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Lalme' Iwesawtexw Grad Class of 2024



Lalme' Iwesawtexw (Seabird Island Community School) held their 2024 Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony along the water under great cedar trees.

The serene backdrop of the Maria Slough and the towering cedars created a picturesque setting for this momentous occasion. The bleachers were filled with proud family and friends, all eager to take pictures of the students as they celebrated this major milestone in their lives.

The ceremony began with a heartfelt welcome from Chief Jim Harris, who praised the graduates for their hard work and dedication. He highlighted the unique challenges they had overcome, including navigating their education during the pandemic. This was followed by a series of inspiring addresses from teachers and community leaders, each offering words of wisdom and encouragement.

This was a great day that marks the end of their high school careers and the beginning of a new journey in life. For some, this journey means securing a job to begin their professional careers, while for others, it means moving on to college and university to further their education.

It is a significant change in one's life, and thanks to their teachers, parents, and role models, these students are well-prepared for their next journey.

Lalme' Iwesawtexw has provided them with a strong academic and cultural foundation, and their supportive Community has instilled in them the values of perseverance, respect and lifelong learning.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Sandra Bobb, Communications Program Sq'éwqel Culture & Community Services

Note: Please find more details on pages 8-9.



PROVINCIAL GOLD

Nancy Murphy's grandson, Kaiden Hudson-Jimmie, has made his family and community proud by winning gold at the BC Provincials Soccer Tournament. Representing the Langley U14 team, Kaiden played with skill and determination, helping his team secure the top spot in the competition.

Kaiden is the son of Natalie Jimmie from Squiala, and his roots are deeply tied to the Seabird Island community through the Harris and Hope families. His success on the soccer field is a testament to his hard work and dedication, and he has become a great role model for the kids at Seabird.

Kaiden's achievement is more than just a personal victory; it's an inspiration to the youth in his community, showing them that with determination and effort, they too can achieve great things.

Congratulations, Kaiden Hudson-Jimmie, on your remarkable accomplishment!

CHAMPIONS, CHAMPIONS!!! **

Submitted by Nancy Murphy

Langley United Soccer Association

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LUSA owns BC Soccer's Les Sinnott Provincial Championships podium in Kamloops with 3 GOLD MEDALS and a BRONZE.

U14 Boys = GOLD

U16 Boys = GOLD

U16 Girls = BRONZE

U17 Boys = GOLD

Well done to all our players and coaches.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31 Acupuncture Clinic

10 am - 4 pm

Aug 1 Hearing Clinic

9 am - 4 pm

Aug 6 NIFA Going Away Event

Aug 7 Story Time in the Park

10 - 11:30 am

Pride Day Event

4 - 7 pm

Aug 8 Seabird Strong

Eye Clinic

Aug 9 Eye Clinic

Aug 24 Membership Code BBQ

Aug 27 Back to School Day

Aug 28 Athlete Banquet

Aug 31 - Sept 1 Traditional Medicine

Conference

For more details please watch for the promotions on the **Sq'éwqel "Seabird Island Band"** Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdIslandBand/

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Sports, Games, Plays

St'élmexw

Medicine

Yewí:leqw

Medicine Song



ELDERS SAGE PICKING TRIP

On June 4th, a group of Elders braved the heat and went sage picking. It was a day filled with companionship and healing as they gathered this powerful medicine to bring back to the community. Sage, known for its cleansing properties, is used as an incense to purify the mind, body, and spirit, and even our homes. As the Elders moved through the fields, their laughter and stories filled the air, creating a sense of unity and purpose.

The ritual of sage picking is more than just a tradition; it is a vital practice that connects us to our ancestors and our culture. The Elders shared their knowledge and wisdom with each other, about the proper ways to harvest sage, ensuring that

the plants are treated with respect and care. This ensures the sustainability of this precious resource for future generations.

The Elders' efforts ensure that this traditional practice and its benefits continue to be a vital part of our lives. Their dedication to preserving and passing on this knowledge is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community. As they returned home with bundles of sage, the Elders knew they were bringing back more than just a plant; they were bringing back a piece of our heritage, a source of healing, and a symbol of our enduring connection to the land and each other.

Sandra Bobb, Communications Program Sq'éwqel Culture & Community Services





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SUMMER FUN CLUB; HUGE SUCCESS

Run by leaders from Seabird Youth, this fun drop-in day camp has had a great turnout. The youth leaders have taken Responsible Adult training as well as a two-day "Leaders in Training" course on July 4 & 5, 2024, to ensure a safe and enriching experience for all participants.

This summer day camp is a drop-in club that runs from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays during the summer in one of the high school classrooms. Free snacks, lunches, and beverages are included, ensuring that every child stays nourished and hydrated throughout the day.

The kids attending have had the opportunity to play a variety of games, fostering teamwork and friendship among participants. Additionally, they have enjoyed several exciting outings. One memorable trip was to Hicks Lake, where the children created lasting memories and enhancing their appreciation for nature.

This youth club also has a handful of bikes available, allowing the kids to go on group bike rides once in a while. These rides not only provide great exercise but also teach road safety and encourage a sense of adventure. The leaders have organized fun games, nature trails, and even friendly races, ensuring every day is filled with excitement.

Some of the field trips they've been on: Hicks Lake, Greater Vancouver Zoo, Hope Mountain Bike Park (not sure of actual name), Bridal Falls, WildPlay Adventure Park. On July 26, they had 29 kids go to the zoo,





BABY WELCOME CELEBRATION

Hosted at Seabird Island on June 19, the Maternal Child team held the annual Baby Celebration. The event was attended by around twenty babies and their parents, with approximately seventy guests in total. The atmosphere was filled with joy and excitement as families gathered to celebrate the newest members of the community.

The Pilalt Family Drum and Dance Group put on a great show. Their performance captivated the audience, and their powerful drumming resonated with the spirit of the occasion. They honored the mothers as the "life givers," recognizing that our women and mothers are precious to the people. For us to continue to strive and build our communities, they should be treated with respect and reverence.

Three of our respected matriarchs, Alexis Grace, Lolly Andrew, and Willow Walker, were on hand to deliver inspiring words for the mothers, fathers, caregivers, and, of course, the babies, who represent our future. Their speeches were filled with wisdom, encouragement, and hope.

Four Elders also got up to share a few words of wisdom. Their presence and guidance added a profound sense of continuity and tradition to the event. Thank you to Mazie Peters, Ida John, Mike Joe, and Analise Cook.

The Baby Welcome Celebration was more than just a gathering; it was a reaffirmation of our community's values and a reminder of the importance of nurturing and supporting our youngest members and their families. The event brought together multiple generations, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose. It was a beautiful celebration of life, love,

and the enduring strength of our communities.









STORY TIME

IN THE PARK

FREE! EVERY WEDNESDAY

REGISTRATION: 10AM EVENT: 10:30AM - 11:30AM Pioneer Park

July 3, 10, 17

Agassiz C.R.C.C.

July 24

Seabird Island

July 31

Harrison Elementary School

August 7, 14, 21

In partnership with:

















ATTEND THE VERY FIRST: TRADITIONAL MEDICINE KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS SOCIETY OF B.C.

AUGUST 31 & Sept 1, 2024

Seabird Island Band Office Gym, Agassiz, B.C.

1ST ANNUAL TRADITIONAL MEDICINE CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS, MEDICINE MAKING, INTRODUCTION TO MEDICINE MAKING
HIGHLIGHTING 12 PLUS 1 BODY SYSTEMS

Hosted by Board of Directors: Dr. Jeanne Paul

Crystal Morris, Carol Peters, Peter John & Jennifer Morrison

Coming Soon! Don't Miss out.

Watch for details about:

- · Registration and Links
- Pricing
- Agenda

Don't miss out, send us an email at:

traditionalmedicineknowledge@gmail.com

THE IMPORTANCE OF STORY TIME

Story time is important as it sparks imagination and curiosity. Stories help develop brain function, focus, and listening skills. Telling stories helps children understand the difference between reality and make-believe. Stories also help them develop language skills.

Most of all, reading stories to your children strengthens the bond you have with them. They will respect you more as they grow up and may remember to provide you with support when they are adults and you are an Elder.



GRADE 6 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 8:35 am, the Grade 6 students gathered in the foyer, to be dressed for the special commencement ceremony. Excitement buzzed in the air as the students prepared to mark the transition from elementary to high school, a significant milestone.

The ceremony began with an inspiring address from Ms. Marchant, who spoke passionately about the students' achievements and the bright futures that lay ahead. Following her, the Education Director, Ms. White, emphasized the importance of education and the lifelong value of the lessons learned. Her words resonated deeply, encouraging the students to carry forward the knowledge and values they had gained and to keep learning.

School staff were invited to witness the transition ceremony. Their presence signified the collective effort and

dedication that had guided the students to this point. They were there to support the students and to cherish the memories of this day.

The path between the elementary and high school was lined spectators. Students from both schools, along with proud family members, eagerly awaited the procession. Serena Splockton and Dianna Kay expertly guided the procession, ensuring the ceremony ran smoothly.

As the Grade 6 students reached the front of the high school, they were warmly welcomed by Alain Marchand and Darryl J. Splockton. Their speeches were filled with encouragement and excitement for the students' future at the high school. Each student was presented with a certificate and a gift, symbolizing their accomplishments and the beginning of a new chapter.

The Honour Song was then performed, a moving tribute significant to the ceremony. As the song concluded, the students entered the high school, where they were greeted with more words of wisdom and encouragement from their future educators and mentors.

The celebration did not end there. The Grade 6 students were invited to an afternoon school dance at the high school, a festive event that allowed them to bond with their new classmates and create joyful memories. The dance was a fitting end to a day filled with pride, hope, and excitement.

This ceremony marked an important milestone in the students' educational journey, celebrated by the community. It was a day of reflection on past achievements and anticipation for future successes, a true celebration of learning and growth.





SEABIRD ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL LALME'IWESAWTEXW - GRADE 12 GRA



Maximus Edwards



Kyra Gillis



Semiya Birch-Douglas



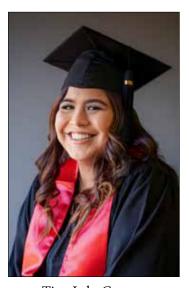
Veronica Moreno



Blaine Wilson



Bert Peters



Tina Lyle-George



Stewart Francis Jr.

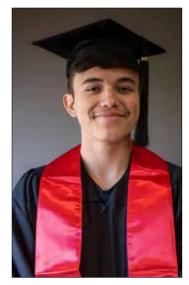




Jayme Preson



DUATES OF 2024







Shawnti Angus-Green



Travina Charles



Hayden Charlie

1. Embrace Lifelong Learning: Graduation is the beginning of a lifelong journey of learning, knowledge and skills. Stay curious and one

edge and skills. Stay curious and open to new experiences.

- Persevere: Life will present many obstacles, but perseverance and resilience are key. Every challenge is an opportunity to grow and learn.
- 3. Value Relationships: Build and nurture relationships with family, friends, and colleagues. These connections will support and inspire you throughout your life.

AGASSIZ ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADE 12 GRADUATES:

Karissma Karen Alexis Bobb Hayden James Gutierrez Kadence Audrey May Ludman Lewis Ramone Myran Maddox Quinn Peters-Joe Lance Michael Thompson



Unity Christian School Grade 12 Graduate

Kaidon McNeil-August

APOLOGIES

We apologize that we do not have photos of the above-listed graduates. All the same, we congratulate you all on your success. Graduation is a huge undertaking that should be celebrated. We would love to share your photos in our Annual Report, please fee to email them to sandrabobb@seabirdisland.ca

WORDS OF WISDOM:

4. Stay True to
Your Values:
Always uphold
your integrity and
principles. Your
values will guide
you in making the
right decisions,

to help you stay grounded.

- 5. Take Risks: Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Taking risks can lead to great opportunities and personal growth.
- 6. Balance Ambition and Humility:
 Strive for success, but remain
 humble. Recognize the contributions
 of others who help you and stay
 grounded in your achievements.
- 7. **Give Back:** Use your skills and knowledge to make a positive impact. Giving back is fulfilling and creates a better world for everyone.

- **8. Be Adaptable:** The world is constantly changing. Being adaptable and open to change will help you navigate the hard times.
- 9. Maintain a Positive Attitude:
 Positivity can help you overcome setbacks and stay motivated. Focus on the good, and keep optimistic. Happiness is contagious!
- 10. Take Care of Yourself: Physical and mental well-being are important. Prioritize self-care and make time for activities that bring you joy and relaxation.
- **11. Value love:** Remember you are loved. Share your love to get some in return.

Remember, graduation is a milestone, not a final destination. Your journey is just beginning, and the best is yet to come.

LIFE SKILLS, UNDERRATED: SKILLS YOU NEED TO SURVIVE

Being a young adult is a great time to learn new life skills. The more you learn, the more independent you can be, and the easier it is to take care of yourself with confidence. These skills will help you succeed at work, at home, and in relationships.

LIFE SKILLS provide you with tools and knowledge to succeed. These skills include: self care, reading & numbers, adaptability, communication, relationship building & interpersonal skills, planning, negotiation, motivation, creativity, sympathy & empathy for others, personal resilience and self-awareness.

Self Care, includes taking care of your basic needs properly, such as getting a solid 8 hours of sleep each night, eating healthy foods, ensuring you and your home are clean for disease prevention.

Reading & Numbers, practice these skills regularly, understanding basic math and reading helps you take care of basic day to day needs.

Adaptability, being able to adapt to different situations is a skill that allows

you to be more effective and possibly lead.

Communication, the ability to listen and express yourself with words, facial expressions and more.

Relationship building & interpersonal skills help you build connections and supports, they help you grow and allow you to help those important to you.

Planning, identifying a series or chain of actions that are required to achieve an outcome.

Negotiation, this is a skill you are born with and learn to build on. "No I don't want broccoli, I want candy" - you negotiate to get what you want and need.

Motivation, working on your drive to do things and work towards goals.

Creativity, developing your own style, regardless of others. Artists use these skills a lot. Sometimes it is not how you do it, its just that the outcome is what is desired or needed.

Sympathy & Empathy, understanding how others are feeling and sharing the

emotion with them. This is not only a skill for sadness, but also for sharing in ones happiness.

Personal Resilience, building the ability to handle stress without harming your own well-being. Handling criticism without taking offense, using it to help you grow and gain confidence.

Develop self-awareness about your thoughts and emotions:

- Find healthy ways to cope with difficult emotions like anger and grief.
- Practice mindfulness to stay grounded in the moment, such as noticing your thoughts and environment.
- Cultivate skills to calm your nervous system, such as deep breathing practices.

All of these skills are important to learn as you grow into adulthood. Remember, there is always something new to learn around the corner.

Starting points include:

- 1. Basic Housekeeping skills (tidy up, sweep, mop, vacuum, dishes, laundry)
- 2. Road Safety Skills (weather walking, biking or driving, read a map,...)
 - 3. Time Management Skills (schedules, set a bed time, set alarm clocks,...)
 - 4. Finance Skills (save, budget, pay bills,...)
 - 5. Interpersonal Skills (communicate with others, go outside, get away from your devices,...)

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Reference: https://www.newportinstitute.com/resources/empowering-young-adults/young-adult-lifeskills/





FISH TRAP BUILDING WORKSHOP

Mia Stratton MSc, BIT, the Seabird Biologist – Fisheries Advocate & Habitat Lead in Intergovernmental Affairs hosted a fish trap making workshop on June 26, 2024.

The event took place in the Seabird Gym, where participants each created their own fish trap to humanly catch fish for study and to release them again when this was complete.

This hands-on experience not only taught valuable skills but also emphasized the importance of sustainable fishing practices and the preservation of local ecosystems.

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Sthéqi ~ Sockeye Salmon



Enbridge Community Meeting

On June 25, Seabird hosted an Enbridge meeting, discussing the existing and proposed pipeline loop.

We recoded the meeting, which you can watch on the Seabird website: https://www.seabirdisland.ca/inter-government/

Congratulations to our door prize winners:

Jill Johnson - Yeti Cooler John Joe - Backpack Bella James - Chrome Notebook Mindy Philips - Lawn Chair Tash Peters - Tent

Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Program

Seabird Island Band

ENBRIDGE

CPL JACOB W. JOHNSON

Sunrise: May 9, 2001 Sunset: July 12, 2024

2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCL I) mourns the loss of Cpl Jacob W. Johnson, who passed away on 12 July 2024. The Regimental Family extends our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Cpl Johnson who joined the Regiment in 2019 and had served 5 years with the 2nd Battalion. Cpl Johnson was a steadfast and quiet professional, who contributed to training Ukrainians as they prepared for on-going combat operations, work critically important to supporting the rules-based international order. Having served with 2 PPCLI at home, and abroad on Op UNIFIER, he will be dearly missed by all.

Cpl Johnson - the son of Julie Peters of Seabird Island and Don Johnson of

Burnaby BC, younger brother to James Johnson was a graduate of the Bold Eagle program. Cpl Johnson's Celebration of Life took place in the Great Hall at 2 PPCLI on July 19, 2024 at 1200, surrounded by his Regimental and Immediate family.

At a later date, a Celebration of Life will take place in Seabird Island. The Peters-Johnson family kindly asks for privacy during this time and sincerely thank-you for the wishes of condolences and prayers.

Messages of condolences and/or offerings can be sent to djnjp017@gmail.com.



With gratitude, The Peters-Johnson family.

New Staff

Ey Swayel (good day),

My name is Kelsy Fredette, I am joining the Inter-Governmental Affairs team as the Referrals Clerk for Sq'éwqel, (Seabird Island).

I am from Xwchí:yó:m, (Cheam First Nation) and Sik-e-dakh, (GlenVowell). I am apart of the Pilalt Tribe from Stó:lõ Nation, and Lax Gibuu (Wolf Clan) from Gitxsan Nation.

I am excited to be working in the Sq'éwqel community, and I look forward to helping the community grow and representing the values of Sq'éwqel in all my work endeavours.

During my work experience, I have gained extensive knowledge and experience in many different platforms. Recently I went to school to obtain my Public Relations Certificate, at the University of Fraser Valley; and my Indian Registration Certificate with ISC. I was apart of the Elders Committee, and Custom Election



Code Committee for Xwchí:yó:m. I worked along side many Elders, Members and families. I plan to continue growing my knowledge and I'm excited to start learning more with the Sq'éwqel Community Members.

It is an honour to be apart of such a yú:w (beautiful) community. If any members have any questions, or comments please contact me via email or in office.

yálh yew kw'as hó:y (thank you), Kelsy Fredette

BC CAMPFIRE BAN

To prevent wildfires and keep everyone safe, BC is banning campfires starting July 12, 2024. This also includes fireworks, sky lanterns, burn barrels, and tiki torches. You can still use outdoor barbecues and stoves.

If you break the fire ban, you could get a \$1,150 ticket, a \$10,000 administrative penalty, or even a \$100,000 fine and up to a year in jail if convicted in court. If you cause a wildfire, you may have to pay for all firefighting costs.

Thank you for being responsible and reporting any wildfire activity or violations. To report, call 1-800-663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on your cell phone.

Sandra Bobb, Communications Program Sq'éwqel Culture & Community Services

Héyeqw ~ Fire

Create Your Own **Business Website** Workshop

In partnership with Myriad Technologies, Stó:lō Community Futures is happy to announce the Create Your Own Business Website workshop.

Participants are required to bring a laptop and credit card for purchasing a domain name for your website.



Space is limited to 10 participants



August 8th, 2024



10 am to 12 pm



Building 10 - Main Floor, 7201 Vedder Road,







"COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM" NOTICE: WATER CONSERVATION

Due to Pump Station Repair

EFFECTIVE JULY 3, 2024, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Éy swayél Seabird Island Community,

By working together as a Community, we can preserve Seabird Island's water supply, which will ensure enough water is available over summer for everyone on reserve.

WE NEED TO CONSERVE WATER BECAUSE:

- Seabird Island has limited water tower capacity.
- Using less water conserves the supply, energy and money.
- It is good for the environment.
- We need to ensure we have water in the event of a fire.

GOING FORWARD, PLEASE DO NOT USE WATER FOR:

- · Washing your vehicles.
- Watering your lawn/grass.
- Regularly filling, dumping, and refilling pools. When pools are often emptied and refilled, it takes a toll on Seabird Island's water system.

Conserving water as a Community can make sure that our Community has consistent access to clean water for drinking, cleaning, hygiene, and sanitation in daily life.

For more information, please contact our Lands Program: 604-796-2177 | lands@seabirdisland.ca

SEABIRD IS EXPERIENCING A Drug and Alcohol Crisis!

You can do your part to help! If you see something, say something! We can all work together to make Seabird and our people strong.

"Canada is experiencing a drug toxicity crisis that is being fuelled by synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Between January 2016 and September 2022, there were more than 34,400 apparent opioid toxicity deaths, many of which also involved stimulants or other substances. The vast number of lost lives makes the drug toxicity crisis a major public health and safety concern."

Reference: https://www.ccsa.ca/opioids

REMEMBER:

We are all a Community Family You are all loved & cared for We cannot help, if we do not know Our ancestors survived, so we can thrive You have a choice Today can be different than yesterday There are possibilities It starts with one step forward FENTANYL drug testing kits are available NALOXONE kits are available Your life is worth saving Our future generations depend on us Wellness is for everyone Our community is our family Reclaiming our community

In an Emergency: Call 911

See something, say something; Local RCMP: 604-796-2211

Kids help phone: 1-800-668-6868 or Text 686868 Available 24/7 Professional counselling, information and referrals support to young people.

National Overdose Response Service: 1-888-688-NORS(6677)

Overdose prevention hotline for Canadians Confidential, non-judgmental support for you, whenever and wherever you use drugs

Health Link BC: Call 811

24/7 health advice. Speak to a health services navigator, who can help you to find health information and services, or connect you directly with a registered nurse

Suicide Hot-line: 988



Sq'éwqel Housing Wait-list

1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom			3 Bedroom	3 Bedroom cont.					
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Applications and the most up to date Wait-list is on the Seabird Website: https://www.seabirdisland.ca/rntlhsngwaitlst/ Email: housing@seabirdisland.ca Or schedule an appointment at our Band Office 604-796-2177

SAGE SUGGESTIONS

Sandra Bobb, Communications Program, Sq'éwqel Culture & Community Services

A COLUMN FOR CLEANSE, CLARITY, ENLIGHTENING AND SOOTHING FUN.

COLD IMMERSION THERAPY

AKA "BATHING OR CLEANSING"

For centuries, First Nations have been cleansing their bodies and minds using techniques now termed "Cold Immersion Therapy." This practice has been scientifically proven to have multiple benefits:

Boosting Your Immune System: The blast of cold increases white blood cells, which help combat illness.

Enhancing Circulation: The rapid drop in temperature constricts your blood vessels, forcing the blood to circulate faster an improving blood flow to your organs.

Elevating Mood and Mental Health:

The exhilaration triggers a flood of mood-boosting endorphins.

Promoting Faster Recovery and Reducing Swelling: Cold water reduces muscle soreness and swelling, similar to an ice pack.

Improving Hair and Skin: Cold water closes the pores, preventing oils and dirt from getting trapped. It also flattens cuticles, promoting healthy hair growth and protecting it from damage.

So maybe the term, "Go take a cold dip," is more than just a turn-down line; they are wishing you good health. Lol.

Whether you go the traditional route of jumping in a cold waterfall, creek, or river, or just take an ice-cold shower, the blast of cold has many benefits for you mentally, spiritually, and physically. Although doing it out in nature has additional benefits, the peacefulness of nature and connecting to our roots is tough to get in the shower.

BUILDING STRONG MORALS AND ETHICS

A person who has a strong moral compass, is someone who has strong feelings concerned with right and wrong or good and bad.

Developing your moral compass is an ongoing process requiring self-reflection, learning and practice, doing the right thing. Valuing and respecting yourself and others around you!

1. THINK ABOUT YOUR CORE VALUES. What guides your actions and decisions? This can include how you were raised, your childhood, culture and personal experiences.

2. LEARN ABOUT ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHIES.

This includes decision making processes and consequences. How these decisions and consequences could affect you or others?

3. Work on your Empathy and Compassion skills.

Understanding the emotions and feelings of others.

• How do things affect others?

4. TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS AND LEARNING FROM THEM.

When you make a mistake or realize that your decision has negatively impacted others, acknowledge it, apologize, and learn from it. Reflect on what you could have done differently and commit to making better choices in the future. Taking responsibility for your actions and learning from your mistakes demonstrates a commitment to personal growth and ethical decision-making.

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5. Think about how you wish to be treated and pay it forward:

- If you don't want people to steal from you, don't steal from them.
- You have to give respect to earn respect.
- "Treat others the way you want to be treated!" Lou Holtz
- "If you want to be trusted, be honest."

Remember that personal growth is an ongoing process leading to a fuller, happier and more rewarding life.

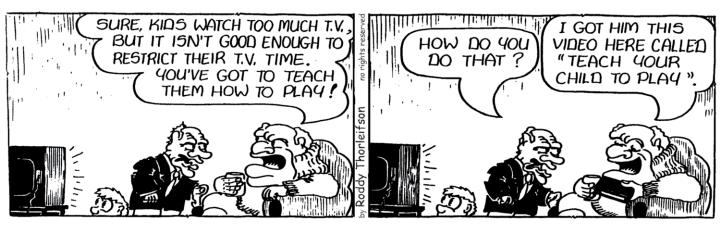
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Answers: boost, clean, recovery, improve, prevent, traditional, spiritual, peaceful, compass, values, ethics, responsible, respect, trust, growth

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COMIC



Reference: https://mooselake cartoons.com/family/y7lx83tgsy7q5e7bzgcgbytelxdnig

July - Temqw'á:l

"Mosquito time."

AUGUST - TEMTHEQI

"Sockeye salmon time."

Cancer

June 21 - July 21
Woodpecker - Temélhépsem
Direction: South – Element: Water
Stone: Rose Quartz
Strengths: Imaginative, Loyal,
Sympathetic, Emotional, Persuasive and
Intuitive.

Leo July 23 - August 22

Salmon - Sthéqi
Direction: South/South East - Element:
Fire
Stone: Carnelian

Strengths: generosity and big-heartedness, self-confidence, determination, and natural leadership.

INSPIRATION:

"A family vacation is a good time to bond and make memories that last a lifetime."

Steve Harvey

"The greatest legacy we can leave our children is happy memories."

Og Nandino

"Summer should get a speeding ticket – it goes by way too fast!"

Author Unknown

"B.E.A.C.H.: Best Escape Anyone Can Have – unless you forget the sunscreen."

Author Unknown

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shxwlá:m shaman, Indian doctor lhá:wet cure him/her (Indian doctor) slá:m spirit power of an indian doctor shxw'iyem health, strength g'éytl'thet to heal up (of a wound) tselhsq'áleq'o family hiyóthlemethet take care of oneself álmelh take care of your kids, to baby-sit one's own children tusey to be careful kwiyó:s uncle or aunt (respectful term) s'ólh our (emphasizing), respect, respected wife (slang) chálexw alíy good (eg. many things, people) be alive, be living, be in good health, áylexw be healthy, be well

well, doing well

Created by Sandra Bobb

SQ'ÉWQEL SQWÉLQWEL PÍPÉ

DEADLINES

Submissions and advertisements are due by the 1st of each month.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Contact: comm@seabirdisland.ca

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Must be under 300 words and include your name, phone number, status number, signature (for authentication purposes- not for publication), as well as date/year submitted.

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CONTACT US

comm@seabirdisland.ca www.seabirdisland.ca/comm/ Monday- Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM Closed on all statutory holidays.

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SEABIRD CHURCH

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LOVED ONE PASS AWAY?

We can help you send a copy of the death certificate to the First Nations Health Authority. Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177.

FUNERAL PAMPHLETS

Creating pamphlets from our catalogue or custom pamphlets.

As per Seabird Funeral Policy, the first 100 colour and 150 grey-scale funeral pamphlets, as well as 1 hour of design time is **FREE** for all Band Members. Additional design time or pamphlets can be requested for a fee.

We also assist with pamphlets for non-Band Members, inquire for fees.

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or email comm@seabirdisland.ca.

WILDSAFE BC CONSERVATION

To report animals who pose immediate threat or danger to public safety. 1-877-952-7277 or #7277

SIFD FIRE PRACTICE

Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM **Now recruiting new Members.** Contact the Fire Hall 604-796-2177.

GARBAGE SCHEDULE

CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF COMPOST, RECYCLE and GARBAGE:

Every Monday, unless Monday is a statutory holiday, then pick up will take place on the Tuesday immediately following the holiday. **2 garbage bags** per household per week.

MAJOR GARBAGE: 1st Wednesday of the month for Community core, and the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the surrounding Community.

Contact Public Works at 604-796-2177 or email: publicworks@seabirdisland.ca

DENTAL CLINIC

Accepting new STATUS PATIENTS

Open Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM **Closed Fridays**

Contact the Dental Clinic 604-796-6853.

MEDICAL CARDS

Need to apply for a new Medical Card because it was lost or stolen? We can assist you when applying for a new one.

Each client is responsible for paying for their Medical Cards. If they've been lost or stolen more than two times the cost is \$20 for each new card.

Please note, we do not assist with BC ID applications.

Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177

BABIES ID CARDS

Apply for a Medical Care Card as soon as possible. Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177.

Apply for Status Cards as soon as possible. Contact 604-796-2177.

AMBULANCE BILLS

Please submit ambulance bills as soon as you receive them. If the bill is more than 1 year old, ambulance costs will no longer be covered under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB). Anyone with a status number can have the ambulance paid for by Health Canada as long as it's not an ICBC claim.

We can only provide assistance to those with a status number.

Unfortunately, ambulance bills will not be covered if you were also incarcerated in jail. Ambulance billing will know if you were incarcerated based on the bill's address. Please do not bring these in as they will be denied and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Please note, if you were taken home by ambulance after a stay in the hospital, this will not be covered and it will be the client's responsibility to pay.

Contact Lena Paul 604-796-2177.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm at the Seabird Island Community Hall. AA in BC website: www.bcyukonaa.org

SQ'ÉWQEL FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS

Recommended to follow:

Sq'éwqel "Seabird Island Band"

https://www.facebook.com/ SeabirdIslandBand/

Seabird Island Youth Program

https://www.facebook.com/ SeabirdYouthGroup/

Seabird College

https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdCollege.

Seabird Island Community School

https://www.facebook.com/ SeabirdIslandCommunitySchool

Seabird Island Recreation

https://www.facebook.com/SeabirdRec/

Careers

https://www.facebook.com/ SeabirdIslandCareers/

OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Appointments Only: Aug 8-9, 2024 9 AM - 6 PM

Recommended annual checkups for children under the age of 19 and every 2 years for ages 19-64. Elders 65+ can be seen annually.

Have a medical condition, such as diabetes, or taking high risk medicines? You can also be seen annually.

Contact Brittani Fontaine LPN, CHR at 604-991-0818 or brittanif@seabirdisland.ca

WILD ANIMAL ALERT

Wild animals live here too.

By respecting the land and keeping the outdoors clean, you can reduce the risk of an encounter.

- Only put your garbage out the morning of garbage day.
- Discard fish guts (away from homes).
 - · Clean your barbecue.

Please keep an eye on your children and do not walk alone!

Clap loudly and make yourself big!

Educating ourselves and keeping a clean Community makes a difference!

If you have any further concerns or feel threatened by wild animals, first report it to the

Conservation Office at 1-877-952-7277

Second, contact the Seabird Communications Office at 604-796-2177 so we can post an "Alert" for your area.

RENEW STATUS CARD

Book a Status Card Appointment

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 ам - 4:30 рм

Appointments required.

Remember to bring:

- 2 pieces of photo Government ID
- New Photo (see Communications, appointment required)

New style Digital Status Card with photo

Contact Simone Jimmie 604-796-2177

Serving Seabird Members only! *SIB has the right to refuse service.*

ID Photography Prints

Status Card Photography

Laminated style: \$13.50

- Call Simone to book your appointment

Passport, PAL Photography and more

Authenticated photo: \$18.50

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM **Appointments required.**

Contact Communications at 604-796-2177 or comm@seabirdisland.ca

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCA-

TION

ABORIGINAL INFANT **DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT WORKER**

Work in licensed Childcare centers with Indigenous children who are requiring extra support to attend the program, while applying principals of familycentered practice. The AIDP Support Worker will set individual program plans and activities for children from birth to the age of 3 with families and center staff. The AIDP support Worker will work with related agencies and professionals and works independently to maintain client caseload and group facilitation as required.

SUPPORTED CHILD **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** (SCDP) SUPPORT WORKER

To provide front line support to children with extra support needs to assist them to fully participate in a childcare setting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SQDC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The area of responsibility for this role is very wide and so requires thorough knowledge of various company processes. The ideal candidate must be competent and able to plan many operational activities. This individual must be an excellent leader who can discover and implement the most efficient and optimal ways to run the business.

The primary responsibility of the CEO is to ensure excellence in the efficient running of the SqDC operations and individual business units while facilitating the organizational systems and procedures to maximize profit growth.

EDUCATION

ABORIGINAL EDUCTION COORDINATOR

Responsible for supporting, coordinating, and contributing to education, training, and services focused on First Nations learners, organizations, and communities as well as other specific activities. The coordinator works across the school in collaboration with parents. communities, and students to promote enrolments, attendance, student success, program completion, and community relationships. The coordinator also has a significant role in promoting the school's activities to various communities and SD 78 Schools to foster learning approaches that support families and students. This position is responsible for developing and maintaining highly effective, open communication with First Nations learners, families, communities, school districts and other organizations for the purpose of enhancing student access to supports and success in education.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM TEACHER

The Seabird Island alternate education program will focus on the social, cultural, educational, mental, and emotional needs of students who need a different approach to learning to be successful. The goals of the program are that all students achieve a certificate of graduation and successfully transition to post-secondary training and / or employment.

We are looking for a caring teacher who believes in every student's capacity to learn and who knows that relationship building is key to student success. The staff will spend extra time encouraging and supporting students' efforts to overcome barriers to learning.

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INCOME ASSISTANCE FIRST NATIONS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY (IAFNYES)

The goal of this pilot strategy is to support on-reserve First Nations youth between the ages of 19 and 30 receiving ISC's Income Assistance with a transition to the workforce, or return to school, through their participation in mentored work placements while receiving some case management supports.

This program will be 23 weeks in duration working 30hrs/week not exceeding 720hrs per participant. The program ends March 31, 2025.

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Seabird island is proud to offer the Summer Work Experience Program, the summer work experience program's goal is to assist eligible students to prepare for future entry into job market. Program focuses on providing work experience and developmental learning for in-school youth.

Eligibility Requirements:

- · First Nations secondary and post-secondary students aged 15-30 at the start of the program's activities
- Ordinarily resident on reserve or in recognized communities or on community lands
- · Legally entitled to work in Canada
- Registered as full-time students during the 2023-2024 school year and who intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the 2024-2025 school vear

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EXECUTIVE

SENIOR HEALTH PROJECTS MANAGER

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Executive Director, the Senior Health Projects Manager supports the mission, vision, values, and partnerships of Seabird Island, ensuring the development of a community driven service delivery model aligned with clinical and professional standards of service delivery, patients, clients, residents, and families. The Senior Health Projects Manager provides pivotal function in the leadership and direction of clinical health s projects including planning, evaluation, capital and infrastructure development, and implementation of operational and service delivery models that will achieve optimal outcomes.

This position supports a wide range of health, mental health and substance use initiatives and projects directed at ensuring that the strategic goals, objectives, and operational plans of the programs are carried out in an effective and efficient manner. The Senior Health Projects Manager will be required to document, streamline, coordinate and develop networks and build partnerships to support the high-level management and cross-functional/ interdepartmental areas, including but not limited to, health, health quality, human resources, finance, lands, facilities, community infrastructure, and information technology.

This is a one-year term position, with the possibility of extension.

FINANCE & **ADMINISTRATION**

SHIPPER / RECEIVER

Seabird Island is committed to the smooth, successful operations of our Distribution Warehouse, ensuring our assets are stored properly. We are seeking a Shipper/Receiver to join our team, working collaboratively to operate our Warehouse.

Under the direction of the Purchasing Manager, the Shipper/Receiver is responsible for operating the Distribution Warehouse, loading, shipping, and unloading a multitude of materials, as well as documenting and tracking all items entering and leaving the Warehouse. This position will streamline operations and coordinate shipments, drop-offs and pick-ups with a variety of departments.

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CAREERS AT SQ'ÉWQEL

NOW HIRING!

HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

FAMILY WELLNESS AND PRESERVATION SPECIALIST

Seabird Island, through our journey to Child Protection Jurisdiction is committed to supporting and empowering our Seabird Island families and children. We are seeking a Family Wellness and Preservation Specialist to join our team and work collaboratively with Seabird Island families to ensure the safety, wellbeing, and cultural connection of their children.

Under the direction of the Program Manager of Families and Wellness, the Family Wellness and Preservation Specialist brings subject matter expertise to guide and support families and staff. This role is essential in informing unique approaches that empower and strengthen families. Family Wellness and Preservation Specialist will be responsible for documenting and developing a case management system to support team functions, as well as contributing to future vision and planning with jurisdiction..

ON CALL RECOVERY HOME SUPPORT WORKERS -WOMENS/MENS HOME

The Recovery Home Support worker position will be a part of an integrated team of individuals that works closely together in a residential setting to provide crisis intervention, coping strategies, education, connections to community services, and support to individuals affected by mental illness, addictions, trauma, and crisis

The Recovery Support Worker (R.S.W.) promotes recovery, stabilization, and independence by providing comprehensive support to clients. The R.S.W. supports and promotes the following: client safety, assisting with activities of daily living, and encouraging full participation in community activities included but not limited to cooking, cleaning, charting, participating in group sessions, driving, and shopping.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

Sq'éwqel (Seabird Island Band) is committed to fostering a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment. The Health and Safety Officer position is instrumental in building a strong safety culture that aligns with our commitments to the well-being of our employees, following WorkSafeBC standards and other regulatory compliance. We are seeking a dedicated and knowledgeable Health and Safety Officer to join our team,

Officer to join our team, working collaboratively to develop and implement a safety program to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our employees.

Under the direction of the Human Resources Manager, the Health and Safety Officer is dedicated to ensuring that health and safety practices are established, communicated, and followed throughout our organization as well as overseeing our accommodations practices, return to work, and injury management to ensure continued staff wellbeing. This role is vital in maintaining a safe workplace that respects and integrates First Nations perspectives and practices, promoting a culture of health and safety through a collaborative and consultative approach. The Health and Safety Officer has the authority to stop work when it is being conducted in an unsafe manner, including impairment

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Apply Today!

You are invited to submit

a cover letter, resume and 3 references. https://www.seabirdisland.ca/careers/

We regret that we will only respond to those applicants chosen for an interview.

Email:

humanresources@seabirdisland.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest.

Carbage and Recycling





Garbage pick-up day is Monday, except when Monday is a holiday, then it moves to Tuesday.

Recycling pick-up is Tuesday except when Monday is a holiday, then it moves to Wednesday.

Garbage and recycling MUST be on the curb by 8:30 AM

If the trucks have already passed your home, the next pick up is NOT until the following Monday. Public Works will NOT return later that day.

Garbage bags must NOT be Extra Large Bags, as those could become a health hazard with the lifting weight requirements. Recycling must NOT contain unaccepted materials. Mixed garbage and recycling goes to landfills only.

Major Garbage

Community core – First Wednesday of every month.

Surrounding areas – Third Wednesday of every month.



Please have your items on the road at the beginning of your scheduled week.

Should you have any questions, please contact Demi Peters in the Public Works Program at 604-796-7163.



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