



## **School:** Westcot

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

- Cathie Ratz, Principal
- Matt Trask, Vice-principal
- Sandy Kwan, Teacher

### **FN Resource Contact Person**

- Cathie Ratz

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

- Artifacts from North Van Museum + Archives
- Workshop and story-telling with Alice Harry for all gr. 4/5 classes
- 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

### **FN Education Projects/Programs Planned for 2015/2016**

#### **Classroom Activities:**

- Workshop and story-telling with Alice Harry for all gr. 4 classes  
Ms. Harry to provide pre-contact educational

- Work with Isaac Vanderhorst from West Vancouver Museum Gr 4 (printmaking, weaving kit, access to primary sources)
- Angie Dawson to support weaving in Gr 4 classes
- Grade 5 professional development using FINESC Residential Schools curriculum
- Storytelling/living library (integration of broader Aboriginal learning ideas)
- Implement graphic novel set “Raven Tales” (Scholastic) for novel study
- Salmonid enhancement program and traditional blessing with welcome song(s)
- Talking stick work/Oral Language development in primary grades
- Implementing the Strong Readers series from Strong Nations Publishing (a single copy of each of the 80 books along with the support binder) into classroom literacy programs

### **Whole School:**

- Staff Pro D exploring new curriculum
- Sharing of Aboriginal opportunities /community events within our Westcot community

### **Community Partnerships**

- Bob Baker (Sa7plek Lanakila) and the Eagle Song Dancers
- Community Resources (West Vancouver Museum)

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

- Lynne Tomlinson

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

- Continue to build and highlight our collection of First Nation stories with a focus on age appropriate Residential School stories
- Elders to assist with storytelling
- Pro D with new curriculum and resources