



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February (dzadzə'wanx) 10, 2022
(First Oolichan Run Time)

A. J. ELLIOTT ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
BOX 149
SOINTULA, B. C.
VON 3E0

Phone: 250-973-6331
Fax: 250-973-6553
E-mail: dgarrett@sd85.bc.ca
Website: ajes.sd85.bc.ca

UPCOMING DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF:

Pro-D Day—no school	Feb. 11
Valentine's Day Activities	Feb. 14
PAC Meeting day change	Feb. 17
Family Day—no school	Feb. 21
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 23
Soup Day	Feb. 23
Primary Family Math Strategy Night—Zoom—6:30	Feb. 28

MISSION STATEMENT

As a school community, we strive to enrich life's learning and celebrate the successes of each student as they develop their academic, cultural, athletic, and social skills. The strength of the school is the sense of family and community allowing each child to reach full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Daily Health Check

Thank you for doing daily health checks every morning and not sending students to school if they are symptomatic. The **K-12 Health Check App** <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1> can be used for the daily assessment of symptoms. The app will ask you about your symptoms and either recommend contacting a health care professional and staying home, or staying home until you are better depending on your symptoms.

REPORT CARD ENVELOPES AND INSERTS

On the last day before the winter break, your child brought home an envelope with their report card. Please return the envelope with the signed insert. You keep the report card.

Thank you to those who have already returned them.

REMINDER!

No school tomorrow, Friday,
February 11th.
Pro-D Day

SOUP DAY

A big thank you to the "souper" crew: Kip, Clara, James, and Caleb.

The next Soup Day is Wednesday, February 23rd.

We would like to thank the Sointula Recreation Association for their support of the A. J. soup program.



Grade 4 and 7 Parents

If you haven't completed the student learning survey yet you still have time! Every year, students in Grades 4 and 7, their parents, and school staff are invited to participate in the Ministry of Education's Student Learning Survey. We would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to provide us with this valuable feedback that helps us prepare the school plan for next year. Please complete one survey for each child.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school.

Family Math Strategy Night

Save the Date!

Our first Zoom Family Math Strategy session is set for the evening of Monday, February 28 from 6:30-7:15. This session will cover strategies used in primary math (subitizing, basic fact strategies, mental math strategies for working with larger numbers, "Splitting", and "Jumping"). This will be a time for your child to work with you on some of the strategies that we will demonstrate and discuss. There will be lots of time to ask questions as we go. A Zoom link will be sent out the week before our session. The intermediate session is scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. We hope you can join us!



Indigenous Circle

Kwak'wala lessons for the grade 1 -3 class

On Tuesday, February 8th, the grade 1 -3 class attended their first Kwak'wala lesson via Zoom, with Elder - Ada Vera and Role Model - Andrea Cranmer located in Alert Bay.

The lesson started with a brief background of who Ada Vera and Andrea are. Next, we moved to counting and teachings of how important it is to listen and learn from the Elders and practice:

Maya'xala ~ Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Environment

Hutlilalas ~ Listen

Salt'idas ~ Calm Down, Calm Your Spirit

Dała xa ik noke' ~ Carry a good heart

Nanwakola ~ Come Together to Make Right Decisions

Acacia led the way, and the students followed with counting from 1 to 20 in Kwak'wala for Ada Vera and Andrea. They did such a great job of it.

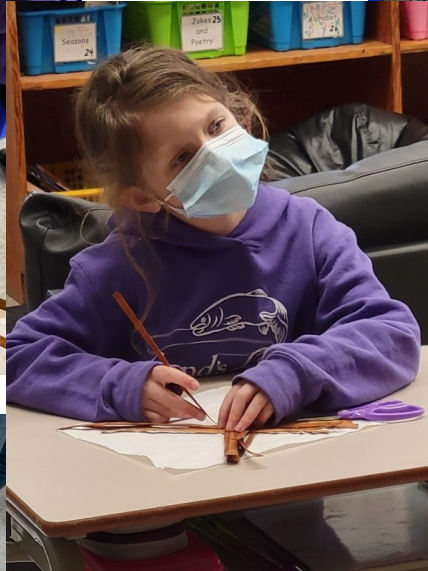
Ada Vera and Andrea finished our session with a question period. All of the students were so curious of how to pronounce their favorite animals in Kwak'wala.



Juno
helping to
clean the
court.

Cedar Weaving

The 2/3/4s were ready to weave with cedar strips today after their practice with paper last week. The students are weaving cedar hearts. On Valentine's Day they will add the twining. They can either make a flat heart by twining both sides together, or they can turn them into heart pouches.



While the intermediates were away skiing on Monday, Mr. Purdon and his band of delightful animals had a productive and fun day.