

NKWALA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

December 2025



Message From our Principal

way' ǰast sǰlǰǰalt N'kwala families,

Looking back at November, we have been fortunate to take part in a number of on the land learning opportunities with supports from a number of community members. We have gone on trips to Pictograph rock and Coyote rock with Spike, and have been engaging in a multi-day hide tanning process with Juanita, Carmen, and Claire. This has been a great learning opportunity for both our students and staff. It is quite the workout skinning and poking hide, and I am fortunate to have gotten to work alongside our students in this process. Several other excursions include a trip to the Merritt RCMP station and Merritt pool.

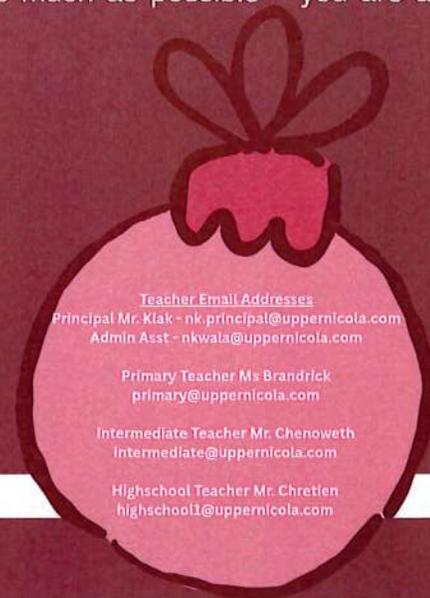
Looking forward into December, there are several key dates to keep in mind. We will be doing our first lockdown drill on Dec. 9th. It is important that we complete our lockdown, earthquake, and fire drills as we are required to do so by the Ministry of Education. We are hoping to do a fire drill this month as well, but the date is still TBD. We will be hosting our Christmas lunch on December 17th at noon. Families are invited to come and share a meal with students and staff. After lunch, we will be doing our Christmas concert, and hope that all families will be able to attend. High School students will be presenting the captikwǰ "The Chipmunk and the Old Owl", and Primary and Intermediate students will be presenting the captikwǰ "The Four Food Chiefs". December 19th is the last day of school for students before Christmas Break. School resumes Monday, December 5th.

We continue to have overall good attendance, with 10 of our 16 students entered into the end-of-month draw. I would like encourage parents to send their child to school every day (unless they are sick). There is a great deal of learning that happens each and every day, this includes on our field trips (particularly land-based fieldtrips).

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has participated in our school activities over the past month, and we look forward to having families involved in the school as much as possible – you are always welcome to participate in our fieldtrips and activities.

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Travis Klak, Principal, N'kwala School



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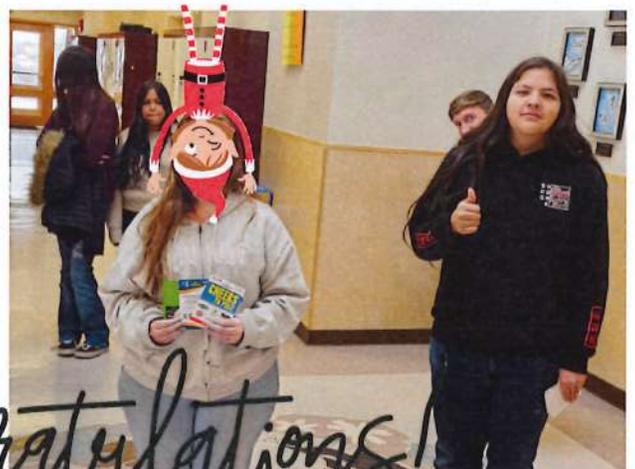
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Our class recited a poem called Poppy, Poppy at the school's Remembrance Day Ceremony and did a great job! We've taken several educational trips recently to Coyote Rock at Stump Lake, the pictograph rock near Monck Park and a tour of the police station. Recently we've had amazing opportunities to learn how to make hide. We've been able to do hands on learning about how to scrape, poke and soften hide.



Congratulations!

Student Attendance Winners

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Message From our Intermediate Teacher

Mr. Nathan Chenoweth – Intermediate Teacher

Way? November has come and gone already and soon we will be heading out the door for Winter Break. November has been a busy month of activities. We started off with talking about the importance of Remembrance Day and did a skit for our assembly. Also, we went mushroom picking at Quilchena where the students picked mushrooms and later learned to clean, process and then eat them after they were cooked. Also, our class and the Primary class went on a field trip to the RCMP station where the kids were given a great tour followed by a fun afternoon at the pool. Later in the month, our class along with the whole school got to participate in the hide tanning process at the Pithouse. In the classroom, we have been plugging away at finishing different topics and units in all subjects. December is going to be a fun filled month as we are getting into the Christmas spirit in our class!!!

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Mr. Nathan Chenoweth

December Birthdays

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Important Dates:

Dec 3 Scraping Hide

Dec 7 Kwustemtima Xmas Party

Dec 9 Lock Down Drill

Dec 12 ½ DAY for Primary & Intermediate

Dec 12 Parent/Teacher Interview for Primary & Intermediate (Teachers will be contacting parents)

Dec 17 Christmas Luncheon/CONCERT

Dec 19 LAST DAY before Christmas Break

Jan 5th First Day Back to School

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Message from our Highschool Teacher

November has been a productive and steady month for our grade 8–12 students! As we moved deeper into the term, classes focused on building strong academic habits, strengthening skills, and preparing for the final stretch before winter break.

In English and Social Studies, students continued developing their reading, writing, and analytical skills. We worked on making clearer connections, supporting ideas with evidence, and engaging in meaningful class discussions. It's been great to see students becoming more confident in expressing their thoughts and collaborating with classmates.

In Math, we explored new units that challenged students to problem-solve, think critically, and apply strategies with increased independence. Many students have been using class time more effectively and showing determination as concepts become more complex.

Our Art students wrapped up thoughtful projects that showcased individuality and creative risktaking. From technique practice to themed pieces, they continue to bring energy and originality to the classroom.

November also brought a sense of routine and responsibility. Students have been working hard to keep up with assignments, manage deadlines, and support one another. As we head into December, I encourage everyone to stay organized, ask for help when needed, and finish the term with confidence and pride.

English/Literacy: Essay structure, Essay writing, Novel Study

Mathematics: Adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing fractions

Social Studies: Culture/Civilization projects

Art: Critical reflection, paper mache sculpture

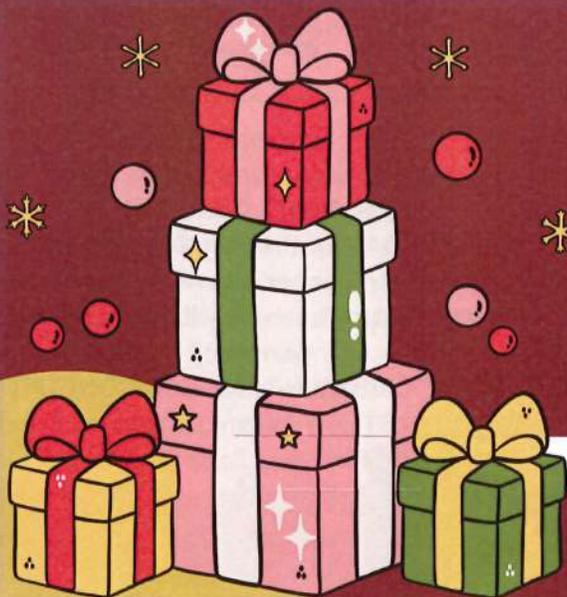
English/Literacy: Essay Writing, Novel study project

Mathematics: Powers and exponent laws, rational numbers, linear relations

Social Studies: Culture/Civilization projects

Art: Critical reflection, paper mache sculpture

— Mr. Chretien





UPPER NICOLA BAND

FAMILY

SKI & SNOWBOARD LESSONS

AGES 8+ CHILD(REN) AND YOUTH MUST ATTEND WITH AT LEAST 1 PARENT / GUARDIAN

DATES:
JANUARY 17 & 31
FEBRUARY 21
MARCH 7
AT SUN PEAKS

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
LIFT TICKETS, RENTALS AND LESSONS; FUEL CARDS AND PREPAID VISAS FOR FOOD OPEN TO UNB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES. PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN.

WHAT'S REQUIRED:
UNB BAND NUMBER OR LIVING IN COMMUNITY; JACKET, SNOWPANTS, GLOVES, GOGGLES (OPTIONAL). TRANSPORTATION (FUEL CARDS PROVIDED). FOOD AND SNACKS (PREPAID VISA PROVIDED).

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
BUZZ MANUEL AT C: 250-315-3457 E: EVENT.COORDINATOR@UPPERNICOLA.COM
INFORMATION REQUIRED: NAMES OF WHO'S SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING; LESSONS REQUIRED? RENTALS REQUIRED? IF SO, CURRENT ABILITY & RENTAL SIZING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4PM WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7TH

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Message From our Language/Culture Teacher

Nov 28/25
nsyilxcen update

This term the students have been working on the Nsyilxcen Book 1 & 2 on the following lessons, tests and sentences; alphabet symbol chant review. The lesson we accomplished on hunting and a test afterward, Halloween lesson with games of hangman and sentences.

This month we had a student assistant of the week practise giving the Halloween lesson in a classroom setting. It is tali xast to witness their knowledge and sportsmanship and eagerness to step up and be a brave warrior.

Cultural activities on the land, pictograph at Monck Park, and the coyote rock at Stump Lake, students love being on the land learning. we are also preparing crafts for the Dec 5/ 25 Craft Fair at NVIT, with the assistance of parents. You are welcome to join us to see what the students have been making for the year end trip.

We are practising the captikl story on the 4 Food Chiefs, How food was Given and Owl Woman and Chipmunk which will be on Dec 17/25 at the n'kwala gym.

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N'kwala School
2025

Christmas Hampers

Nov. 24 - Dec. 12

Drop off location
N'kwala School
Monday -Friday
from 8:45am-3:00pm



Help donate non-perishable food for Christmas Hampers

All donations will be shared with local families

For more info contact the school at: 250-350-3370



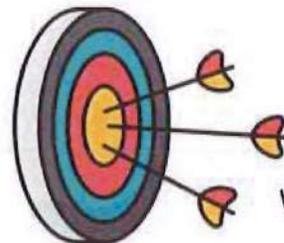
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UPPER NICOLA BAND ARCHERY NIGHTS



**Tuesdays
December 2nd,
9th and 16th.**

Will continue in January till March

**6:00 to 8:00 PM at the
Spahomin Community Hall**

Come out and learn and practice Archery with
Trained and Certified Coach Buzz Manuel.
Open to all UNB Members and Community Members.
No experience necessary. Equipment is provided.
Please bring indoor shoes and a water bottle.
Registration is FREE and taken on-site every week.
Bring your own Bow if you have one.



**For More Information
Contact Buzz Manuel
T: 250-315-3457**



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N'kwala School Story

N'kwala School was built in 1990 with the goal of parents, community members and staff working together to achieve the highest quality of education for students to become lifelong learners. There are currently over 30 students enrolled at the N'kwala School from nursery to Grade 12. Having this school in our community provides us with the opportunity to focus on nsyilxcen language, culture and art, sports and recreation, and ensure all students are performing well in academics.

Please call us to learn more about our school :)

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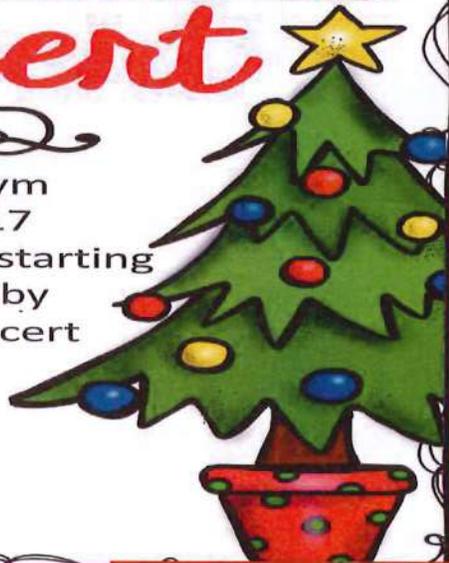
MENU

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cookies Tomato + Ham-burger soup	2 Oranges grilled cheese	3 apples Spaghetti, sauce	4 bars Chicken nuggets Fries	5 Cookies Pizza Pops	6
7	8 bars Baked Mac-cheese	9 chocolate Pudding chilli, rice	10 cookies Tomato soup	11 Bars Pizza	12 Pop Tarts Hotdogs	13
14	15 Gold Fish Chicken Noodle Soup	16 Oranges Pizza Pops	17 apples Turkey Luncheon	18 Grilled cheese	19 Last Day School Pizza Pops	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Eve	26 Christmas Eve	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



Please join us for a
CHRISTMAS
Concert

N'Kwala School Gym
 Wednesday, Dec. 17
 Christmas Dinner starting
 at 12:00 followed by
 the Christmas concert



JOIN US FOR THE UNB
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 7, 2025

N'KWALA SCHOOL GYM

9:00am - 10:30am	Breakfast
10:00am - 11:00am	Magic Show
11:00am - 12:00pm	Stage Show
12:00pm	Light Snack
12:15pm	Visit from Santa

This event is for Registered 697 - Upper Nicola Band Members and those living in the UNB community. You must be in attendance to pick up gifts - NO deliveries.



Register Before Nov 30!

Each child will receive a gift, but the registration form needs to be fully complete! Scan the QR code to complete the form.



For more info, please contact Sylvester.
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