



WV Aboriginal Education Committee
School Plans – 2014/2015

School: Gleneagles Ch'axáy elementary school

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FN Education Projects/Programs Planned for 2014/2015:

- **Grade 3/4/5:** are looking at incorporating aboriginal content throughout the curriculum as part of the introduction to the new curriculum. Particular attention will be infusing the arts with the curriculum as part our school wide goal of Arts Infusion. Staff will be using their in-school collab time (Tuesdays at 11:25) to develop inquiry units that reflect aboriginal themes throughout the new curriculum. Specific attention will be on the topic of 'local government' with grades 4 and 5.
- **Grade 6/7:** are partnering with Artstarts and Spákwús Slulum (Eagle Song Dancers) on a secured grant (attached) around the inquiry topic of 'Friction' – particularly 'social friction'. We are partnered with a professional dancer, Troy McLaughlin, to develop a unique dance that combines contemporary steps with traditional aboriginal choreography. Students will be working for 8 weeks in January and February on the inquiry unit which will include collaboration between the two groups.

Community Partnerships:

- **Artstarts** – participation in a secured grant with artist, Troy McLaughlin
- **Spákwús Slulum (Eagle Song Dancers)**

Activities, events, speakers, presentations, projects etc. that have occurred at your location over the past two years:

- **First salmon ceremony** – students released ‘fry’ from the Salmonid Enhancement Program into a local creek with a traditional ceremony led by S7aplek – 2012/13
- **Grade 4/5’s Comprehensive plan for each term – 2013/14**
- **Potlatch:** ceremony including Squamish Nation dignitaries, parents, staff and students
- **Guest Speaker** – Takaiya Blaney (13 year old) – spoke and sang on the traditional aspects of the environment – she has spoken at the United Nations
- **Alice Guss (Tsawayla Spukwus)** – did a workshop on cedar bracelets with all students
- **All students visited the Museum of Anthropology**
- **Novel Study** – Yuit by Yvette Edmonds – about a young Inuit girl growing up with traditional values and customs but then goes to a local, European run school

District Support accessed last year

- **S7aplek and the Eagle Song Dancers**
- **Alice Guss (Tsawayla Spukwus)**