

September 2025 News

Enrollment Data:

We are pleased to report that our school has been filled to maximum capacity since the start of the year. We have a very diverse group of students, including many older students who bring a wealth of life experiences, resulting in interesting conversations and interactions in class. For the first time, we have more male students (21) than female students (11).

Student Orientation Week:

Students and staff had a great time getting to know each other. We...

- Reviewed all Adult Ed policies
- Completed student assessments to determine correct placements
- One-on-one meetings with all students

Healthy Living

All students participated in the following activities:

Potato/garden harvest and cooking, hiking, rafting, and painting

Academics

Students in both programs have started their academic courses:

Math, English, Witsuwit'en Governance and Science

L & C Week at Unistoten Sept 8-11

19 Students and 6 staff visited Unistoten for our Culture Week. It was an unforgettable experience for our students as they connected to the land and their cultural heritage. Students bonded, and Caroline did an amazing job with excellent planning and organization.

Activities comprised of:

Berry Picking with Brenden and Carla

Devil's Club harvesting with Brenda Michell and Frieda Huson

Hunting with Vern Mitchell

Medicine Pouch and beading with Caroline George

Storytelling and Drumming with Mel Bazil

Art Therapy with Hildegard

River cleansing & learning about vegetation with Mel and Rob

Smudging with Frieda Huson

Healing with Dr. Carla Tait

Cooking with Tony Naziel

Bear Skinning with Vern (Johnny Morris killed a bear)

Reflection Diary

A big thank you!

To Unistot'en staff, Elders, and community experts for sharing their knowledge and for their generosity, support, and kindness!

A big shout-out to Tony for the excellent food!

Student Feedback

"The storytelling by Mel last night made me feel that I belong here, and everyone was smiling and talking to each other." "Woke up with a smile on my face and feeling relaxed. Went to get devil's club with Freda this morning, and she told us stories out on the land, making me feel free from the outside world. This trip has helped me develop a deeper love and respect for myself, and has also helped me start forgiving myself. Thank you, Unistoten, for your guidance".

L & C Skills and Crafts NEW!

Daily from 3-4 pm

Students started with Baby Moccasins, which is a precursor for making the real-size ones later in the year.

They also participated in bear hide processing and dip netting

October 2025 News

Student Attendance:

Our students have quickly adapted to the new 4—Day Week. However, the honeymoon is over, and we have seen a dip in student attendance this month. Many students have been sick with the flu over the past two weeks. Discovery: Only 2 students out of 21 have an attendance of less than 90% UCEP: 3 out of 10 students have an attendance of less than 90%

Academics

Our students are working hard to stay on track.

Workshop - Trish Naziel

Trish is our favourite consultant to work with students on Essential and Workplace/Pre-Employment Skills. She is an excellent role model for our students and has excellent relations with everyone

Language and Culture & C

Witsuwit'en Language Class

The topic for the past month was Witsuwit'en Survival Phrases with Doris and Caroline.

Witsuwit'en Governance Class

This month, the class covered hunting. Elder Vern Mitchell came into the class to review and provide hunting information, including safety tips and protocols for men and women before a hunt. He also told stories about bear attacks when out on the land.

L & C Skills and Crafts Class

- Students are working on their Baby Moccasins.
- Bear hide processing is continuing
- The students are enjoying the sense of community and togetherness in this class

Welcome to
John Nikal,
our new Student
Support Worker!

Healthy Living

Our students participated in the following activities to promote healthy living:

Rafting from Hazelton

Hiking to Crater Lake

Mountain biking and hiking at Hazelton

Community gardening

Plant harvest for the herbarium

Nutrition awareness:

Making smoothies and cinnamon buns

Learning to read and process dietary information

