 5th grade finishing art gifts for families and friends. *Qájaa Héen* Dancers finished art that will be a part of their raffle. Stay tuned for more information on the GHD raffle.



Photo on the Left: K-1 culture class students learning in action!

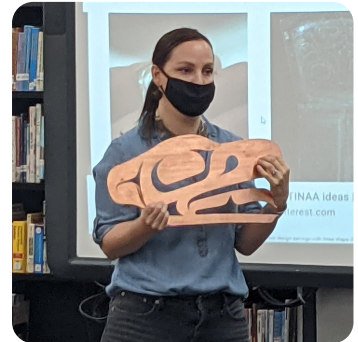
## Word of the Month:

Sigóowu Yées Táakw

Happy New Year!

[listen to audio](#)

Photo on the right: Blatchley Middle School 6th grade students had the opportunity to connect chemical reactions to traditional copper art, uses, and history with Mary Goddard.



## Cultural Connections

Connect cultural knowledge within your home through the SSD family resource page

[www.ssdact.org](http://www.ssdact.org)



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

## Interested in more opportunities for your child?



Click form to learn more about extra opportunities

\*\*for Alaska Native and American Indian students

## GET INVOLVED WITH SNEP:



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