

# Archaeology Week

April 23 - 27, 2018

Dear parents and guardians,

This week we will be exploring the importance of archaeology in increasing our society's understanding of British Columbia's long past. It has a particularly important role in helping us appreciate the culture and lifeways of the First Peoples who for millenia have lived along the Pacific Northwest Coast. We will begin by listening to a Snuneymuxw elder on the Departure Bay beach as he uses oral storytelling to introduce students to Sti'ilup, the ancient village that was once situated in this bay. Students will then explore basic excavation techniques such as data recording, provenience, and the necessity for a guiding site hypothesis. All this will then culminate in a mock excavation on Friday the 27th, where students will spend the day using their math and recording skills to explore an old village site that will have been recreated on the school basketball court.

To fully participate and ensure the success of Archaeology Week, students will be asked to bring a basic set of their own excavating supplies. Please see below:

Each student will need:

1. Old garden trowel.
2. Old paintbrush.
3. Tape Measure (metric).
4. Dustpan.
5. Dozen ziploc baggies.

To help create the site, students and families will be asked if they can please lend a storage bin or tote that will hold sand and potential artifacts. The image below represents the most useful type for our activity (Dimensions: 24" x 16" x 13"). These will all be returned by the end of the week.



All parents and guardians are more than welcome to stop by on Friday to watch the class as they excavate and map out the cultural remains of a mock First Nations village

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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