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Competition #26-23
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Artist in the Classroom
Nathan Barton Elementary School

Nisga'a School District No. 92 invites applications for an artist in the classroom at Nathan Barton Elementary School. This is a limited (6 half days) position for the month of June, working within the parameters of the Artist in the Classroom grant.

Nisga'a School District is located in the Nass Valley in northwestern British Columbia. The district encompasses the traditional treaty territory of the Nisga'a Nation along the Nass River. People from around the world are drawn to Nisga'a lands to experience diverse outdoor explorations, including the volcano, Lava Bed Park, natural hot springs, fishing, hiking, hunting, kayaking/canoeing, biking, sledding, etc., as well as to encounter Nisga'a culture.

Overview - Salmon Art Project

Position: Artist for Salmon Art Project

Location: Gingolx – Nathan Barton Elementary School

Duration: June – 6 half days to be determined in consultation with the principal

Compensation: CARFAC rate of \$500 per half day x 6 (\$3500.00)

Overview: We are seeking a professional artist to lead a unique art project that integrates arts, science, social studies, and cultural education. This project will focus on the theme of salmon and its significance in our community, particularly in relation to local First Nations language and culture.

The project will include:

- Meeting with students to introduce the basics of found art collage. Conduct a walk around the village to find materials and create a small collage to understand the students' perspectives.
- Collaborating with a community Elder and the classroom teacher to share cultural perspectives. Guide students in historical research and finding photos for the art project integrating arts, science, and social studies with a focus on salmon and art.
- Conducting six half-day classroom visits to work on the salmon template and individual projects.
 - Develop students' understanding of their connection to salmon and its importance in the community.

- Encourage students to define their interpretation and story visually while maintaining the integrity of the overall design.
- Support students with professional artist examples and fundamental practices of the seven elements and eight principles of design.
- Foster innovation and risk-taking by encouraging students to ask questions and explore new ideas.
- Document the art process in collaboration with the classroom teacher through

Preference will be given to:

- Professional artist or a formally trained artist
- Artist who is a member of Art Starts

Application Process: Interested artists should submit their resume, portfolio, and a brief statement of interest outlining their experience and approach to integrating arts, science, and cultural education.

We thank all applicants and advise that only those short-listed will be contacted. For further clarification please contact Rosetta Doolan, Principal, at Nathan Barton Elementary School at rdoolan@nisgaa.bc.ca

Should you have any questions regarding this posting, please contact our Human Resources Department. Please include a resume and cover letter including three reference letters to the Human Resource Department at hr@nisgaa.bc.ca. This position is open until June 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.