

Nisga'a School District No. 92 is excited to welcome and introduce Alvin Azak!

Alvin Azak – W̱ii t'isit (Elder/Knowledge Keeper)

Alvin is a member of the Nisga'a community of Gitwinksihlkw, in the Nass valley located an hour north of the city of Terrace BC. As a member of the Nisga'a nation, Alvin was born into the Gitalabit-Killerwhale Wilp of Ni'is'uus and is culturally strong in the capacity that he has gained the knowledge from past community and Wilp members. Alvin is teaching the younger Nisga'a generation the knowledge that he has gained through public functions, feasts, cultural duties and through his work with the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw (NVG) as the Community Social Services manager.

In the years Alvin has been a chairperson for the Board of School trustees for the Nisga'a School District 92 for 5 terms. While serving as a trustee he was appointed by the President of the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) to serve on the Indigenous Education Committee, this committee develops policy recommendations for the BCSTA in which they can advocate for the indigenous students in all BC school districts to the Ministry of Education.

Alvin has been a director for the Gitwinksihlkw 4 crest dancers, formed after the Gitwinksihlkw Bears Den totem pole was raised in 1992 in front of the Ts'oohl Ts'ap Memorial Hall and is still an active member of the 4 Crest dancers group.

As a proud member of the Gitwinksihlkw Brass band for over 50 years and Majagaleehl Nisga'a since its foundation, Alvin has been able to be a part of the music community throughout the Nass and surrounding areas in the Northwest.

