

RE: Preparation for Big House Experience

Grade Four Teachers,

Indigenous Education is hosting our annual Big House Experience on Thursday, **May 16, 2024**. Please mark your calendar. There will be a morning and an afternoon session.

Indigenous Education has lessons, videos, and other resources for you on our website.
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/indigenous-education/kumugwe-big-house-experience/>

These resources are available to help teachers prepare the students to understand the cultural activities they will be experiencing while in the Big House.

We ask that the classroom teacher please have your students prepared for this experience. This is a unique and special gift to the district from the Kumugwe Cultural Society. Gail and I are available to come and meet with you at your school to discuss ways that we can help connect this experience to your curriculum or if you have questions about any preparation.

For those of you who are not familiar, space limitations make this event *exclusively for grade four students*. Split classes will need to make special arrangements at their schools to make this possible. Thank you in advance for that preparation.

This email is not to book time for the actual Big House event on May 16th. A second email/letter is sent to your administration assistants for booking and other organizing details in regard to this day.

Thank you and we look forward to connecting,

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