

# SNEP Newsletter



Sitka Native Education Program

## Yak'eiyi yagiye (good day!)

October started with a wonderful fried bread celebration in honor of Indigenous People's Day. Students also participated in hands-on activities with our cultural traditions and knowledge. Students in the 2nd through 5th grade culture class created language signs for Keet Gooshi Heen. While the older students in 6th through 12th grade had the opportunity to process a deer.

## Staff Spotlight

### Cultural Specialist

Daanax.ils'eik| Chuck Miller

Sitka is fortunate to have the wealth of knowledge that Mr. Chuck brings to our community. He is from the L'uknax.ádi (Coho) clan. Mr. Chuck's gift to us has been sharing traditional stories with our culture class students, teaching song/dance, hosting Our Grandparents' Teachings, and supporting community partners as they integrate traditional knowledge



### Language Teacher

Koolyéik| Roby Littlefield

Ms. Roby Littlefield is the district's Lingít language teacher for middle and high school students. She is adopted into the Kaagwaantaan clan. Her gift to us is the dedication to share the language with our youth. Many students have left our district with advance language skills. We are fortunate that she shares her knowledge of the language every year.



## SNEP Snapshot

Photo on right: K-1 culture class students stand proudly with their paddles.



Photo on left: The GHD group listen closely to Mr. Chuck explain the steps to processing a deer.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 16th: Community cookie and STEAM Night

December 17th: Session 2 Culture Classes end

December 20th - January 5th: winter break

Date TBD: STA's Holiday Gift Distribution



[lakrisha.johnson@sitkatriben-sn.gov](mailto:lakrisha.johnson@sitkatriben-sn.gov)

[leblancj@sitkaschools.org](mailto:leblancj@sitkaschools.org)



Lakrisha: 907.966.1266

Jule: 907.966.1242



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

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

15 53:04

Press play to access Our Grandparents' Teachings Podcast

## Updates, News, and More Highlights

- The middle school STEAM class had the opportunity to see a halibut skate get pulled by Mr. White, while Ms. Woolsey helped them create their own 3D halibut hooks. Be sure to check the display out at the public library before the end of November!
- Baranof Culture Class students began learning more Lingít language and the Ikkaa Kwaan series
- Pacific High School students began Lingít language class with Koolyéik, Roby Littlefield.
- Gájaa Héen Dancers (6th through 12th graders) began organizing their auction & raffle to support their travels to Celebration 2022



Photo on the Left: Mr. Chuck Miller shares a traditional story in the location the story originated during the after school culture class for 2nd through 5th grade students.

Photo on the right: Middle school students in Ms. Woolsey's STEAM class luck out with a nice day out on the boat to watch Mr. White and students pull a halibut skate. Students in this class learned the traditional and modern day intricacies of fishing for Halibut.



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

## Word of the Month:

Yak'éiyi Ts'ootaat

Good Morning!

[listen to audio](#)

## 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:



Tlingit & Haida is looking for a new lead teacher and teacher aids. [Learn More Here](#)



Ready to get involved this year? Join the SNEP Parent Advisory Committee. We are looking for two teachers as well. [Learn More Here](#)



[SNEP website](#)



For updates and event info  
Follow our Facebook Page:  
Sitka Native Education Program



[View Previous Issues](#)