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A Word from the ISW

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful October. We were so fortunate to have such beautiful weather! Here is a summary of the last month. We hope this letter finds you both happy and healthy.

October

We started our October sharing time with cultural presenter Mavis Aubichon learning beading basics. She shared stories around developing bead skills as well as remembering the lessons associated with the medicine wheel to encourage our efforts.



A group of students have been meeting with us weekly to work on developing their beading skills. It has been a great time to share some laughs, tea and persistence. Needle threading is fun!

We arranged a fun day for our newest Indigenous students. We invited them for lunch and spent time getting to know them through this gathering. It was a great turnout and we enjoyed getting to know them all. We hope to organize events for each grade group throughout the year.

Phyllis Webstad was finally able to make it to the Comox Valley. There was a short scare that she wouldn't make it due to the fog but thankfully it cleared up just in time. Phyllis presented at the Big house on October 23, 2018. This event was well attended and we were so fortunate to have had her visit us in the Comox valley to share her story.

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November

On November 6th the IPAC meeting will be held at Lake Trail School from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Additionally, Family Gym Night will taking place which welcomes all ages to participate in a variety of sports and activities.

On November 6th students are welcome to attend a drum teaching circle during the lunch hour. This teaching will be lead by JoAnn Restoule.

Beading Club takes place every Thursday during the lunch hour and welcomes all students. We are hoping to have our completed beaded poppies to wear for Remembrance Day.

On November 9th Isfeld will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly welcoming a variety of Veterans. Our Indigenous community will be hosting a Metis veteran who will be sharing their experiences. If you would like to attend the Ceremony please feel free to contact us.

November 16th is Louis Riel Day which is an important day for the Metis Nation. Louis will be remembered for standing up for the rights of individuals against the Canadian Government.

Once again we will be putting on a Christmas feast this holiday season. We prepare a full turkey lunch for the Indigenous Students here at the school but we cannot do it without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact us a.s.a.p. Stay tuned for upcoming details! Thank you for all your constant support.

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