



Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band

Education Newsletter

March / April 2019

Weyt'k Everyone,

It looks like spring has finally arrived. Lots of hustle and bustle with people in their gardens.

March and April have been a very busy month for our education department. Our Strategic Planning sessions have been very successful and our new K-12 policy & Post-Secondary policy has been approved by Council; we will be getting those out the parents as soon as possible. Copies of the new policies can be found at LSLIB band office or by email request.

Education Steering Committee was established April 1, 2019. Members of the committee:

- Education Lead – TBA
- Council Member – Wes Francois
- Core Services – Doug Brown
- Finance Strategy – Joanne Ovenden
- Policy Implementation – Joan Arnouse
- Elder/Culture Representative – James August
- Community Support – Julie John
- Administrative/Secretary – Beverly Tomma

*Next Meeting to be held May 23, 2019 @ 8:30 am LSLIB Boardroom
Band members are welcome to sit in and listen*

March/April Report

March 7th Chase Secondary held Parent/Teacher interviews; I hope majority of parents made it to this event. If you need emails or contact information for your children's teachers, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Communication with teachers is key.

March 15th – Neskonlith Job fair, Prestige Inn at Salmon Arm. I would like to thank the 2 students who attended this event with me. It was very successful. Students had the chance to hand in resumes, ask questions about potential employers and win some awesome prizes. Great job Neskonlith!!

March 19-22 Gathering our Voices conference took place on the traditional territories of the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations in Port Alberni, BC. As I did not attend this event, I would like to thank our Youth Coordinator Andrea Stelter for taking our students. What a great experience.

Announcement: Kamloops will be hosting GOV next year – Congratulations!

April 10th Our first open Pow Wow meeting at LSLIB Band Hall. On the agenda: Grants that have been approved, Invitations to Delegates, Security, Vendors, Theme of the Pow Wow and Poster Design. There will be more discussion on the Theme and Poster Design as we would like input from band members and community members. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Morgan Darlington at mdarlington@lslib.com. A notice will go out when the next meeting is set up.

April 11th – Wellness Day at Chase Secondary. The purpose of this event was to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and substance abuse and to bring awareness to tools and resources that can be used to help with these issues. To bring positive attitudes towards those experiencing mental health issues and the challenges it brings. Some of the workshops that were held: Sexual health, Addictions, Equine Therapy, Vaping and the effects, Cyber safety and much more. All students at Chase Secondary participated in various workshops held around the school.

April 14-17 – Parent Field Trip to Vancouver. Please see report below

May 2nd & 3rd – I will be doing the ASIST Training at Quaaout Lodge. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. This program is being sponsored through our Wellness Department.

IF YOU *Believe*
IN YOURSELF
Anything
IS POSSIBLE

Parent Field Trip

I would like to thank our parents/guardians who attended our Parent Field Trip to Vancouver Colleges and Universities April 14th to 17th. Institutions that we visited: Capilano College, Simon Fraser University (SFU), British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Langara College, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT, Vancouver campus) and University of British Columbia (UBC) and New Image College.

I would personally like to thank Diane Anthony, Education Coordinator for Adams Lake Indian Band for asking LSLIB to be a part of this event. This gave parent(s) and/or guardians the chance to see some of the choices we make as parents or guardians as to what Institution we should send our children to. Parent had the chance to ask hands on questions as what program best suites the needs of the student(s) or if there are housing units available for aboriginal students, funding options if certain programs are not covered bands. We had the chance to tour each campus and see the size and what each aboriginal department has available for students new to the community. As we know it is hard moving away from home and going into situations that can be stressful. Each Aboriginal Department has ways of handling situations such as this: Counselling, Meet n Greets, Safe Space (a quiet space for students to go to when they are stressed due to exams or just being away from home).



Left to right:
Ky Charters (Neskonlith)
Lorelei Jules (LSLIB)
Andrea John (LSLIB)
Cindy Kenoras (ALIB)
Diane Anthony, Education Coordinator ALIB
Jimmy Aitken, Department Assistant
Aboriginal Services (Langara College)

Missing: Brent Soulle

Student Showcase

Ruby Allard: Likes reading, art and playing the trombone, guitar and piano. Ruby attends Chase Secondary School in Grade 8

Zoe Allard: Likes writing, reading and playing the violin and piano. Zoe also loves to paint. She attends Haldane Elementary School in Grade 5.

Rayn Tomma: Likes reading, computers, gymnastics and explore nature. Rayn attends Haldane Elementary School in Grade 1



Ruby Allard



Zoe Allard



Rayn Tomma

Important Dates

- May**
- 12** **Mothers Day**
 - 16 Jump Rope for Heart – Carlin Elementary
 - 17 PRO D – SD #73 & 83
 - 29 **Aboriginal Graduation Ceremonies – Splatsin**
- June**
- 4 Track & Field – Carlin Elementary
 - 10 **Aboriginal Graduation Ceremonies - Kamloops**
 - 20 VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL
 - 21 Aboriginal Day
 - 21 **Chase Secondary Graduation Ceremonies**
 - 27 **Salmon Arm Secondary Graduation Ceremonies**
 - 27 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – SUMMER BREAK STARTS**



**LOST
AND
FOUND**

As we near the end of the school year lost and found boxes at the schools are overflowing. Please have children look through and collect items. Any unclaimed items at the end of the year will be donated to “Found for Kids”

2019 Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band Graduation

Graduates: On and Off reserve members

Please register with the following information:

- ◇ Name
- ◇ School & Grade
- ◇ Awards or special mention

Head start program, Kindergarten, Grade 6 & 12 and Post
Secondary Students

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LSLIB Graduation Ceremony date to be announced.



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FEEDBACK

We welcome any suggestions or comments from our readers.

Our newsletter has a “Student Showcase.” I would like to add as many students as we can throughout the year. Please send: Picture, School & Grade, short write up. This includes all activities and not confined to school related activities. School based trips, Sports, Awards etc..

Our newsletter can be found at:

- LSLIB reception
- Skwlax Wellness Center Reception
- LSLIB Website
- Facebook (Link to Website)
- Mailed or picked up