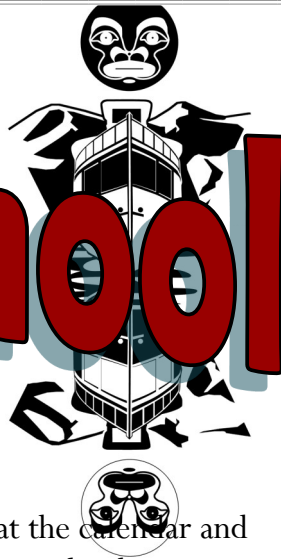


Atlin School News



Principal's Message

I think we are all a bit awestruck when we look at the calendar and realize that Grad is only three weeks away!! The year has been a fabulous flash by and here we are on the edge of summer holidays again. The end of the year is always crazy busy and this year we have had so many varied activities, student trips, community people and Elders coming into the school to share their music, stories, knowledge and skill – we thank everyone! We are also very proud of the amazing show of creative, well-presented projects for the Atlin School and Regional Science Fairs! There is STEM potential here, definitely!

Enjoy all the photos and writing that the Teachers have shared here – just a sample of the awesome projects, explorations and writing that the students have been doing over the past few months. Atlin School is such a wonderful community of amazing students, parents, Elders, community resource people, with a skilled and dedicated staff – it has been another great year. I have been honoured to work here in Atlin for the past two years with these great staff members pictured here and all the students!!



On June 5th please join us to celebrate our school-wide Student Awards and the Gr. 12 **Graduation Ceremony** this year for Myrianna Colwell.

One of my goals before I go is to get to the very top of Eldorado and Monarch Mountains. This is such a pristine

environment it has been a delight to go hiking and exploring around this beautiful land with friends.

There are some wonderful, creative, happy human beings growing up here and living here – I wish you all well!

Have a wonderful summer with family and friends!

Sheila

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- May 17
No School-
SD87 Family Day
- May 20
No School-
Victoria Day STAT
- May 29
K-7 field trip to WH
- June 5
Grad & Year End
Assembly
- June 11
Sea to Sky Day
- June 12
Last day of School
- Summer break
June 13-Aug.23



What's Happening at Atlin School!

Reminder:

If your child will be away from school for any reason we ask that you call the school at 651-7525 to let us know.

We would also like to remind parents/guardians to let the school know if there is any changes to a students afterschool pick up/drop off.



Hot Lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays

Thanks to the TFLC, Joanne Williams and Maurice. Every Tuesday and Thursday we have been getting a hot lunch for all students and staff.



Please make sure that on Mondays & Wednesdays your child brings in their own lunch to eat.

A snack is required every school day (Mon-Fri) as students need that extra boost to get them through the day.

Sea to Sky

Our annual hike up Monarch Mountain and back down to the beach is set for June 11, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join us this day. Don't worry if you don't think you can make it to the top as we have many different groups going up at their own speed. We will be at the Monarch pull out around 9am to start the hike, turn around time from the mountain is 11am so we can all be at the beach for a BBQ at lunch and play for the rest of the day.

Graduation Ceremony & Year End Assembly

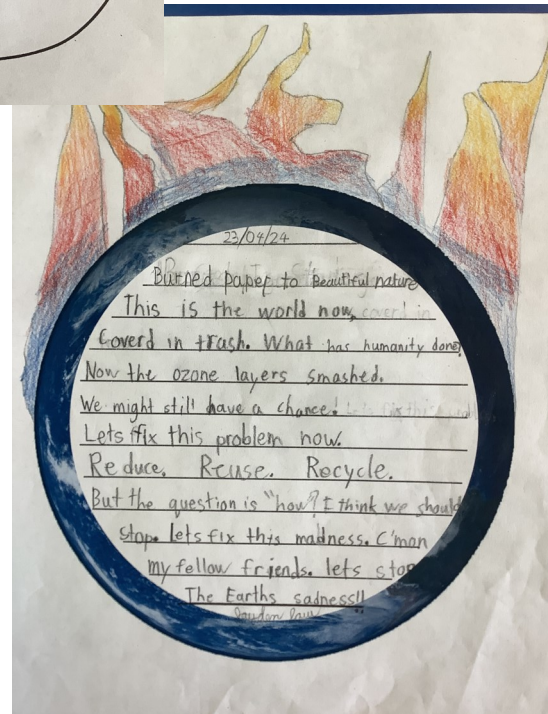
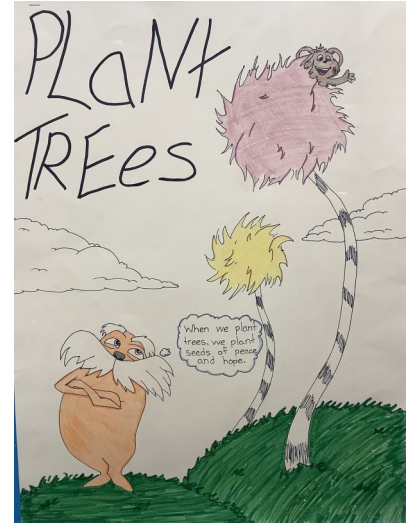
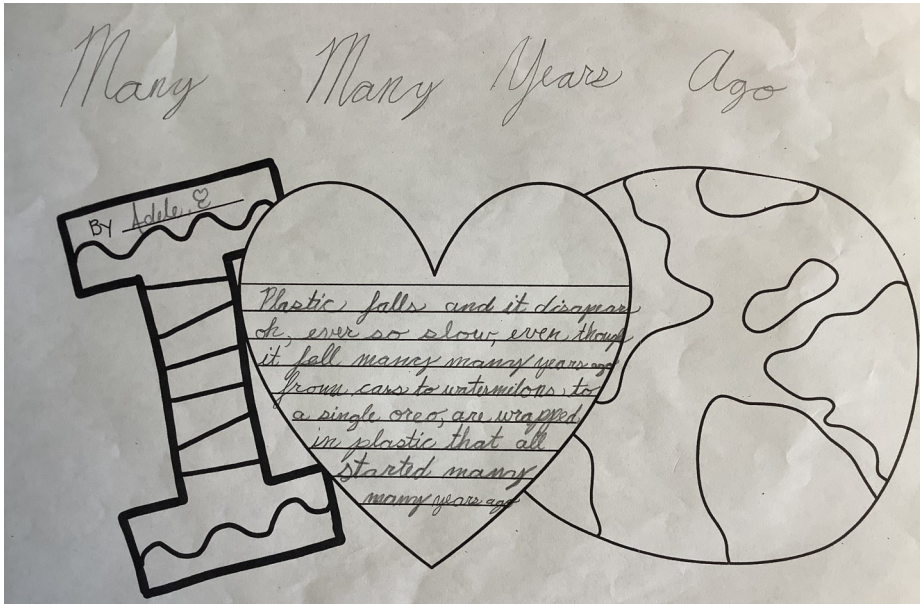
June 5, 2024 starting at 12noon in the school gym we would like to invite everyone to come Celebrate Myrianna Colwell's Grade 12 graduation and our school year end assembly! We are very proud of all the students at Atlin School and would like to show our support for all of their dedication throughout the year and a Big Congratulations to Myrianna for completing her final year of school!

Ceremony will start at 12noon with a light lunch, grad procession and assembly will start at 1pm.



4-7 Class Happenings

Preparing for Earth Day was very hands on as Ms. Mariya spent some time with our class showing us how to make our own paper. We added flowers, seeds (that you can actually plant!), string and other materials before turning them into beautiful cards. Students also wrote some poetry after reading books about how plastic is harming our oceans and filling up our landfills.



On April 8th, we watched the solar eclipse on a live feed as it crossed from Mexico up through Newfoundland. The students were wowed by the experience, and we ended the day by making our own rendition of solar eclipses using chalk pastels.



4-7 Class Happenings

This week we have been reading about some of the hardships refugees go through just to get to a place of safety. Students wrote a fictional (or partly true in some cases) letter to family or a journal entry to describe their journey.

The North Trail

By Eiger Hanslit

Today, December 28th, 112 A.D. I left my home country Rome because there was war and suffering. My parents fell in battle and my only brother left when I was young. I am 10 years old and I am trying to get to the Vikings. I heard they are nice to kids. There are 107 kids between the ages of 5-11 years old who are orphans. Not all of the kids want to go the Vikings—most want to go to Greece.

Twelve of us are looking for the Vikings. We are walking North. We are nervous, starving, and tired. Finally, we find red berries. Are they poisonous? We don't know! We take the chance and eat them. We continued walking North. We all feel pain with every step. I'm tired and shivering down my spine. I'm as cold as ice.

We are very happy to find some moose skins and one bear skin. I quickly examined the bear skin. There were no parasites, so I wrapped it around me. Finally, I was warm and didn't want to ever take it off. About one mile ahead we spotted a sign that said, "TURN BACK, VIKINGS AHEAD!"

We ran to the sign and I was the first to reach it. There was an axe with a leather handle stuck in the tree. I pulled out the Viking axe and saw the initial "H". It resembled the "H" on my family crest.

Colten pointed to the fire ahead. We jumped out of our boots and ran. There we saw Vikings having a feast. The chief Viking said, "Where did you come from?" We all said, "We escaped Rome!"

The chief pointed to me and asked, "What is your name, child?" I replied, "I am Eiger, what is your name?" "I am Chief Rainer. What do you need?" The chief seemed familiar to me. I replied, "We need shelter, food, and parents". The chief grinned and said, "We Vikings love kids and Eiger, you are my brother! Welcome home."



"Curiosity is key. Great attitude leads to high altitude. Bread is Heaven!"



Highschool Class Happenings

Adventures Around the Garden City

The high school students of Atlin School's field trip last March to Victoria, BC was a whirlwind of adventure and learning, spanning nine days packed with diverse activities. From exhilarating whale-watching on a catamaran to exploring the halls of the BC Legislative Assembly, students were immersed in both the natural world and the workings of government. The trip continued with visits to the Victoria Bug Zoo and the Royal BC Museum, where students encountered the small yet mighty inhabitants of the insect world and delved into British Columbia's rich history through immersive exhibits.

The exploration deepened as students reached for the stars at the Centre of the Universe (also known as the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory) and unearthed the mysteries of dinosaurs at the Dino Lab. They tested their problem-solving skills in an escape room challenge in the evening before transitioning to an academic tour with a visit to the University of Victoria the following day. The class visited Clover Point Park, where they explored the intertidal zone and discovered the diverse coastal life through tide pooling. They also met with Jeanine Nahas, a teacher and advocate for Brain Gym, who shared some techniques on using movement to improve brain connections. Environmental awareness took center stage at the Compost Education Centre where they dug for worms and learned about composting, followed by a journey through history at Craigdarroch Castle and an immersive cinematic experience at the IMAX Theatre, where they watched the documentary "Shackleton" and were transported to the frozen landscapes of Antarctica.

Gardens galore awaited with visits to Butchart Gardens and the Butterfly Gardens providing moments of tranquility amidst bustling schedules. The marine marvels of the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea offered insight into Pacific Northwest ecosystems before the trip concluded at the Royal Roads University and a birthday lunch for Izzy (grade 9 student) at Finn's Restaurant.

As the students bid farewell to Victoria, they carried with them cherished memories and a newfound appreciation for the world around them, making this field trip a transformative learning experience that would resonate for years to come.



Visit to Craigdarroch Castle



Enjoying the views at the Centre of the Universe (Dominion Astrophysical Observatory).



Getting ready to "dig in" and find worms at the Compost Education Centre.



Emma fearlessly holds a stick insect.



Visiting the "Greatest Little Show on Earth" at Miniature World.



Students examine a tide pool at the Royal BC Museum.



enjoying the sun and sea on a catamaran whale watching adventure.



The Atlin School crew and Hon. Nathan Cullen, MLA-Stikine.



Atlin high school students at the BC Legislative Assembly.

Highschool Class Happenings

High School Class's Whitehorse Escapade

On Monday, May 6, 2024, a group of students from grades 8-10 at Atlin School embarked on a thrilling adventure to the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre in Whitehorse. The center transported students back over 18,000 years ago to the Ice Age when the land bridge between the Yukon and Siberia existed. Their guide, Daniel, led the students through the center, where they discovered the awe-inspiring magnitude of the woolly mammoths that once roamed the earth, standing 3 meters tall, and the giant beavers that weighed up to 100 kg. The students were amazed by the ground sloths that grew up to 3 meters long, which were much bigger and heavier than a modern bear. They were also surprised to learn about the ancient camels and walruses that once lived in North America.

As they explored the center, the students learned about the first ice age people in Yukon, who survived using stone tools and bones, eventually adapting to the newly established boreal forest. The highlight of their visit was the chance to launch an atlatl spear, an archaic hunting tool, while aiming at figures of ground squirrels, a Yukon horse, a steppe bison, and a giant short-faced bear. After the tour, the students continued their day of adventure in Whitehorse by enjoying a delicious lunch at Dairy Queen and swimming at the Canada Games Centre. Despite the rainy weather, the group had a fantastic time exploring and learning about the fascinating history of the Yukon.



Figure 1 Students comparing the different skulls of Ice Age animals.

Highschool Class Happenings



A diorama of the first people at the Bluefish Cave.



Hailey aims her atlatl spear for some lunch.



Max learns how to hold the atlatl before launching it.



Students inspect a mummified Yukon horse.



A mummified grey wolf at the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre.



High school students ended the tour at the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre.

ADST with Joanne and Maurice

The high school students have been partaking in a series of engaging and informative sessions led by Joanne and Maurice, who are not only amazing cooks but are also very generous in sharing their knowledge of cultural crafts and skills. Among the many activities that the students have been introduced to, some of the most noteworthy ones include the creation of drums and bentwood boxes, the art of making leather from fish skin, sewing, and the smoking and drying of fish. We are deeply appreciative of the wonderful stories and jokes shared by Joanne and Maurice, as well as the new knowledge and creations the students have gained through their mentorship. We also want to thank Ms. Sandra's help and guidance in coordinating these sessions.



Joanne demonstrating how candied salmon is made.



Joanne leading a discussion on fish skin leather.



Some samples of the fish skin leather after curing them in egg yolks.



Halli and Max adding the soy sauce to make the candied salmon.







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Learn to live, live to learn**

After School programs

- Tuesdays, 3:30pm in the school gym— Karate with Bart DeHaas.
- Wednesday, 3:30pm in the gym, outside or kitchen—Jr. Rangers (must be 12years old to join) - contact Dani McNeil for more information. 
- Thursdays, 3:30pm in the school yard or gym —Running with Bart DeHaas 
- Thursday evenings 7pm, Kung Fu with Bart DeHaas 

May/ June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Local Events Community Use Holiday / NID Visitors	May 13	14	15	16	17 No School SD87 Family Day	18
19	20 No School STAT	21 Karate 	JCR 	Running 	24	25
26	27	28 Karate 	JCR 	Running 	31	June 1
2	3	4	29 K-7 Field trip Whitehorse JCR 	30 Running 	7	8
9	10	11 Sea to Sky Day	5 Grad & Year End Assembly	6	14	15
			12 Last Day Of School	13 NID No School	14 Summer Break!	