



Lalme' lwesawtexw
Seabird Island Community School





“Good morning class”

The Seabird Island Community School Administrative Staff

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Barbara White

Seabird Island Community School has a new top administrator in place.

Barb White has taken over Principal duties .

“The most pressing thing for me is a sense of urgency. I feel very much that now is the time for First Nations students to get educated, and to become full members of their communities where they can apply themselves and where they can make contributions,” explained White during a recent sit-down to discuss the upcoming school year. “I believe that the start of that has to be a solid elementary and high school education, where they can have a great foundation to go on to whatever they want to go on to in post-secondary education.”

On the entrance sign in front of Seabird Island Community School, there is a slogan which states: **Where Tradition meets Technology.**

White was asked what that means to her, and how it impacts the goals set up by the school’s administration.

“It’s important to have the school embedded with the culture. Halq̓emeylem, the language, is very important to us here. We teach it, and the kids learn it. A couple of years ago, we had the first Halq̓emeylem contest here. The staff, including myself, got together and participated as a group. And we won. I actually have a proud Halq̓emeylem Warrior T-shirt,” offered White with a laugh. “We want to do much more though, we want to have more of our sentences and phrases become everyday things, so Éy latelh replaces good morning, so that the culture is even more embedded.”

Amanda Alex

(Formerly Anderson), married this summer

This is my 6th year of teaching at SIB school.

My First Nations name is Wolthkeenehguh, which means Miracle Child of the Falls. This name comes from the Danaxda’xw First Nation and belonged to my late grandmother Elizabeth Quocksister (nee Glendale)

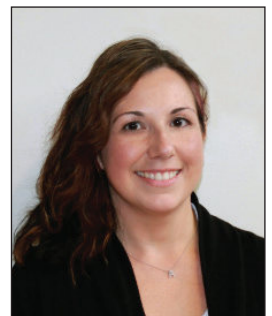
My role at SICS is as Vice Principal K-12

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching movies, shopping, travelling, working out at the gym, being outdoors (hiking, running, and snowshoeing). I belong to the Awahoo tribe of Laichwiltach First

Nation. I belong to the Campbell River Indian Band. I have walked on the Great Wall of China, kissed the Blarney stone in Ireland and held a sea cucumber scuba diving in Jamaica.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: amandaalex@seabirdisland.ca and direct line at work 604-796-6872

The best part about being a school teacher is bringing out the best in students. Helping them see past what they think they can’t do. The sky is the limit if they are willing to do the work.



“Éy latelh Iwesawtex”





Seabird Island Community School teachers held a team building day prior to the start of the school year. The session started off with an address from Chief Clem Seymour.

"Since we opened up the school, we've come a long way. You can see the impact when we go to different places, and see how many Seabird students are graduating. When we talk about culture, and we talk about traditions, I was thinking, and trying to figure out what that means. It always goes back to something I heard a long time ago.

Come walk with me. Come show me, and I'll know it forever. I heard this a long time ago when I was a little boy, and it has stuck with me for my entire life. We must walk together, and take care of things like this. You know

and understand, that you're building a capacity for our future. And that's what it's all about. It's always been about our children. It's about what you look after in life looks after you. Because one day, we're taking care of them. But one day, they're going to come back and take care of us. It's the cycle our people have been in for a long time.

I came over to say welcome back. And to say, thank you."

Dianna N. Kay

This is my 15th year of teaching at SIB school.

My First Nations name is Síyamiya – Stó:lō Seabird Island - Female Leader. Nanahumneese - Nuu-chah-nulth, Kuyquot BC- giver of "everything" who shares beyond. Wabishkegagakos – Ojibway Sandy Bay, Manitoba - Little White Raven.

I teach in Language Development. I work on collecting and developing resources and curricula on the Upriver Halq'emeylem language, and to develop policy.

Siyámíya lí Sqéwqel, Wabishkegagakos lí Gaawiikwedaawangaaag, Nanahumneese lí Ka:yu:k't'h' tel skwíx. Teli tsel kwa Sqéwqel. Tá'á'altha í:meth t'lo skwalex yel selsile Alfred Peters tel aléx qe Kwelaxtelot (Mable Ewen); T'lo skwalex yel selsile Harry Kay tel aléx qe Mary (Wilson) Kay. T'lo skwalex tel shxwelali Kwelaxtelot (thut'l'o te Sqéwqel) qe David Kay (tut'l'o

te Red Lake, Ontario). T'l'o alex Kwelaxtelot qas Skukum Makoose tel skwíx. Te swóweqeth Súsultin tel skwix teli tsel kwa Sémath. Tel skwalex tel méle Súsultin.

I am of Salish and Ojibway descent and adopted in to the Nuuchanulth.

My accomplishments include a Certificate of Halq'emeylem, MEdUC SFU, BEdUC UBC, BA Humanities UBC. I spent a 6 year term as a Council member for Seabird Island. I recently became a mother and an aunt.

The best way for a parent to get ahold of me is through email: dianna@seabirdisland.ca.

The best part of being a teacher is being apart of legacy and creating history with "ah-ha" moments.



Buddy Billy
H.S. Reception



Chaundine Quipp
Elem. Reception





Diana Charlie

This is my 18th year at SICS.

My First Nations name is Mám'xa.

Since 2012, I have been full time Halq'eméylem Teacher Elementary School Grades 2 and 3, 4 and 5, and 7. Also Halq'eméylem High School Teacher Grades 9, 11 and 12 this year.

In Cultural committee events for the school year. The school concerts. I have helped translate Halq'eméylem for the Stó:lō Atlas, Sasquatch story, Kindergarten curriculum, Halq'eméylem song book, and Translated books, for college HALQ 100,200,300,400 Books, Immersion 1 to 4 books and are published at Stó:lō Nation.

I write my own stories, reading language documents. I like to sing native songs. I like to go swimming all year round, soccer tournaments with grandchildren and other

families. Canoe festival with my grandchildren and other families.

Teaching Halq'eméylem is my life long enjoyment, that I have been taught by many elders of the valley. I hope to teach my great grandchild and many other children of our future. My Father, grandmother are from Seabird Island and my mother is from Boothroyd. I am married for 42 years; I live at Scowlitz First Nations Band.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: Diana1seabirdisland@.ca.

The best part about being a school teacher is to hear the children speaking Halq'eméylem or singing.



Camielle Laslo

This is my second year of teaching Halq'eméylem at Seabird Island Community School.



My traditional name, Sts'ó:wuselwet, is from Chehalis Lake. I received this name from my maternal side of the family, from the Leon's. My great-grandparents were Hank Pennier and Maggie Pennier (Nee Leon).

I teach Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1. I Co-teach with Charlene Thomas and Diana Charlie in Grades 2-10.

I also participate in the Cultural committee, so we will help organize and participate in all the cultural events during the school year. Plus, after school, I participate in war canoe training and racing during the spring and summer months.

I have worked in schools since 2003. I started out as an Aboriginal teacher assistant at Sardis Secondary School, and worked there until 2008. That same year I started my teacher training with UBC. I moved on to work for Mission Public Schools as an Aboriginal Liaison from 2008 until 2011. I completed my Bachelors of Teaching with Native Indian Teaching Program from UBC in 2013. After graduation, I applied to work with St. John Brebeuf and Seabird Island Community School to be a teacher on call. I ended up working at both locations in 2013-2014, so I worked one day a week at St. John Brebeuf and four days a week as teacher assistant in Ms. Watson's class in Seabird. Now, I'm teaching Halq'eméylem in the Elementary School.

Some interests of mine include: beading, reading, jogging, spending time with family and friends!

The best part of teaching is seeing the results at the end of the year and the hearing the students speaking Halq'eméylem!



Bea Stewart

I have been teaching at Seabird Island Community School for 9 years.

I am from the Skwah First Nation in Chilliwack. I have worked at Seabird School on and off since 2006. Teacher On Call [2006], Intermediate Learning Assistance Teacher [2006-2009], part time L.A. teacher [2010], Teacher on Call [2013], and Grade 6/7 Education Assistant [2013-2016]. I have worked mainly with the intermediate grades.

I have been teaching Stó:lo community members how to make beaded jewelry, beadwork and dream catchers. I have worked as a First Nations Educator for more than 25 years.

I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree [History Major], a Bachelor of Education Degree [Early Childhood Minor], a post Baccalaureate Diploma and a Professional Teacher

Certificate certification. My post-secondary education was completed at Simon Fraser University. I have taken 3 levels of our Halq'eméylem language and continue to learn more vocabulary from my sister and Mom.

My partner in life Joseph Pavel from the Skokomish Nation, Washington. Joseph has a Bachelor of Science degree and he is dedicated to advocating Indian rights such as hunting, fishing and water rights. He is the vice-Chairman of the Skokomish tribe and the Natural Resources Director. We have been together for more than 8 years.

The best part about being a school teacher is working with the children to improve their academics and making a difference in their school experiences.

Please Remember:
Slow down when travelling through school zones on Seabird Island. Watch for children playing!

Kevin Swaney

This is my second year at SICS.

I teach Physical Education to every grade

In the second semester I will be teaching Outdoor Ed as a high school Elective. This will include general outdoor skills and included a unit on rock climbing.

I am hoping to start some sport clubs for the intermediate grades (4-7) at the Elementary School. These clubs will follow the typical seasons of play (fall: X-country, soccer; winter: volleyball and basketball; spring: track and field). I am also hoping to over another overnight hiking trip at the high school somewhere on Vancouver Island.

I was born and raised in Port Alberni. I am passionate about outdoor recreational sports (rock climbing, mountain biking, kayaking). I am a big NFL fan and cheer for the Philadelphia Eagles. I love to travel and have been fortunate two go on two trips - to Central America and Southeast Asia.



The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: kevinswaney@seabirdisland.ca

The best part about being a school teacher is the smiles, high fives, hugs and knowing you are making a difference.



Cindy Watson

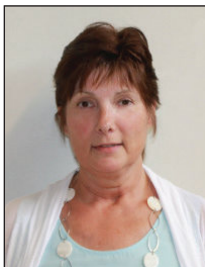
I have been teaching for 8 years at SIB school.

I teach Grade 7.

I'm from Ontario.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is to call the school.

The best part about being a school teacher is wonderful students and colleges, the rural setting.



Sandra Eustache

I have been teaching at SIB school for 18 years.

My First Nations name is Auntietsi7- auntie dear.

I teach Grades 4-6.

My specialty classes I will teach this year are Reading Mastery 4, Saxon Math 4.

I also work on the Literacy Committee and Cultural Committee.

I graduated from UBC in 1991 and have been teaching elementary grades. I have twin daughters; Maggie and Desireah whom have both graduated from high school. I completed a fifth year Guidance Diploma at UBC in

2007. I love to read, bike, swim and go on hikes. My hobbies are beading, making moccasins and doing puzzles. I love music and dancing. As of late I have been doing some rod fishing and enjoy this as its very relaxing.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is by email: Sandra@seabirdisland.ca.

The best part about being a school teacher is seeing the smiling faces when they have accomplished tasks at hand. The ahh... moment!





Raymond Mai

This is my 7th year at SICS

My Chinese name is Mai Xin Wei (meaning "mighty heart").

I teach Grades 4-7

I also work with the Science and Math Extravaganza Committee.

I was born and raised in Beijing, China. I grew up in the beautiful tree-lined neighborhoods of East Vancouver, B.C.

Best way for parents to get ahold of me is by email: Raymond@seabirdisland.ca or my professional Facebook account: Raymond Mai (teacher at Seabird School in the description since there are many Raymond Mai's on Facebook).

The best part about being a school teacher is working with children and youth, respecting them as people and watching them learn, grow, and prosper.



Racheal Bateman

Ey Swayel!

I have been with Seabird Island Community School one year and am thrilled to see the familiar faces of students lit up with bright smiles.

I am excited to work as the Education Assistant with Mrs. Marchant's grade 2/3 class this year. I look forward to getting to know my new students and their families; honoured to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments; and I am eager to catch up with last year's students!

I am from Colorado Springs but have spent most of my life

here in the Fraser Valley and have made BC my home. Family, friendship

and time spent in nature are the greatest gifts in my life. So, when I am not on Seabird I am enjoying the waters, forests, and cracking minecraft jokes with the people I love.

The best part about teaching is being a part of the students' reactions to everything around them and that moment they make a connection or realization with a whole new thought.



Tija Finch

This is my second year of teaching at SICS. I teach Grade 6.

I was born and raised in Dryden, Ontario. I moved to BC over 20 years ago to attend university. I have two girls, ages 7 and 8. I completed my university degree and graduated with my teaching certificate in 2012. I am a member of the Metis Nation of BC.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is by phone at the

school: 604-796-3061 extension 7003, or by email: tfinch@seabirdisland.ca.

The best part about being a school teacher is seeing the sparkle in the students' eye when they understand what I am trying to teach. This shows me success in the classroom and success for the students.



Karla Joseph

This is my first year at Seabird Island Community School.

I am Xwisten from Bridge River Indian Band in St'át'imc Nation

I will be doing groups with Kindergarten to Grade 12.

I will be leading two programs this year - Friends for Life, a school-based anxiety prevention and resiliency program where the children and youth will learn life skills around emotions and coping. The WITS program is a program to help children deal with bullying. I will also be working one-on-one with students that have been referred to me for counseling services and supporting all our students to be successful.

I graduated with my Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC. I moved to Agassiz to co-coordinate the Seabird Island Youth Program and moved into the School Counsellor position this year. Outside of the school I love golfing, gardening, and spending time with friends and family.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: karlajoseph@seabirdisland.ca or by calling 604-796-6874.

The best part about being a school counsellor is spending time with all the children and youth.



Bruce Relland

I have been teaching at SIB school for 2 years.

I teach Grades 8-12 science, biology and planning.

I will also participate in homework club and the greenhouse.

I have a Degree in Education and a Masters of Arts. I have taken courses from seven different universities and colleges in various parts of North America. I have taught for 24 years, mainly in the area of science. I love to read science fiction stories, work in my garden, play games of all types and travel. I have been to Europe several times and enjoy the diverse cultures and foods that I came across there.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: brucerelland@seabirdisland.ca.

The best part about being a school teacher is being around kids and helping them grow into well rounded young people.





Linda Brawn

I've been teaching at SIB school for 23 years.

My First Nations name is Lilta (Linda).

I teach Special Education Teacher High School Grades 8-11.

Specialty classes I will teach include Reading Mastery 8-11, speech and language therapy (high school).

I like volunteering, and catching up during and after school with students.

Before teaching at Seabird I taught in Mission, Surrey and Bella Coola. I also worked in the accounting field. I have tried a few times to retire from teaching and have been unsuccessful each time. As teachers our lives are

full of school work, working until 6 p.m. with students and then filling out paperwork and planning for the next day. When I get home, after I make dinner, and if I don't fall into bed right away, I enjoy sewing, crocheting, walking, volunteering, visiting friends and family, and reading. In the summer of 2014 I learned how to crochet a certain style of blanket and I finished that blanket last winter (for my granddaughter) and I am working on another one. During my life I have traveled as far east as Oklahoma in U.S.A. and Nova Scotia in Canada, and we travel every summer to northern B.C. to visit our children, grandchildren etc.

I often am talking to parents about their child's progress and plans for his/her educational future. If you have a child that struggles with

learning please call the school (604-796-3068 ext. 5032) and we can arrange a meeting, or talk on the phone. If you do not have a phone or prefer email my school email is lindab@seabirdisland.ca. I check the email each day I am at school.

The best part about being a school teacher is helping our children learn. I enjoy working with the children of children that I have taught. As a teacher we are constantly learning new strategies/programs that we bring to our classrooms to help our students. Success is not about making more money, it's about helping people see new possibilities. I sincerely hope that all our parents will come out and visit with us throughout the 2015-2016 school year.



We are one school with one goal. Our goal is to graduate our students with a Dogwood.

That process begins in Kindergarten. It is not the high schools responsibility to graduate students with a Dogwood. It is all of our responsibility to graduate a student with a Dogwood. So, what I imagine a Kindergarten teacher doing is - imagining the children she has in her class on graduation day. Because, that's where we're going. That's why we exist - to graduate our students with a Dogwood and a strong sense of their culture.

How are we going to get there? We are all going to be pulling in one direction. It is nice to go on vacation to an island, but we cannot have islands in

a school. One school, pulling in one direction, with a singular purpose. Graduating our students with a Dogwood and a strong sense of their culture and language. Very direct, very straight-forward.

How are we going to get there? On high expectations of our students. All of our students. And improving our instruction.

So, with that focus, I say, welcome back to our one school - without islands - with a singular goal.

-Principal Barb White addressing teachers during team-building

Crystal Boyes

This is my 4th year teaching at SIB

I teach K-7 Music (Classroom, Ukulele, Recorder, and Band), Junior Band Elective (Grades 8/9), Senior Band Elective (10-12), and Career and Personal Planning 9, Math 10.

I will be offering Elementary Choir, Drumline, and High School Choir at lunch times this year.

I grew up in North Vancouver. Since then, I have lived in Newfoundland for eight years, Smithers for four years, and this is my fourth year living in Chilliwack. While in Newfoundland I earned two degrees at Memorial University: Bachelors of Music and Bachelors of Music Education. I have a very active four year old son. I have three dogs which I participate in competitions in Canada and the US in agility (dogs jump, run through tunnels,

and climb equipment) and scent detection. I also started a dog training business, K9 Sports Training, last year where I teach scent detection. About once a week I also conduct a community orchestra, The Chilliwack Songs of Praise Orchestra.



The best way for parents to get in contact with me is by email: crystalboyes@seabirdisland.com, and the classroom cell: 604-991-0800.

The best part about being a school teacher is getting to know all our students and building relationships with them that support them to be successful in school, by graduating!





Yvonne M. Duncan

I started teaching at SICS in November of 1988.

I teach Kindergarten to Grade 7 First Nation Cultural Art.

I also teach Reading and Math – Intermediate Grades 4-7.

I am Shxwaxe'. I received this name when I was born, from my great grandmother Emily Cisco. She gave me her name and took another. I'm from the Nlaka'pamux Nation (Thompson) and my reserve is Siska which is 7 miles south of Lytton. I have many family ties to the reserves in the Fraser Valley and Vancouver.

I will assist daughter Dianna Kay with the Cultural Events, Hold a Book fair during the evening for parents and students (TBA), and help with other evening school events.

Reading is one of my favorite things to do and spending time with my grandchildren. Working at Seabird Island School has been my biggest accomplishment - working with the staff and the student over the years and having to grow with the change in the education system. The most interesting thing I did was to travel to New York with my daughter for a conference (1992) and going to China in 1995 to the women's conference.

Best way for parents to get ahold of me is through the office phone: 604-796-3061.

The best part about being a school teacher is being there for the students and watching them grow and helping them to overcome their struggles which enables them to become a confident and successful person; greater when you find out that they are attending university or getting a higher education in an area of choice when they have finished high school.



Ashleigh Blane

This is my third year of teaching at SIB school

I teach math to Grades 8-9, and am the Elementary Special Ed Teacher.

I enjoy taking part in Family Literacy Night, Math and Science Night, and graduation.

I traveled to Italy and Greece in 2007, the Philippines in 2013 (helped with Hurricane Haiyan), Ecuador in 2010 (Built bathrooms in Misahualli and taught English to students); enjoy playing guitar and going to local music shows. I am completing my Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Special Education.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: ashleighb@seabirdisland.ca

The best part about being a school teacher is seeing a student smile or laugh because you made them feel special, as well as seeing the change and growth that students go through year to year.



Frank Compton

This is my third year of teaching at SIB school.

I teach Grades 8-12 Mathematics.

I will also work with the Homework Club, and Vancouver Sun Run.

I was born and raised on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. I did seven years of post-secondary education at Dalhousie University and Mount Saint Vincent University. Afterward, I taught mathematics for 8.5 years in South Korea before returning to Canada to continue my teaching career. I enjoy playing a variety of sports such as baseball and volleyball and just being outdoors. I have traveled to many different countries in my life and it has helped me to see the world differently. This has been a great accomplishment in my life but my proudest accomplishment in my life was being able to find the love of my life (my wife) and creating two beautiful daughters with her.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: FrancisC@seabirdisland.ca.

The best part about being a school teacher is having a platform to encourage youth to follow and pursue their dreams in order for them to have long, full-filling lives.



Jacqueline Jimmie

I have been teaching for six years at SIB school... 6 years
My First Nations name is Chowat.

I am an Educational Assistant at Seabird High school
I also get involved in sports field trips and helping Kevin
with any sports activity.

When I am not working I enjoy playing many different
sports such as soccer, hockey, baseball and volleyball.
I enjoy travelling to new places. I have three beautiful

children ages 13, 8 and 2 years old.
I also enjoy our cultural events that
happen all year round.

The best part about being a school
teacher? I enjoy being an
Educational Assistant because I get
to see the students grow and learn
new things daily. Seabird Island
Community School is a great place to work at and my
co-workers are awesome.



Crystal Chapman

I have been employed with
Seabird Community School for
8 years.

My First Nations name: Ta ta

I am an EA for Grade 8-12 as
well as home school coordinator.

I will teach life skills, post-secondary prep with
Grade 11/12 as well as work experience coordinator.

I enjoy cedar weaving, storytelling, drum making,
songs and dance. Possible drama club.

I am from Skawahlook First Nations. I have
completed E.A program, fashion design program,
Carving Program, Business Admin program.
Having completed these programs opened my eyes
on different learning and teaching strategies on ways
to really get students attention. We all learn different
and having these programs behind me I can figure
out ways to understand students learning needs and
help them the best way I can.

I have the best communication with parents through
Facebook and home visits, but many have reached
me through email at crystalc@seabirdisland.ca.

Best part of my job is being able to support students
and parents and provide more feedback to them
directly. I stay in contact very frequently and love
that the students and parents are able to trust and
respect me.



Charlene Thomas

Hamqemeylem, Teach Grades 2-10
First Nations Name-Siyamtlot-It's a
family name which has been passed
on from my great grandmother. She
was a hal teacher too.

I get involved in school events, such as
translation contests, Sto:lo New Year's, Sto:lo Veterans Day
to honour Remembrance Day. We have a naming
ceremony in spring, the first salmon ceremony.

We like to spend a lot of time with our families. I have two
kids at home, 8 and 9, in summer, we go camping all the
time. We do canning.

The best thing about being a school teacher is seeing
students set goals for themselves and achieving their
own goals.



Angela McNeil

This is my 7 year at Seabird Island
Community School

I am the as an Educational Assistant in
the Grade 4/5 class.

I enjoy canning in the summer, fish
and vegetables. I'm taking a knitting
class this fall.

I have a 27-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter.

The best part about being a school teacher? I just love
seeing that lightbulb go on.



Ryan McKenna

I spent one Year as a TOC. This is my first year teaching
as a full time teacher.

I teach Grade 4.

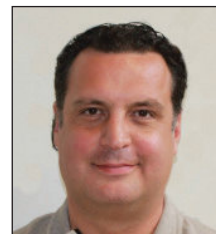
I hope to be able to do start a in class powwow practice
that is a part of our classes Social Studies curriculum.

I live in White Rock with my wife and four children.
In 2013 I graduated from Emily Carr University of Art
and Design and in 2014 I completed my Bachelors of
Education from UBC. Shortly after I started working at
Seabird Island Elementary. If you enjoy powwowing you
may see me with my family on the trail, during the
summers we travel to Alberta, Washington and

Saskatchewan for competitions,
I am a grass dancer, but watching
my children dance is the biggest
blessing I could ask for. If you see
me on the trail please say hi.

The best way for parents to get a
hold of me would be through their
child's agenda/planner, we can write
daily messages to each other as I check them every
morning. Or you can reach via: e-mail ryanmckenna@seabirdisland.ca

The best part about being a school teacher is seeing my
students participate with and understand the concepts
that are being taught to them inside the classroom.





Jerri-Lynn Bogart

I have been teaching at Seabird for 6 years.

I teach Grade 2 and 3.

I am married to Brent and we have three sons - Cohen, Carter, Caden and one daughter Ntanis and a dog named Guido.

I love to ski, hike, cycle, read, camp, travel, and spend time laughing at the dinner table with my family. Before I was a teacher I was a nurse for 15 years. I have run seven half marathons, I ride a motorcycle and this past summer I cycled the Kettle Valley Railway in the Okanagan. Six years ago I was driving by on the highway and glanced over in the direction of Seabird and realized it was a school. I applied and was hired in October 2010. I found Seabird quite by accident and working here has been a gift to me. The best part about being a school teacher is the privilege of playing a significant part of a child's learning while in my classroom. (The hugs and the sounds of giggles are a close second).

JOKE: What is the difference between a school teacher and a train?

A: The teacher says spit your gum out and the train says "chew chew chew".



Jennifer Nielsen

This is my 10th year teaching at SIB school.

I teach the Kindergarten class.

Other specialty classes you will teach this year...

I'm a team leader for a Kindergarten / Gr. 1 Professional Learning Community with FNEC.

I have two children of my own that give me great joy and keep me busy. I studied at UBC where I obtained degrees in psychology, speech sciences, and education. I studied linguistics as part of my undergraduate degree work which led to my special interest in First Nations languages. I also enjoy gardening, music, and reading.

I can be reached in person, by phone, or via email. My contact information is 604-796-3061, jennifern@seabirdisland.ca

The best part about being a school teacher is the kids! I particularly enjoy, and feel honoured to be a part of, the moment of realization that they have accomplished their goal. Their faces light up and their whole being glows with pride.



Gerry Brandon

Gerry is a Chef, Educator, Mentor and Public Speaker. He is originally from Ontario where he is a member of Dokis First Nation (Anishinaabe). A graduate of the renowned Stratford Chef School, he has worked alongside many world famous Chefs, led 5-Star Country House Hotels, appeared on television and in magazines. As a former "troubled youth", Gerry has spent many years working with and mentoring young people across Canada. His vision for First Nations youth is "strength through education, qualified by traditional values". He now works with the Seabird Community School offering perspectives on Food, Life, and Education.

- chii meegwetch



Colleen Marchant

I am in my ninth at SICS.

My First Nations name is Ksim Neek'hl, which means Killer whale Princess.

I am teaching Grade 2 this year, but have taught kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2.

I also help out with Literacy night at school, and I am part of my church choir.

I am from the Sechelt Nation on the sunshine coast. I am married (27) years, with three step children, and four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. I have three siblings. My interests include family, gardening, cooking, physical exercise classes, walking and First Nations activities (I am a dancer for an Ahousat Chief). My education involves four years at Kwantlen University (ECE, Special Needs, and Infant-Toddler), five years at UBC NITEP program (B.Ed.) and two years at University of Victoria (M.Ed. in First Nations Education). My work experience includes seven years at a Special Needs Preschool, five years at Ahousat First Nations School and 8 years at Seabird Island Community School.

The best way to get hold of me would be to call the office or email me at Colleen@seabirdisland.ca

The best part about being a school teacher is the children! Their excitement and learning discoveries.



Shawn Boyes

This is my third years teaching at SIB school.

I teach Grade 8-12 Social Studies.

I also help with the Stained Glass and Yearbook committees.

I'm from North Vancouver, but spent a number of years living in St. Anthony, NL and Smithers, BC. It was fun getting to experience the different ways of life in these locations, but I'm glad to be home now. Away from school, I spend most of the time with our four year old

son William. I also really enjoy working on our house, which we moved into this summer, gardening, and tinkering with older VWs.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through email: shawnb@seabirdisland.ca.

The best part about being a school teacher is getting to work with the students and getting them to consider new ideas.



Jessica McKerrow

I have been teaching at SICS for 5 years.

This year I am teaching Grades 1 and 2.

Away from class, I help run the elementary library.

When not teaching, my family and I amuse ourselves with what we like to call our farm. My husband and my two children Eloise and Chloe make sure that I remember to live life in the moment. Before teaching I was a varsity athlete at SFU for both Volleyball and

Rowing and I solo biked across Europe for four months learning that the world is full of a lot of wonderful people.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is via email: jessicamckerrow@seabirdisland.ca

The best part about being a school teacher is teaching kids to read and helping them overcome challenges that may have seemed impossible.



Claire Skurrey - Cradock

I have been teaching at SICS for 4 years.

I work as an Education Assistant in the grade 2-3 class.

I moved to Canada almost 6 years ago from England. I moved here with my husband, daughter and son. I was a Dental Nurse in England for 20 years while we raised our family.

When we moved to Canada I changed my career path and took the Special Educational Assistant course at Seabird Island College.

I first came to Canada as a child and have loved this country ever since. I became a Canadian Citizen this year, along with my family.

We have a german shepard dog so I do a lot of hiking with her. I love to play ball in the summer and just love being in the fresh air whenever possible.

My email address is: claires@seabirdisland.ca



Deborah McGregor

This is my 15th year of teaching at SIB school.

This year, I am teaching English 8-11.

Some of the specialty classes I will teach this year include Sewing 8-12, Art 8-12 and Grad transitions.

Away from school, I sew, draw, garden and do home renovations.

I graduated from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor of Education, specializing in English and Fine Arts. I have been married for 39 years, have 4 grown children and 1 grandson and another on his way. I have traveled all over Canada with my children and husband attending various fiddle camps and competitions.

The best way for parents to get ahold of me is through my email: debbiemcgregor@seabirdisland.ca, or my school number, 604-796-3061

The best part about being a school teacher is watching my "kids" (students) grow into responsible young adults.





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CALENDAR 2015-2016

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Seabird Island Community School

2015-2016		Sto:lo Day	Wed, Feb. 24
<i>Admin/Professional Development Days</i>	<i>Aug 31-Sept 4</i>	Elementary Term 2 Ends	Fri, Feb. 26
Think-In (Ed Committee/School staff)	Fri, Sept 4	High school term 3 Interims	Fri, Feb 26
Labour Day (School Closed)	Mon, Sept. 7	Elementary Term 2 Reports	Fri, March 4
School Opens (½ day-morning only)	Tues, Sept. 8	Last Day before Spring Break	Thurs 24
Lifetouch-Student Photo`s	Sept 25 th	Good Fri.,	Fri Mar 25
Welcome Back Dinner	Thurs, Sept 17	Easter Mon	Mon Mar 28
High School Term 1 Interim	Fri, Oct. 2	Spring Vacation Period	Mar, 28-April 4
Elementary Term 1 Interim	Fri, Oct. 9	School Reopens after Spring Break	Tues Apr 5
Thanksgiving Day	Mon, Oct.12	High School Term 3 Ends	Fri, April 8
Sto:lo New Year	Wed, Oct. 14	Elementary Term 3 Interims	Thurs, April 15
<i>Professional Development Day</i>	<i>Fri, Oct. 23</i>	Naming Ceremony	Wed, Apr. 20
Photo retakes	TBA	High School Term 3 Reports	Fri, April 22
High School Term 1 Ends	Fri, Oct. 30	<i>Professional Development Day FNEESC</i>	<i>Fri, April 15</i>
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Fri, Nov.6	Parent's Day Tea/Band Concert	Fri, May 6
High School Term 1 Reports	Fri, Nov. 13	High School Term 4 Interims	Thurs, May 12
Remembrance Day (No School)	Wed, Nov. 11	<i>Professional Development Day</i>	<i>Fri, May 20</i>
Elementary Term 1 ends	Fri, Nov. 20	Victoria Day	Mon, May 23
<i>Pro-Development Day</i>	<i>Mon, Nov. 23?</i>	Day Of Grace	TBA
Elementary Reports	Fri, Nov. 27	K-7 Sports Day	Fri, May 27
Parent/Teacher Interview Week	Nov30-Dec4	District Sports Day	TBA
High School Term 2 Interims	Fri, Dec 4	Year End Pow Wow	Fri, June 3
Make And Take Week	Dec 7-11	Elementary Term 3 Report	Fri, June 10
Christmas Concert	Fri, Dec 11	Grade 7 Graduation	Thurs, June 16
Student Christmas Dinner	Thurs, Dec. 17	HS Final Exams - mandatory	June 9-15
Last day before Winter Vacation	Fri, Dec.18	7-12 Cultural Sports Day	Thurs, June 16
Winter Vacation Period	Dec, 21-Jan 1	K-12 Last Day (Waterslides)	Fri, June 17
2016		High School Term 4 Reports	Thurs, June 23
School Re-Opens After Winter Vacation	Mon, Jan. 4	High School Provincial Exam Weeks	June 22-27
High School Term 2 Ends	Thurs, Jan 21	Staff Appreciation (Ed Committee/School Staff)	Mon, June 20
Elementary Term 2 Interims	Thurs, Jan. 21	Graduation	Tues, June 28
<i>Professional Development Day</i>	<i>Fri, Jan. 22</i>		
Provincial exams	Jan, 25-29		
High School Term 2 reports	Fri, Feb 5		
Family Day	Mon, Feb. 8		
Ed Committee/school staff mtg	Wed, Feb. 10		
<i>Professional Development Day</i>	<i>Fri, Feb. 19</i>		

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