



## **WV Aboriginal Education Committee**

### **Westcot School Plan – 2014/2015**

## **School: Westcot**

### **School FN Committee/Contact Persons**

- David Langmuir, Principal
- Matt Trask, Vice-principal
- Sandy Kwan, Teacher

### **FN Resource Contact Person**

- David Langmuir

### **FN Education Projects/Programs Planned for 2014/2015**

#### **Classroom Activities:**

- Workshop and story-telling with Alice Harry for all gr. 4/5 classes. All students made cedar bracelets. Ms. Harry provided pre-contact educational stories and demonstrated drum making.
- Inuit soapstone carving of polar animals for all gr. 4/5 classes
- Field trip to the UBC Museum of Anthropology
- New Science curriculum connecting resources management with environmental stewardship practices typical in pre-contact times.
- Storytelling/living library (integration of broader Aboriginal learning ideas)
- Fine arts integration across the grades (Crafts, art, music and dance)
- Acquire graphic novel set “Raven Tales” (Scholastic) for novel study
- Salmonid enhancement program and traditional blessing with welcome song(s)

#### **Whole School:**

- Spakwus Slolem performance (aka :Eagle Song Dancers’)
- Drumming performance by TBC.

### **Community Partnerships**

- Sa7plek Lanakila (Bob Baker) and the Eagle Song Dancers
- Community Resources (Museum of Anthropology)

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

- Artifacts from North Van Museum + Archives
- Comparison studies– Blackfoot + Squamish Nations
- Legends from specific First Nations groups (Blackfoot/Squamish)
- Storytelling & read aloud stories from the Ab Ed Early Learning Literature Collections
- Inclusion of traditional Canadian Folk Songs (e.g., “Canoe Song”, “Home and Native Land”, “Ho, ho Wataney”)
- Class art projects/displays utilizing red/black geometry of the west coast First Nations and the style of Inuit/Dene artists
- Raising Salmon and releasing fry into W. Brothers Creek/Capilano R.
- “Hoop Dancing” with Teddy Anderson

### **District Support accessed last year**

- Lynne Tomlinson

### **Resources needed for this year**

- Bob Baker, specifically bring the Eagle Song Dancers to Westcot and to provide a traditional blessing for the salmon fry at release.
- Continue to build our collection of First Nation stories with a focus on age appropriate Residential School stories (We have 2 new titles: “When I was 8” and “Fatty Legs”).
- Elders to assist with storytelling and art endeavours