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Re: SHIP NEWSLETTER July 1, 2021

X̥AAYDA KIL JILNGA X̥AAYNANG.NGA GAS GA - Haida Language Long Live!

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**K̥iiga Sii.ngaay Guudang 'Láa – Happy Birthday
To our classmates Audrey Young, Crystal Robinson**

We had a wonderful year full of sharing, learning, healing, and love.

The Zoom world gave us challenges, but we always rose above!

We look forward to next year, and a year that we can sit together.

**Have a wonderful summer everyone! Many blessings and love from all of us at SHIP,
and we hope that you will consider joining us sometime soon.**

Haawa to everyone who has supported and cared for us!

On a personal note, it is with a heavy heart that I am retiring from SHIP and my career. These last 24 years at SHIP have been truly a magical journey. Haawa to Diane who took me under her wing 24 years ago, and became my teacher and mentor. We tried then to make the SHIP experience everything the Residential School wasn't. That was always our goal. Haawa to all my dear SHIP Elders, students, and friends, who I worked, learned, cried, and laughed with. You have all become my family. Each day I sat with you, in the presence of your ancestors, was an immense and enlightening privilege and joy. You all have blessed both me and my family. May your beautiful and rich language forever flourish on the waters and lands of Haida Gwaii, and in the hearts and minds of your people. Haawa Denver for standing, teaching, struggling, sweating, laughing, praying with me the last six years. Haawa my friend. Haawa to Larry Brown and Gary Russ for tending to our schools Flagpole. We are very much appreciative to you both for your respectful and honourable care of your Nations flag over the many years. Special Haawa to Billy Yovanovich and the Skidegate Band Council for their outstanding support of our program. From the very day Billy was sworn in as the Chief he looked after us, travelled with us, and cared for us. I have no more words, just to say I have deep love and respect for you all.

Luu G̥aahlandaay

When you use the little bit of Skidegate Haida Language you know,
it will get longer and longer!

SHIP Quotes of the Week

"The way we see the world shapes the way we treat it. If a mountain is a deity, not a pile of ore... if a forest is a sacred grove, not timber; if other species are biological kin, not resources; or if the planet is our mother, not an opportunity – then we will treat each other with greater respect. Thus is the challenge, to look at the world from a different perspective."
David Suzuki

"Happiness must expand. Find a new source of delight you've never known before. Learn to appreciate Siberian dancing or the smell of oleander. Spend time at your desk designing the perfect pillow....If you want small happiness, wake up early. At 6am the world hasn't had time to make trouble. The birds tentatively sing. The sun tentatively rises in the sky. The day starts small."
Sparrow from The Sun

"I will lead you to the river so you can remember how beautiful it feels to be moved by something that is out of your control."
Emery Allen

"Everyone in Skidegate speaking their language that is what we hope for. They say language is the backbone of a community, and I think if we do this it will make everyone very proud."
Pearle Pearson

"To me Haida Language means the continuation of our very being, what it means to be on this earth. To be able to pass something down to the younger people will be a sign that we were here, and are here, and we will continue on in this world as a nation."
Dr. Betty Richardson

"You are no better or more important than a grain of sand, therefore you must respect even the smallest grain of sand, the smallest animal, right up to the biggest animals like the whale."
Dr. Diane Brown



Nansga Gandlaay (Gore Brook)

ᐱaayda Quotes of the week –

Gam k'aaw ᑕii dii k'unᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦ ᑕang ga.

I never get tired of herring roe on kelp.

ᐱaayda Kihlgii hla dii gii suu.

Tell me in the Haida Language.

Dalang 'waadluxan ᑕan Giinaa.ah ad ᐱaayda Kil tll ᐱaaynang.nga ᑕᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦ ᑕas ga!

You all will keep your Culture and Haida Language alive forever!

ENLIGHTENED PERSPECTIVE – Instructions for life – Nice thoughts

Drink plenty of water.

Eat breakfast like a king/queen, and eat more foods that grow on trees and plants.

Read more books than you did in 2020.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Helen Keller

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle.

The other is as if everything is.

Albert Einstein

The most worthless emotion.....Self-Pity!

The most beautiful attire..... SMILE!

The most prized possession.....Integrity!

Our mind thoughts can be anywhere and anytime, but our body is always here and now. We function best when our mind is here and now too.

We would like to thank the following people for supporting our program:

1. Terri-Lynn for her support and assistance
2. Duncan White and Craig Shemilt at Island Blue Printing for their support in the publication of the many Haida Language books this past school year.
You both are very professional and great to work with.
3. ᐱaayda Gwaay Ngaaysdll Naay staff for making sure our SHIP classmates get to join our Zoom Class each day. We truly thank you for your assistance.
4. Gidandsa for the Haida stories and words
5. Jenny White for the Upsidedown cakes, cream, and home deliveries
6. I Leah and Jaskwaan for your vision and work towards the completion of "Respecting the Land" book
7. Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay for printing our Year End Award Certificates
8. Haawa to anyone we may have forgotten. Our program is very blessed by the support we receive from the community, and the **Skidegate Band Council!**

SHIP ZOOM / Xaang.ala Classes Monday-Friday 10:00 am – Noon.

See you in September!

Don't forget to check out our **ᐱang Sk'aad - Facebook** site!

There you will see lots of wonderful pictures of our precious elders!

Yours truly,

SKIDEGATE HAIDA IMMERSION PROGRAM



Asing dang hll king gas ga!

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“Heal yourself with the light of the sun and the rays of the moon. With the sound of the river and the waterfall. With the swaying of the sea and the fluttering of birds. Heal yourself with mint. And eucalyptus. Sweeten with lavender, rosemary, and chamomile. Hug yourself with the coca bean and a hint of cinnamon. Put love in tea instead of sugar and drink it looking at the stars. Heal yourself with the kisses that the wind gives you and the hugs of the rain. Stand strong with your bare feet on the ground and with everything that comes from it. Be smarter every day by listening to your intuition, looking at the world with your forehead. Jump, dance, sing, so that you live happier. Heal yourself, with beautiful love, and always remember ... you are the medicine.”
Maria Sabina (healer and poet)