

"Education is simply the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" - Nelson Mandela

Spring Newsletter

May - June 2023

Education is preparing for an exciting time; Graduation! Nak'azdli Whut'en Education Department will be hosting their Graduation Ceremony **July 8, 2023 at Kwah Hall, time to be determined**. We are also planning various events and programs to run for our youth such as Aboriginal Community Enchantment (ACE) and Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) for applications contact Tykara Gramm. Youth Council is working on programs to run in the summer as well to keep youth engaged with positive living!

May

- 3—FSJSS Report Cards out
- 4—Youth Council Meeting 4:00pm
- 8-9—S100 Course NETS
- 8-19—First Aid Level 3 CNC
- 12—Babysitter Course CNC
- 10-12 —**Nak'azdli Whut'en Child Care Center Closed**
- 12—CNC Tour All Ages (Keisha and Tykara)
- 15—Nak'azdli Clean Up Day 8-4:00pm Lunch Kwah Hall 12:00pm
- 16—Prince George Satellite Office Visit (Keisha)
- 17—Youth Council attending TI'azt'en Youth Council Dinner 4:00pm
- 18—Duchess Park Indigenous Graduation Ceremony (Keisha and Tykara)
- 22—**Nak'azdli Whut'en Offices Closed STAT**
- 24—Nak'azdli Whut'en Serving Pancake Breakfast FSJSS
- 26—UNBC Convocation (Lori and Muriel)
- 31—Youth Council attending Land and Water with UNBC in Stellaqo

June

- 1—Education Committee Meeting 9:00am
- 1—CNC Convocation (Keisha)
- 7—Youth Council Meeting
- 12—Deadline for ACE and SWEP Applications
- 20—Prince George Satellite Office Visit (Lori)
- 20-21—Health Science Vancouver Youth Experience. SFU Tour and Bill Nye Show. (Keisha and Tykara)
- 23—FSJSS Graduation Ceremony
- 29—Last Day of Classes for school year

MONTH OF JULY NAK'AZDLI WHUT'EN ABORIGINAL HEADSTART CHILDCARE CENTRE CLOSED



MMIWG2S Day

May 5, 2023 we honor and recognize this day as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People. Wearing red for support and awareness.

On May 2, 2023 Leah Gazan NDP MP is calling on the federal government to declare a Canada-wide emergency for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people.

"We are not disposable – our lives are precious and we deserve justice,"

FUN FACTS

- Children, like plants, grow faster in the spring than any other time of the year.
- The Great Pyramids in Egypt were built so that the sun sets between two pyramids on the summer solstice.
- Water cools off the air when it evaporates. Ancient people would use wet reed, water filled jugs, and wet fabric to cool the air



INCENTIVES!

Honor Roll incentives is offered to every Nak'azdli student attending secondary (high school). Any students out of community that may have made the honor roll at their school, contact Tykara Gramm.

Post Secondary Sponsorship is aimed to support our students fully to focus on their studies. We are currently working on an increase and will post when we receive confirmation.

Certificate Incentives are offered to sponsored students. Certificates include: Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor, Masters, Doctorate, 4th Level Trade, Red Seal Level Trade. We can not go back in payments further than one year of sponsorship.

Honor Roll and Graduation

FSJSS had 19 Nak'azdli students on their honor roll with averages between 4.0—3.0 December of 2022. We are patiently waiting for the honor roll list for May 2023 as report cards were recently sent out, FSJSS is having a Recognition Assembly May 9th.

Nak'azdli Whut'en Post Secondary 2022-2023 Graduating Class is currently at 16 Graduates! Nak'azdli Whut'en High School 2023 Graduate numbers are tentative. 12 FSJSS Graduates, 5 Prince George Graduates, 1 Kamloops Graduate, and 1

Canmore Graduate. Graduation Ceremony will be July 8, 2023 for all Highschool and Post-Secondary Graduates. Contact Tykara or Keisha to confirm your child is graduating to receive the Graduation Incentive!

We could not be more proud of every single student and applaud them all on their achievements. It is an absolute honor to be working with our members at any age with their educational journeys!

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” — Theodore Roosevelt

Mental Health First Aid

Nak'azdli Whut'en's Education employee's Keisha Thomas and Tykara Gramm along with 15 Nak'azdli Whut'en staff attended the Mental Health First Aid Certificate training April 24-26, 2023. The training included a variety of mental health scenarios and how to aid and assist in accessing the resources available to each individual. This will aid many Nak'azdli Whut'en members and students the Education Department engage with frequently who may need that “open heart, open mind” listening using the technique; EAGLES. EAGLES is a acronym standing for:

E— Engage and Evaluate the risk of suicide and harm

A— Assist the person to seek professional help

G— Give reassurance and information

L— Listen without judgement

E— Encourage self-help strategies and other supports

S— Self Care



ABORIGINAL HEADSTART CHILDCARE

May and June Report

Every Monday Little Tots at Kwah Hall with Health Centre

May 8th—Planting seeds for garden

Starting May 23rd

-Gardening with staff/children everyday

-Tuesdays is walk in for Head Start Program 0-6. Upstairs from 10-2pm

June 9th — Early Years at Eugene Joseph in Tl'azt'en 10am-2pm

June 10th— Early Years at Nak'albun Elementary 10am-2pm

We are a part of the Early Ages Program and we will be putting a table there for anyone that would like any information about what we have for our children. With Nezul Be Hunuyeh

June 19th- Baby Welcoming with Health Centre

June 21- Chief and Council language challenge at Kwah Hall 5pm-7pm. Dinner and Door Prizes!

CHILD CARE CENTRE IS CLOSED THE MONTH OF JULY!

EDUCATION MANAGER MESSAGE

Hadih,

We want to keep you updated on what's happening in the Education Department.

We are in the planning stage of an "Education Strategic Plan" from Nursery, Elementary, Secondary, and Post Secondary Schooling. We will be creating a survey with a variety of areas for input.

It is very important we hear your thoughts, concerns, suggestions on how we can all work together so that our students are more successful in school.

We would like to hear from every student and parent/guardian from Nak'albun, David Hoy and the High School. This will include all members in and out of community to give a well rounded idea of where we need to set focus to within education.

Make sure to follow Nak'azdli Education Department, Nak'azdli Whut'en on Facebook as well as the Nak'azdli Whut'en app and website for survey!

One of the questions for High School parents/guardians:

Is there a need to ride the bus to the high school, we can get the bus to pick up and drop off at a designated location?

We look forward to your feedback.

Loretta Moise
Education Manager

Youth Council

The Nak'azdli Youth Council began September 2022. The current Youth Council Committee Members are: Jack Prince, Lakota Julian, Kirby Lessard, Corbyn Gauthier, Zander Sagalon, Payton Schroeder, Addy Martin, and Darci Martin.

The Youth Council has monthly meetings discussing and engaging with various companies to better assist our youth for positive living. The youth also participate in Committee Meetings as youth representatives. Facilitating events and engagements for the youth, community, and elders to ensure inclusivity throughout. The council is also making connections with other nations to best support our youth.

The Youth Council is always looking for more opportunities for engagement, activities, and events to partake in. Contact Tykara Gramm to be added to the Youth Council Agenda!

Like and Follow "Nak'azdli Youth Council" on Facebook and TikTok to stay updated on events and activities.

Youth Workers

Nak'azdli Whut'en is looking for students to submit their information to be called on for jobs throughout the community.

These jobs may consist of handing out flyers door to door, helping at events, or odd jobs throughout the offices.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Tykara Gramm, Student Mentor to be added to the list of Youth Workers.

Meet the Education Department

Education Manager, Lori Moise began her position in April of 2021

Education Assistant, Keisha Thomas began her position in September of 2021

Student Mentor, Tykara Gramm began her position in March of 2022

NETS Assistant, Sharon Aslin began her position in May 2023

Aboriginal Headstart Childcare Manager, Corinna Courtoreille began her position in April of 2019.

The Education Department prides themselves on making connections and providing services to both students and parents. Lori working along side each staff to ensure needs are met for all members in and out of community. Lori speaks in various events and meetings such as FNEESC, School Districts, and ISC to ensure our members have the support and necessities needed for their education. There are movements Lori is implementing alongside the employees for a brighter future for our members.

Keisha supports the Post-Secondary students and strives to keep them motivated and supported throughout their school year. The Post Secondary 2022-2023 Nak'azdli has sponsored 73 students as of April 30, 2023. On average there are at least 60-70 sponsored students during school months (September-April).

Tykara's main goal is to be an advocate for Elementary and Secondary students. She works to make connections with as many of the students as possible to ensure that they are supported in every way needed. Tykara also aids in Youth Council coordination for meetings and events. Working alongside the youth council members organizing programs, events, and engagements.

Corinna has been working diligently at providing traditional teachings at the childcare center since the beginning. The center has two elders in house who teach the staff and children the language. Corinna and her staff provide a variety of learning tools, tricks, needs, and strategies for each child. The staff ensure a safe and comforting environment for the children to laugh and play each day.

All of the Education Department staff is working to make changes within the Department to ensure that all possible lines of communication are open to students through their achievements and struggles. There is always opportunities to improve and we always welcome recommendations and suggestions from the community. You can contact us at:

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