

October 2021

SNEP Newsletter



Sitka Native Education Program

Yak'éiyi yagiye (good day!)

September began with kindergarten through 12th grade classes coming together again after many canceled and virtual culture classes over the last year and a half. The excitement to be together again was felt at every level!

Every month our students learn values within the Lingít culture that have been passed down for centuries. This month's value is centered around community.

Staff Spotlight

Traditional Arts Instructor

Kitkóon | Charlie Skultka Jr.



Charlie Kitkóon Skultka Jr. is the Sitka School District and Sitka Tribe of Alaska traditional arts teacher. Mr. Charlie provides form line art classes for our 9th through 12th grade Sitka High Students. His gift to us is his wealth of knowledge of our land, his Haida roots, and the traditional ways of living.

Traditional Arts Instructor

Mark Sixbey

Mark Sixbey is the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Traditional Arts Instructor. He actively supports traditional arts in our schools and after school programs. His roots originate with the Tsimshian people from Metlakatla.

Mr. Mark's gift to us is his passion for connecting the science, history, culture and psychology through hands-on activities and discussion.



SNEP Snapshot



Photo on left:
2nd through 5th grades students brave the outdoors for art, song, and dance lessons

Photo on right:
Baranof students in culture class harvest s'ikshaldéen (hudson bay tea leaves)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 11th: Indigenous People's Day- Fry Bread Event at ANB Hall

October 18th: Reconciliation Day

October 22nd: Culture Class session 1 ends

November 1st: Culture Class session 2 begins

December 17th: Culture Class culmination event

December 20th - January 5th: winter break



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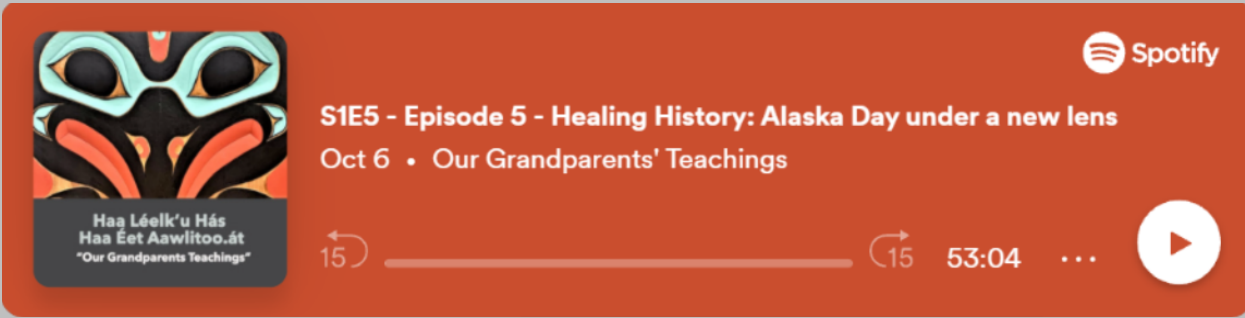
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S1E5 - Episode 5 - Healing History: Alaska Day under a new lens
Oct 6 • Our Grandparents' Teachings

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

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Press play to access Our Grandparents' Teachings Podcast

Updates, News, and More Highlights

- Pacific High School students began their life skills class featuring a form line and beading class.
- Baranof Culture Class students learned how to harvest s'ikshaldéen and rosehips.
- The 2nd through 5th grade class has been working on the Keet Gooshi Heen language board to provide an interactive way to learn Lingít.
- Gájaa Héen Dancers (6th through 12th graders) voted in their new executive committee members.
President: Ashlynn Emanoff **Vice President:** Naomi Miller, **Secretary:** Pedro Mejia, **Treasurer:** Julio Mejia **Sergeant-at-arms:** Andrew Lawrence



Sitka High School students in the Traditional Arts class are diligently working as Mr. Charlie teaches through TEAMS-- big gunalchéesh to Mr. Lass for letting us use his space to provide this enriching art class to our students.



The Gájaa Héen Dancers elected members of the 2021-2022 executive committee stand proudly in their new role.

Word of the Month:

Noow Tlein (big fort)

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The State Park Service and the STA cultural resources committee announced that the land mark, formerly known as Castle Hill, is reclaiming it's original name Noow Tlein.

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