

# Hoonah Schools Newsletter

September-October 2022

*(Sept.) Distlein: the big month, time to gather everything, time to keep busy.*

*(Oct.) Shanax Dis: the month to go to the mountains to get mountain goat.*

## Welcome to a New Year at Hoonah City Schools

With the start of a new year at Hoonah City Schools comes the opportunity to welcome new students and staff to Hoonah. We have several new staff members; see pages three and four for pictures and profiles.

You will also find in these pages: dates of upcoming events, reports on some of our students' summer activities, fundraising updates, sports news, Tlingit language program highlights, and much more. Look on the back page for a list of Dates to Remember.

If you haven't looked at our school website lately, it is full of even more information about our school, including a school calendar for the whole year, ways to contact individual staff, testing information and more. Take a look at [www.hoonahschools.org](http://www.hoonahschools.org). Our school Facebook page is also a good way to get some school news.

## Hoonah Schools Fall Carnival is Back!

It's been gone for a couple of years, but the Fall Carnival is back, and slated for **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. This is a huge community event, with something for everyone to enjoy. The Food Booth will open at 5:00, Game Booths at 6:00, and the Auction will begin at 7:00.

We have already had a great response from local businesses with donations for the Carnival Auction and are hoping to get even more. Any individuals that would like to donate to the Auction are welcome to do so. Just drop off your contribution with Jayme at the District Office. Call Tesh Gray (907-957-6348), Kathie Deitering (907-957-2186) or Sally Dybdahl (907-209-9326) with questions or if you would like something picked up.

Besides the Food Booth and Auction, there will be: Bingo, Cake Walk, Face Painting, Fish Pond, Bake Sale, Big Hoop Shot, Pie Auction, Ring-a-Pop, Lollipop Tree, Jail, Wheel of Fortune, Robot Driving Challenge, Bean Bag Toss, Root Beer Floats, Helium Balloons and more!

The booths will be manned by volunteers, so if you would like to help and have not been contacted yet,



**Fall  
Carnival  
October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Hoonah City Schools  
Alumni Gym & Cafeteria**

Food Booth opens 5:00 → Game Booths open 6:00  
Auction starts 7:00

Good food, Bingo, Games, Face Painting, Fish Pond,  
Cake Walk, Bake Sale, lots of fun for all!  
*Please come and support school and community activities!*

you can call Sally, Tesh, or Kathie and let it be known that you want to help.

It sounds like it will be a memorable night, so mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, then come on down and have some fun!



## A Message from The Principal



The 2022-23 school year is off to a good start. Nationally, school districts are facing a teacher shortage. Hoonah School is no exception and Hoonah staff should be commended, to say the least. When I started this position, I knew the school staff was experienced, talented, and caring. I knew they were innovative, worked hard, and kept students in the forefront of every decision they made. What I didn't realize was just how much they bring to their classrooms and the school community with their diverse backgrounds, areas of expertise, interests, and dedication to providing the best learning environment and opportunities for students.

At Hoonah School, we refuse to let the teacher shortage challenge hold us back. Staff, both classified and certificated, are working together to ensure the daily impact on students is minimized. Many classes in PreK-12th grade have been combined. The Counselor is teaching a class. The Arts Director is teaching a class. And the Librarian is teaching a class. We have a member of HIA staff teaching and substitute teachers are going above and beyond to step in where needed. Even I am teaching a class! We are using technology to deliver several courses virtually. All the while, students are being flexible, patient, and showing up ready to work each day. When you see Hoonah School staff members out and about in the community (teacher, paraprofessional, custodian, etc.), please check in to see how they are doing and recognize them for their dedication.

Sports and activities have started. Students are taking part in Cross Country, Volleyball, and Robotics. Wrestling may be starting soon. Music classes and the Pep Band are preparing to perform. A Student Council has been elected. And, we once again are getting ready for the Fall Carnival!

In closing, I want to acknowledge the critical role that families and the community of Hoonah play in the success of our students. As we launch into the post pandemic chapter in our story, the staff and I are very grateful for all the support we get from the community. I look forward to seeing how we grow and how our students thrive as we move forward. *We've Got This!*

*Nicolle Egan*  
*Hoonah City Schools Principal*



*Principal Nicolle Egan (left) and Superintendent Heather Wheeler at the National Night Out event this summer.*

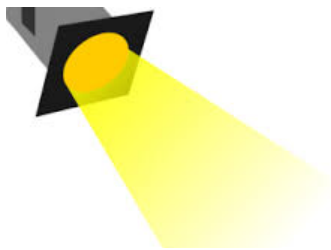
## Student Government Election Results

High School and Middle School students made campaign signs and speeches leading up the Student Government Elections October 7<sup>th</sup>. Elections results were:

President	Teresa Lewis
Vice President	Paige Woiitte
Secretary	Emily Hurtado
Treasurer	Dietrich Lewis
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative	Jazzy Cranston-Sheakley
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Representative	Ava Hinchman
Advisor	Julian Narvaez

**Save the Date: A Family Dialogue Event, sponsored by AASB (Alaska Association of School Boards) and Hoonah City Schools will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> in the school gym. Watch for more information on this event as the time grows near.**

**About this newsletter:** Welcome to a new year at Hoonah City Schools. This newsletter has been a component of the Native Education Program at HCS for over 20 years. We strive to share the good news about school activities and programs, students and staff. We are currently in the process of archiving past newsletters on the school website. Go to [www.hoonahschools.org](http://www.hoonahschools.org) and click on News, then Newsletters. Gunalchéesh to all of our contributors and readers. You can contact Daphne Wright, Newsletter Editor, at [wrightd@hoonahschools.org](mailto:wrightd@hoonahschools.org) with any questions, suggestions or comments about this publication.



# Spotlight on New Staff

## Hoonah City Schools Welcomes New Members to our Staff



### Dianne Zemanek

I am so excited to be joining the Hoonah Braves Team as the Arts Director. This is a fantastic and supportive community. Last school year I finished up 15 years working for the Juneau School District. Prior to that I worked 11 years in the Chatham School District. I have taught K-12th grade over my 26

years teaching in Alaska.

Southeast is my home. Coming from a Midwest farm as a kid, I have fallen in love with the mountains and ocean and all its bounty. I enjoy working with students of all ages and learn, from each and every one of them. Thank you for teaching me, and giving me a place to learn and grow while we share a rich culture of art together.

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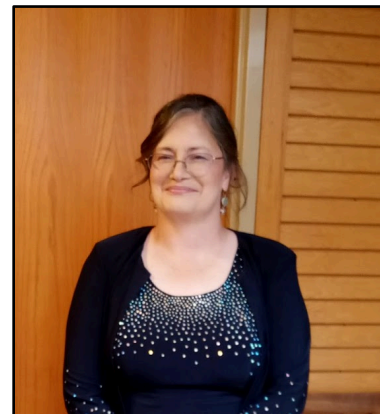
### Wanda Wright

Wanda Wright is our new School Counselor. She worked in Selawik last year as the School Counselor, and was in Akiak teaching English and Social Studies for three years before that. This is Mrs. Wright's fifth year in Alaska. She came here to Hoonah because she wanted to go to a warmer part of Alaska.

She is originally from Texas. She received her Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M—Commerce, and her Master's from Angelo State University.

She and her husband Charles have four grown sons: Jonathan, Christopher and twins – Matthew and Mikell.

Her interests include reading, hiking and walking her dogs. Mrs. Wright said that she thinks Hoonah is a beautiful place, and she has met many friendly people here. She looks forward to getting to know the students here at our school.



### Katherine Medley

Miss Medley is our new Music teacher. She comes from Huntsville, Alabama, where she was working as a permanent substitute teacher and teaching private flute lessons.

She was born and raised in Huntsville, where she attended the University of Alabama and received her

Bachelor's degree in Music Education. Miss Medley is the youngest of four sisters, and is the happy aunt of two nieces and one nephew.

She loves playing and listening to music. She also enjoys sewing, swimming and biking. So far, she loves Hoonah and thinks it is a beautiful town full of wonderful people.

Her goals for the near future are to sew more clothes, start a Pep Band, and to grow the Hoonah music program.



### Atti Wark

Welcome to Atti Wark, who recently came on board as the Maintenance Supervisor. He is shown above with his sons Jorge and Carlos.

## New Staff, continued.



### 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher Cassia Coutlee

When school started in August, we said “welcome back” to Cassia Coutlee, who is the new teacher in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Cassia was finishing up her

teacher education requirements last year as a student teacher in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, working with Mark Browning.

## Welcome Back, Laura Jett

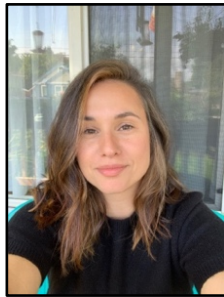
Miss Jett is back, and working in the middle school and high school, teaching English Language Arts. She first came here to teach during the 2018-2019 school year, and was here first semester last year, so is not exactly new staff. She is familiar with our school, students, and community, and we are happy to have her back at HCS.



Ms. Jett is from Arkansas, and has two grown sons, Evan and Trevor.

## District Secretary Jayme Coutlee

Jayme Coutlee started her position as District Secretary in mid-September. Jayme has been a resident of Hoonah for 10 years. She has two boys in the Hoonah City School District: one is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and the other is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Her third and youngest child is two years old and will be a Head Starter next fall. Jayme is one of five siblings; her closest sibling lives in Juneau.



She thoroughly enjoys watching British crime shows, cooking, and buying stuff from Amazon. She also enjoys going on the boat, hunting, and fishing with her family. With her left-over time, she takes care of hers and her husband’s two small businesses.

As the new District Secretary, Jamie is enjoying learning her new tasks and responsibilities. Jayme says that the highlight of her workday is seeing all of the kids’ smiling faces during their breakfast and lunch times.

## Para-professional Aide Zada Michel

Zada Michel is working as a Sped Aide in the elementary. Zada graduated in 2020, right after the pandemic hit. Her class had the first-ever outdoor Hoonah High School graduation ceremony, held on the tarmac at the airport. The photo below shows Zada giving her speech as Class Valedictorian.

Zada is enjoying working with the kids, and is very much appreciated as a new staff member in the Elementary School.



## School Custodian Jesse Van Dusen

Jesse started work last year as one of the maintenance staff, who keep our school clean and in good working order. He comes in after school hours and works behind the scenes to make sure our facilities contribute to the health and well-being of all who spend our days here. Thank you, Jesse, for all of your hard work!

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## Holiday Gift Catalog Sale Report

We have the final update on the Close Up/ Elementary Fundraiser that our students were involved in over the last few weeks. The final total came to \$9,639.50 in sales, which clobbered our original goal of \$2,500. The Close Up Group and Elementary Activities will split the profits from this sale, which will be 40% of the total.

We want to say Gunalchéesh TLEIN – A BIG Thank You! to all of our supporters in the community and beyond.

Gunalchéesh too, to our student salespeople and their families! Merchandise and students’ prizes should be here around the second week of November.



## Elementary Tlingit

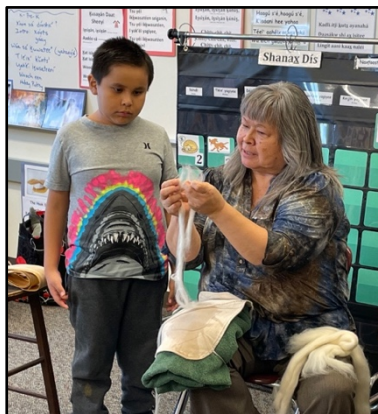
Taught by *K'ashGé Daphne Wright and Shaa Deik Cristina Smith*

The **PreK & Kindergarten Class** is learning Tlingit through songs, games, hold-up cards, and sign language. They sometimes get to hold “stuffies” as part of a lesson.

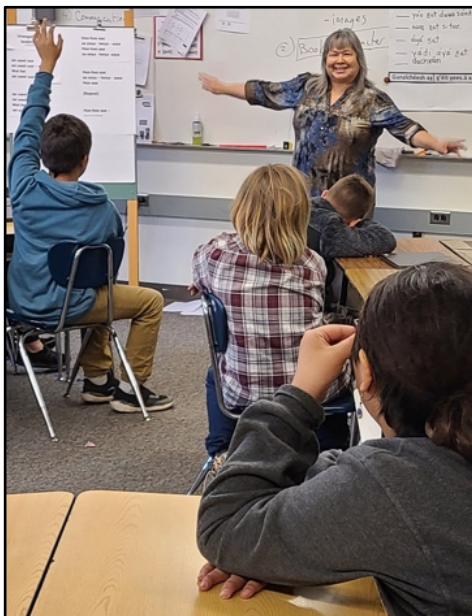
**First-Second Grade** is reviewing the Tlingit they learned last year, using the *dis wooxéiyi* (calendar) to practice vocabulary and counting. They are learning some basic verbs to make short sentences. Using American Sign Language helps the students to remember what the words mean as they are saying them. Their list of songs and vocabulary is growing each week.

In **Third Grade**, we also use the *dis wooxéiyi* (calendar) to review and practice. The students are starting to learn how to do a basic Tlingit introduction. Songs, games, and lots of listening practice are some of the ways we are learning Tlingit.

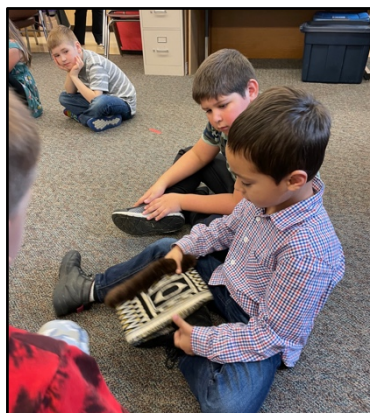
Each student in the **Fourth-Fifth Grade** class practices their introduction in front of their classmates once a week. The class is learning how to be respectful listeners, and we are all learning about each other’s moiety, clan, father’s and grandparents’ clans. This class also plays card games, trying to use only Tlingit during the game.



Gunalchéesh to **ƛudeiyatóon Darlene See** from Hoonah Indian Association for visiting with some of the Elementary Tlingit classes on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She showed the students in grades 1, 2 and 3 how she works with mountain goat wool and merino sheep wool to make warp for traditional Tlingit weaving. She demonstrated how she does “thigh spinning” to make warp with wool and tiny strands of cedar bark. The third graders had a chance to practice stretching the wool to try and make it a uniform thickness. The students also got to see some of her finished Chilkat weaving projects.



In the 4-5 class she explained how the Unangan (Aleut) Sea Bird Song came to Hoonah, and sang it with them. ƛudeiyatóon, gunalchéesh for sharing your knowledge with us!



## Middle School & High School Tlingit and STEAM Classes

Taught by Lgéik'i Heather Powell

The 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tlingit Class is leading daily jam sessions, while learning the words to the songs and hand motions, for Kwáal, Shaawát Ghuwakáan, and Keitook.

Anthony Johnson, Alona Howland, RJ Didrickson and Krista Howland were **SHI STEAM Interns** for the summer assisting with cultural programs, including Angoon Culture Camp, Haa Tóo Yéi Yatee Culture Camp in Hoonah, and the Tlingit Language Immersion in Gustavus.



Middle School students made Aadóo Sáwé (Who is That) posters showing their lineage.



Tlingit Language students picked and processed sik'shaldéen (Hudson Bay tea) for our elders and to help contribute to our community..→ →



Middle School and High School students and staff went on several berry picking expeditions this fall; rainy weather was not a deterrent! The berries will be served at our school ku.éex' in the spring.



## Hoonah Students Attend College/Career Field Trip

Several Hoonah High School students went on a three-day College/Career field trip to Juneau the week of October 3-7. We had two seniors, Abby Stevenson and Alejandro Contreras attend, as well as one junior, Susie Houston. Sealaska Heritage Institute hosted the event. We were treated to indigenous speakers, and the students learned a native dance that was gifted to them.

The students were able to tour UAS—University of Alaska Southeast. They also went to a College/Career Fair at the high school where they were able to talk to numerous colleges, trade schools, internship programs, and the military. Finally, students took part in a four part rotation that covered: financial planning, college/career displays, career planning, and life after high school. The Fair was very informative, and the students walked away with clarity and excitement.



Susie and Abby in the Student Rec Center at UAS

Thank you to School Counselor Wanda Wright for this report.

## Haa Tóo Yéi Yatee Culture Camp 2022 Highlights



On Day 1, we took a catamaran to the Xuna Shuḷa Hít at Glacier Bay. Day 2 was held at the school, where we split into age groups. Older campers worked on carving and weaving projects, while the younger ones worked on making pickled kelp and played language games.

Day 3 was the Family Day Picnic at Long Island. Some went by van, some by kayak, and some by canoe.

Day 4 was at Freshwater Bay. Grades 6 to 12 spent the day planting Lingit k'únts' (Tlingit potatoes), and working on halibut hooks and Chilkat weaving projects.

Gunalchéesh to all who helped to make Culture Camp 2022 a success!

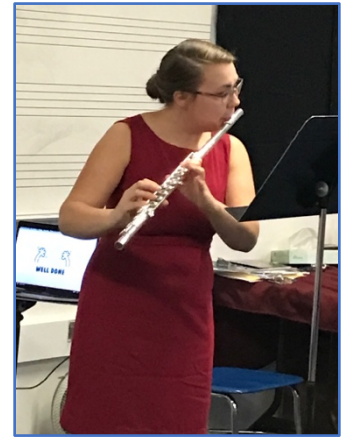


Gunalchéesh to Camp Cook Debbie Wright-Picken, shown here with her helpers.



## Hoonah Schools Arts Grant Update

This amazing grant has brought music back to our school and has also made an opportunity for local artists to come into our schools and share their amazing work with our students, while being compensated. If you know a local artist that would be willing to share their art with our kids please reach out to Dianne Zemanek who has come on board to help manage all this. Her contact info: 253.355.9426 or [zemanekd@hoonahschools.org](mailto:zemanekd@hoonahschools.org)



Events to look forward to will be the monthly **Family Art Night** that will showcase art that has happened in our school as well as inspire the artist within you to try your hand at a variety of different art activities. Our last one showcased our new music teacher Ms. Medley, who sang and played the flute. Then we encouraged all those present to create an Andy Goldsworthy piece. *See box below for more information about this artist.*

There will be many more artful events to come and for sure we will look forward to the band and choir performances! There even might be door prizes and gas cards to win! Come and join us!



These photos were taken on the first Art Night, held September 28<sup>th</sup>.



- Andy Goldsworthy is a environmental artist.
- This means that he creates art using materials from the natural environment / nature.
- He has created his artwork in many different countries including Japan, Australia, England, and Scotland.
- When he has created a piece of artwork, he takes a photo of it, and then leaves it for the wind and rain to blow and wash it away naturally.



Gunalchéesh to Mr. Bob Hutton for volunteering to work with some of the students who are learning to play brass instruments.



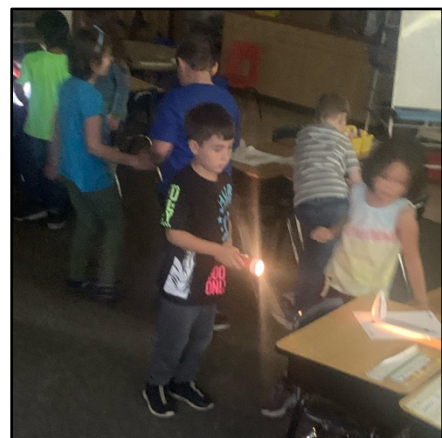
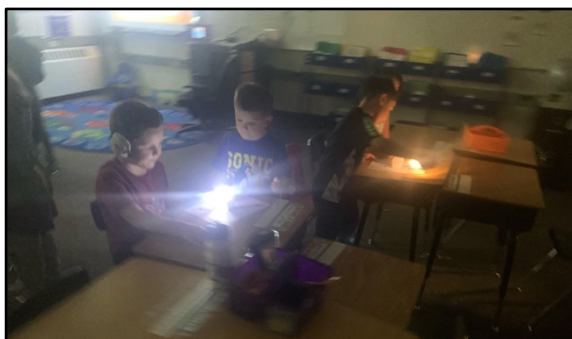
## Sun, Moon and Stars Science Exploration by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders in Mrs. Coutlee's class

The first and second graders have been diligent in their studies of the sun, moon and stars. For two weeks these students were engaged in the deep study of the sun, moon and stars.

This was done through engaging science experiments, including hands-on activities like making shadows with flashlights. These students have also been using their studies to write engaging pieces on orbit and using their knowledge to create fascinating crafts including two different kinds of crowns.

Students have also taken part in activities such as using their bodies to cement the moon phases into their young minds.

Overall the students have been having a great time engaging in science in an artful way and are sure to be on the edge of their seats excited for their next science unit.



**The Kindergarten and Preschool** students have had a great start to their school year! We have really been getting back into the routine, and we love being able to spend time with our friends again! For Reading and Writing, we have been focusing on letter recognition, sounds, and formation.

For Math we are focusing on counting and comparing the numbers 0-5. We were also super excited to welcome Fall this year with various fall time crafts and activities. We are all excited to be back in the classroom, and very eager for what is to come with this school year!



## Looking Ahead to Close Up 2023

In April 2023, five high school students will be traveling to Washington, DC and New York City to participate in the national Close-Up program. Close-Up allows students to come face-to-face with the people and places that shape our nation. Through this opportunity, the students will learn what it takes to become an engaged citizen and discover



Ted, Teresa, Emily, Cheyanne  
Not pictured: Kaci Jewell

how to use their voice in our American democracy.

Ted Elliott, Kaci Jewell, Cheyanne Jack, Emily Hurtado, and Teresa Lewis will spend 5 days in Washington,



DC, and then they will travel by bus to New York City for another two days of exploration. They will visit monuments and memorials, walk the halls of Congress, meet with our members of Congress or their staff and participate in a Mock Congress Workshop where students can debate, amend and vote on issues. They will witness the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and explore museums in both cities.

The total cost for the program is \$2700 per student. Transportation costs will be covered by the City tax of 1% for HCS activities. Each student and their family is paying \$500 of the total cost. In order to raise the remaining \$2200 per student, we have been engaging in many fund-raising activities as a group. To date we have raised \$10,000 towards our goal of \$12,000!

### We would like to thank those who helped us this summer:

Hoonah Liquor Board for their cash donation  
Hoonah Presbyterian Church for the use of water and the space for our car washes  
Marlene Duvall for the car wash supplies  
Daphne Wright for the use of tables to hold our bake goods  
Bonnie Skaflestad for the outrageous pies  
Kathie Deitering for the delicious Lemon Lush  
Kathy Mills Marvin for the yummy blueberry sticky buns  
Sally Dybdahl for ingredients for Rice Krispy & Double Crumb Bars  
Ben McCluckie & Stephanie Harold for ingredients to make Double Crumb Bars  
Linda & Paul Dellazoppa for donating items to sell in a yard sale  
Nicki & John Shelton for the space to sell those donated items  
Jacob Pratt for his cash donation  
Elementary teachers for joining us in sponsoring the Holiday Catalog Sale  
Sally Dybdahl for helping me organize the Holiday Catalog Sale  
Hoonah Treasures, Colette's Cupboard and Hoonah Liquor Store for allowing us to place donation cans in your stores  
And finally, special thanks to Hoonah Travel Adventures for the slushie sale, a barbecue dinner and smashburger dinner sales and for allowing us to place a donation can in your store. HTA raised \$1890 for Close Up and we are so grateful!



Emily at the Smashburger Sale, put on by Hoonah Travel Adventures

Needless to say, we so greatly appreciate the support we have received from the community. Gunalchéesh!

Glenda Hutton, Close Up Advisor

**A Note About the Holiday Catalog Sale:** Thank you to all of our supporters who ordered items from our sale. The orders and prizes earned by the students will be arriving in Hoonah around the second week in November.



## 2022 Alaska Youth Stewards Re-cap



We wrapped up another great season with our summer AYS crew (Susan Bradford, Leif Gray, Kelly St. Clair, Jermaine Johnson, and Theodore Elliott). Together with impressive local support, they completed eight weeks of valuable environmental work, cultural stewardship, and community service in Hoonah. Keep reading to see some of the projects they worked on!

**Food Harvesting and Processing** HIA and Huna Heritage Foundation partnered for their fifth year of harvesting and processing for Hoonah's annual food fair. The AYS crew always embraces the opportunity to give back to the community through food.

On this year's harvesting list were beach asparagus, Hudson Bay tea, bull kelp (for pickles) and blueberries. We were joined by members of the Tidelines Institute for harvesting and processing the bull kelp using HIA's canoes. HHF made a great video showing all the steps we went through to make kelp pickles.

### Work with the US

**Forest Service**--The Forest Service funds a large portion of the work AYS does and the crew always looks forward to helping them with their projects and learning from their expertise. In 2022, the AYS team cleared out a fish-pass, cleaned up and maintained recreation sites accessible from town, and picked invasive oxeye daisies.



### Indian Environmental General Assistance

**Program (IGAP)** is funded by the EPA and monitors environmental factors that impact community health. The AYS crew enjoyed assisting Jeromy Grant and Ricardo Contreras with the collection of shellfish to assess population health, install stream monitoring equipment, and accompany geologists looking at the causes of landslides around Hoonah.

**Hoonah Native Forest Partnership (HNFP)**--It's always exciting to go out with the HNFP crew. This year, the AYS crew joined them on fish surveys documenting juvenile salmon. Streams containing salmon are added to the state's Anadromous Waters Catalog, which in turn entitles them to a higher level of ecological protection. HNFP also partners with the Forest Service and AYS for stream restoration projects to improve habitat for salmon runs.

**Cultural Celebration at Home and Homeland** We had the honor of participating in Hoonah's *Haa Tóo Yéi Yatee* culture camp. It was powerful being able to support such an important event. The Sustainable Southeast Partnership was also in attendance and made a spectacular photo album. Check out SSP's Flickr account!

**Work From Home** -- While the AYS crew spent most of the summer "out the road," they also stayed in town or nearby to work on our community potato garden, mobile greenhouse, improve local berry patches, and help prepare for and then clean up after Hoonah's July 4th celebration.

### Tree Coring & Forest Inventory Plots

To round out the season, the team cored trees for the College of Wooster to see how climate and other factors have affected tree growth in the region. They also surveyed forest plots for a study being done by the Forest Service to record the characteristics of different areas in relation to the presence of edible berries.

**Thank You!** It was an amazing summer for our AYS crew, and we could not have done it without all the support we received. We are extremely grateful to HIA staff, HHF, the Forest Service, CCTHITA, Hoonah City Schools, the National Park service, SSP, Huna Totem Corporation, and other local partners! Thank you everyone in Hoonah for supporting and taking pride in our youth!

*Gunalchéesh to Julian Narvaez for this report.*



## 2022-2023 Hoonah Braves Basketball Schedule\*

December 30-January 1: @ Don Hather Tournament (Boys & Girls)

January 2-3: @ Skagway (Boys & Girls)

**January 10-11: vs. Thorne Bay (Boys) and Thunder Mountain (Girls).**

**January 16-17: vs. Hydaburg (Boys) and Juneau Douglas (Girls)**

January 20-21: @ Yakutat (Boys)

**January 30-31: vs. Klawock (Boys & Girls)**

February 2: @ Juneau Douglas (Girls)

February 3-4: @ Thunder Mountain (Girls)

**February 9-11: Icy Strait Tournament (Kake, Mt. Edgecumbe – Boys & Girls)**

**February 16-17: vs. Gustavus (Boys)**

February 22-23: @ Angoon (Boys & Girls)

February 24-25: @ Senator Kookesh Invitational (Boys & Girls)

March 1-4: @ Regional Tournament, Mt. Edgecumbe

March 15-18: @ State Tournament, Anchorage



**Home Games in Bold Print**

*\*Schedule is tentative and subject to change – some games are heavily dependent upon potential of Winter ferry service. \**

## Cross Country 2022 Season Report

This season we had a team of 10, with 7 runners who participated in meets. We had three 8<sup>th</sup> graders that practiced with us all season but unfortunately, because XC is considered an individual sport, they couldn't participate at the meets. The team was dedicated and could be seen running at 6:45 am 6 days a week. Saturday runs were 5K's; our Bear Watch Team for those runs was Nicolle Egan, Marlene Duvall, and Andy Savland.

We traveled to 3 meets this season: *Haines Invitational*, *Capital City Invitational* and Sitka for *Regionals*.

We had 5 runners at the Haines meet; it was a challenging course with a few good hills and water over the trail in a few spots. This was a meet the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls ran in before we found out they couldn't participate.

The *Capital City Invitational* at Sandy Beach was held over a wet weekend, so the course was muddy and slippery. We had 6 runners participate; for 4 of them it was the first meet of the season. Everyone ran hard and we had 2 runners PR on the course.

We traveled to Sitka to participate in Region 5 *Cross Country Regionals* October 1<sup>st</sup>. It rained all day Friday; we walked the course, and we were all soaked. Saturday was Race Day; we had some rain as the girls were warming up but at Go Time it had stopped. We had 6 runners participate; we had



From left: Tanner Howland, Easton Ross, Dietrich Lewis, Rowen Huskey, Jora Savland, Teresa Lewis, Dashiel Huskey, Alona Howland, Krista Howland, Coach Akasha Moulton

4 runners PR and Senior Teresa Lewis secured a spot in the top 15 to qualify for State October 8<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage.

Our team this season: 12<sup>th</sup> graders Alona Howland, Teresa Lewis; 10<sup>th</sup> graders Krista Howland, Rowen Huskey; 9<sup>th</sup> graders Dietrich Lewis, Dash Huskey, Chloe Lane; 8<sup>th</sup> graders Easton Ross, Jora Savland, Tanner Howland.

*Coach Akasha Moulton*

(\*PR—Personal Record)



Above: Teresa Lewis & Coach Akasha Moulton at State. Right, Teresa at Capital City Invitational, held at Sandy Beach.



Above, Boys Start at Capital City Invitational, Sandy Beach.



## Fifth Annual Traditional Food Fair

By 11AM on September 26th, parking space around Hoonah Indian Association was at a premium. Community members were arriving, despite the rain and chill of the day, to the 5th annual Traditional Food Fair. The event is an opportunity for Hoonah Indian Association and Huna Heritage Foundation to give back to their community members by sharing a meal, celebrating Tlingit culture, and distributing jarred foods. It is a time for us to gather, share our traditional foods and enjoy each other's company. This community gathering brings together all ages for an intergenerational exchange that annually provides fun for all who come.

### A Community Lunch

Our traditional foods are our way of life. Feasting on locally harvested food nourishes our bodies, minds, and spirits. We know it takes a community to cook for a community! Our community meal featured abundant quantities of halibut chowder (15 gallons of it), desserts (13 pies), and frybread (175 pieces). The chowder was cooked by Debbie Wright Picken with halibut donated by Raino Hill and Nathan Moulton.

Nine pies were made by Debbie and four by Darlene See. The mountain of frybread was cooked by Niccole Williams and crab was provided by Jeromy Grant. The Community Garden provided 20 lbs. of Tlingit Potatoes for the chowder. A green salad was prepared by Darlene and Sonya Johnson to accompany this delicious meal. Cupcakes were made by

Brynn Presler- Marshall, Sheryl Contreras, and Darlene See. Thank you everyone!

Along with the cooking, we had herring-eggs from Vernon Hill's crew this spring. A case of coho was donated by Raino Hill and made into delicious spread by Julie Jackson. Seal Oil was donated by Darlene See.



*Gaawt'ak.áan Dancers performing at the Food Fair. The group has been focusing on the hand movements associated with many of the songs and on perpetuating songs for future generations.*

### Food Distribution

Throughout the summer, 5 youth from the HIA Alaska Youth Stewards (AYS) crew led by Julian Narvaez partnered with Amelia Wilson at Huna Heritage Foundation to collect and prepare food for the Traditional Food Fair. The AYS crew included local youth Leif Gray, Kelly St. Clair, Ted Elliot, Susan Bradford, and Jermaine Johnson. Their efforts were added to food prepared by the Girls Vitality program and Darlene See. AYS youth members Jermaine, Ted, and Susan were all involved in handing the food out to community members in attendance. Through their work, learning, and dedication, the following were handed out by AYS students and HIA/HHF staff to the community: 72 jars of blueberry jam, 72 jars of beach asparagus, 73 jars of bull kelp pickles, 62 snack bags of Labrador tea, 57 jars of fresh pack coho (Donated by HIA, canned by Dodie Lunda and Darlene See) and 7 bags of black seaweed as door prizes (dried by Debbie Picken)

Special thanks to Laura Marcus who led the kelp pickling process with help from Gap Year Students at Tidelines Institute, and to Zach Brown for contributing seaweed.

Each of the jars of food had the recipe on them to recreate it because this event is about perpetuating Tlingit culture and putting food and food preparation at the forefront.

Gunalchéesh haa éet yidasheeyí. (Thank you all for helping us.)

### Youth and Culture

Led by Lgeik'i Heather Powell, 16 youth members of the Gaawt'ak.áan dancers shared songs and dance with attendees. Gunalchéesh to our youth for sharing their time and energy at the Traditional Food Fair! *Continued on next page*

## Traditional Food Fair, continued.

### Donors and Planners

The Traditional Food Fair is enhanced each year through generous donations and contributions from businesses and local community members. For the cash donations, door prizes, and food, thank you so much to our list of Donors!



This annual gathering is co-sponsored and co-hosted each year by the Huna Heritage Foundation and Hoonah Indian Association. Each organization contributed financially to make this event happen and provided significant time in planning, harvesting, and preserving foods to distribute. Thank you to all members of the planning committee including Darlene See, Amelia Wilson, Julie Jackson, Julian Narvaez, Miguel Contreras, and Ian Johnson.

We look forward to sharing a traditional meal and sharing our locally harvested foods every year! In the meantime, please keep celebrating food, culture, and community together on the long winter nights ahead.

*Gunalchéesh to Ian Johnson for this report.*



## Hoonah Recyclers Report



Our Recyclers Van is almost full, and we are hoping to get it on the last barge going South. We want to thank all of the folks who have recently donated their metals to our cause: City of Hoonah, Harbor Zincs, Paul & Sally Dybdahl, Teresa & Shawn McConnell, Jessie & Jeremy Martin, Minnie Dalton, Frank Wright, Jr., Nicki & John Shelton, Miryam Francis, Sharon Wright Brown, Debbie Picken.

We also want to thank **Icy Strait Point** for joining in the recycling effort this season. Using designated recycling bins at the Point, they collected and donated six full 50-gallon bags of aluminum this summer, and hope to expand their efforts next year.



Our old van had to go into the junk heap (it actually was recycled) and we purchased a new, used one. Thank you to Paul Dybdahl, who painted it and put on the signs.

Thanks to **Alaska Marine Lines**, who have for many years been transporting our van to Seattle and back for free. Because of their generosity, we are able to pay for metals and make a little bit of profit. Those profits are used to support City Clean-ups and community events and programs, such as the Fishing Derby, Christmas Program, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and others. Our most recent donation was to the Carnival Food Booth; we paid for ten Papa Murphy's pizzas to be sold at the booth. We partner with Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 12. The Hoonah Recyclers are an all-volunteer group, and welcome others to join us. Call Sally at 907-209-9326 for more information. We want to encourage everyone to keep on saving their metals for when we re-open in the Spring.



Our new van, prior to the paint job.

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Family Art Night	Oct. 25
Parent Teacher Night (early student release, 1pm)	Oct 27
Teacher Inservice—No School	Oct. 28
Fall Carnival	Oct. 29
Veteran's Day Event	Nov 11
Family Dialogue Event	Nov. 15
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24-25
Family Art Night	Nov. 29
Christmas Bazaar	Dec. 10
Holiday Concert	Dec. 15
Christmas Vacation	Dec. 22-Jan. 4
Spring Break	March 20-24
Last Day of School	May 17

