



July 2022

Elwha News

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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

Happy Retirement Janet Cameron



It is with the best regards that we see Janet Cameron retire on June 22nd. We will miss her beautiful voice of Christian song and her warm welcomes every morning! We would like to thank her at the end of her 32 years at Lower Elwha Klallam tribe from the positions of clerical work to office manager to reception desk. We also thank her for her service in the Air Force Reserve. Janet let us know that she will be keeping busy with baking and weaving cedar baskets. Janet also says she will forever answer the phone "Tribal Center! How may I help you?" We would like to congratulate her on her retirement. Happy retirement, Janet!

Saying Goodbye

My 30+ years that I have worked for the Tribe has been an honor and privilege to me for being treated so well from day one. The benefits of being an employee here are so many I cannot list them all. I'm thankful I have made so many friends within the community, elders, and staff members that put up with me. Another memory keeper has been able to see babies that were born, young children growing up and becoming parents themselves.



I loved helping out in the kitchen when needed over the years, including making bread or cinnamon rolls for Genie and Loretta when they were the cooks. Helping out in different areas through the years including the kitchen was a lot of fun to be a part of. The thankfulness in my heart for the Tribal Councils through the years for being so very understanding with my numerous health issues has been a blessing. Time tells so many stories of so many happy times with staff and community I cannot tell a lie I will miss everyone with all their goofiness and a little bit of mine. With that thought I know I will volunteer with a smiling face in the kitchen for needed events or to sing if there is a need. Elaine and Melissa know my phone number to get in touch.

Klecko Klecko.



Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer Update

The adult vaccine support program has reopened!! www.elwha.org/COVID

We are still in Phase 4 of our Re-Opening Plan and Yellow for mask wearing.

We're still in Phase 4 of the COVID reopening plan. Gatherings outdoors with unlimited number of participants, and gatherings indoors with no more than 40 people.

Free COVID Tests

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is also offering free COVID tests for local community members that have a recent exposure or symptoms. To request the test to be dropped off for local homes visit: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7e651f2fbef54e8eac868f98687d50d0>

To pick up tests, you can stop by the front desk of Social Services or the Tribal Center, House of Learning, or the Food Bank.

Federal Government is offering free COVID tests that can be delivered through the US Postal Service. To order your free tests visit: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

State of Washington is offering Free COVID tests as well, they can be ordered here: <https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org/>

Do We Still Have COVID Cases?

We have had a significant increase in COVID case in the recent month! To see case numbers visit elwha.org/COVID

When Can Youth Get Their Vaccines?

Kids ages 6 months -17 are now all eligible for COVID vaccinations. Call the clinic now to schedule! 360-452-6252.

Youth 5 and older and now eligible for the booster dose if it has been 5 months since they completed their primary COVID series. Call the clinic now to schedule! 360-452-6252.

50 AND OVER OR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED? CALL LEHD TO SCHEDULE YOUR SECOND COVID BOOSTER DOSE

Tia Skerbeck, Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer



Vaccine Information

How COVID-19 Vaccines Work

COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without us having to get the illness.

Different types of vaccines work in different ways to offer protection. But with all types of vaccines, the body is left with a supply of “memory” immunity cells (T-lymphocytes as well as B-lymphocytes) that will remember how to fight that virus in the future.



It typically takes a few weeks after vaccination for the body to produce T-lymphocytes and B-lymphocytes. Therefore, it is possible that a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and then get sick because the vaccine did not have enough time to provide protection.

Sometimes after vaccination, the process of building immunity can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are signs that the body is building immunity. Talk to a doctor about taking over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin (only for people age 18 or older), or antihistamines for any pain and discomfort experienced after getting vaccinated.

- **mRNA vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna)** gives our cells instructions for how to make a harmless protein that is unique to the virus. After our cells make copies of the protein, they destroy the mRNA. The mRNA does not go near our DNA or alter it. Our bodies recognize that the protein should not be there and build T-lymphocytes and B-lymphocytes that will remember how to fight the virus that causes COVID-19 if we are infected in the future. The protein is eliminated from the body after this process.



Vaccine Information



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2851 Lower Elwha Road
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Phone: 360.452.8471
Fax: 360.452.3428

Dear LEKT Family,

As school starts to wrap up and summer starts to swing in motion we want to remind your family of how important it is for **every eligible member of your household to get their COVID vaccine**, even the youngest household members.

COVID-19 vaccines are available for children ages 6 months and older. We are excited to offer vaccines at the Lower Elwha Health Department to help protect children against COVID-19. Getting children vaccinated against COVID-19 can help keep them

- from getting really sick even if they do get COVID-19
- in school and daycare
- safely participating in sports, playdates, and other group activities

Call 360-452-6252 to schedule your child's COVID-19 vaccine today.

We know parents and caregivers have questions and want more information. Here's what you need to know.

Children can still get very sick from COVID-19.

Children can get infected with COVID-19, get very sick, suffer short- and long-term health complications, and spread COVID-19 to others.

COVID-19 vaccination has been studied carefully in children. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the expert panel that works with them have reviewed the data from clinical trials. Through ongoing safety monitoring, vaccination for children continues to be safe and effective. Here are some important points about COVID-19 vaccination for children:



Vaccine Information

- COVID-19 vaccine dosage is based on age on the day of vaccination, not by size or weight. Children get an age-appropriate dose that is the right amount for them.
- The safety of COVID-19 vaccine continues to be monitored. Serious health events, including severe allergic reactions and myocarditis and pericarditis, after COVID-19 vaccination are rare.
- The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination for children outweigh the known and potential risks.
- Your child may get the COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including flu vaccine, at the same time.

Side effects may occur and are mild and temporary.

Your child may have some side effects after getting vaccinated. These are normal and usually go away in a few days. Some common side effects are

- Pain, redness, or swelling on the arm
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain, chills, or fever
- Nausea

Some children will have no side effects and severe allergic reactions are rare. If your child experiences a severe allergic reaction after getting a COVID-19 vaccine, we are ready to respond. Most of the time, the only things your child might need after vaccination is rest, a non-aspirin pain reliever, and a cool washcloth at the injection site. Contact us if you need more information about treating potential side effects. After vaccination, enroll your child in v-safe, which provides personalized and confidential health check-ins to share how your child feels.

Call 360-452-6252 to schedule your child's COVID-19 vaccine today.
Contact us with any questions at 360-452-6252



Election Results



2022 LEKT ELECTION RESULTS

The LEKT Business Committee election was held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, 9AM-5PM. The results are as follows:

255 total valid ballots were cast of which, 108 were drive-thru poll ballots, 83 ballots mailed-in and 66 ballots dropped off. 2 ballots were invalid, 2 of which had no accompanying voter affidavit.

Vote totals for each candidate were as follows:

Frances "Gator" Charles	130	Write In:	
Robert Elofson	53	Ryan Charles-Elofson	1
George Charles	43	Steve J. Robideau	1
Lola Moses	27		

Frances G. Charles is the candidate with the highest number of votes and has accordingly been elected to a three-year term on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's Business Committee.

The LEKT Tribal Chairperson was held on Saturday May 28, 2022 , 9AM-5PM. The results are as follows:

165 total valid ballots were cast of which, 69 were drive-thru poll ballots, 53 ballots mailed-in and 43 mail-in ballots were dropped off. 1 ballots was invalid, which had no accompanying voter affidavit.

Vote totals for each candidate were as follows:

Frances "Gator" Charles	109	Steve Joaquin Robideau	8
Russell "Razz" Hepfer	28	Anthony Charles	2
Edward V. Johnson	18		

Frances "Gator" Charles is the candidate with the highest number of votes and has accordingly been elected to a one-year term as the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's Business Committee Chairperson.



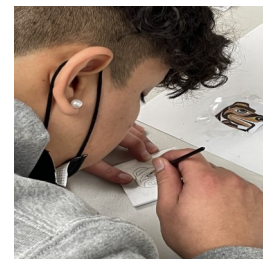
Culture & Language



Klallam Language Grant Update

~by Wendy Sampson

In 2021 the Klallam Language Program was awarded a 3-year American Rescue Plan Emergency Native Language Fund Grant through the Administration for Native Americans. Under the grant Jamie Valadez is reviewing/editing the Klallam grammar book, creating grammar assessments, working on Klallam stories and mentoring me to be her successor teacher for the Port Angeles School District.



The grant work is going well. Using the Klallam Grammar book Jamie created a student workbook, with assessments, lesson plans and teaching schedule for lessons 1- 10. She's also had a story book with Ed Sampson, Sr.'s story of the "Ghost in the Wagon" printed for use teaching the language in the high school classes. I've taught 5 classes during the 2021-2022 school year. The classes are: Klallam language year 1 and 2, U.S. History from a Native American Perspective & Native American Studies/WA State History at PAHS and a new Klallam Language Class at Stevens Middle school. During this same time, I completed the Native Pathways program and earned my Bachelor of Arts degree at Ever-

green State College. I will continue teaching next school year, while working towards a Masters in Teaching degree through the online U-ACT program at UW.

It's been great getting to work directly with the youth again. The students are amazing, smart and funny. They created some amazing language and history projects which were displayed virtually during the 8th Annual Culture Fair hosted by Peninsula College. It's been a great school year. You can See projects at <https://sites.google.com/gg.pasd.wednet.edu/2022-culture-fair/home>



In closing, I'd like to thank Jamie Valadez for her guidance and advice, and for being so patient with me over the years. I'm honored to work with you, and carry on the work you've started in the public schools. I'd also like to thank Ralena "Reba" Cornelson, the PAHS Native American Interventionist. For 14 years she's been a fierce advocate for tribal students, is supportive and encouraging to both youth and adults. She is leaving her position this year to be a stay-at-home dog-mom. Best wishes to you Reba, please come visit often! And with that, thank you parents, students and families. Check to make sure your kids are signed up for my classes at PAHS & SMS. Next year will be even better. -wrs





Klallam Language Learning Opportunity

Interested in learning nəxʷsɬayəmúcan?

In September 2022, 'Introduction to the Klallam Language' will be offered for a third year at Peninsula College!

What you need to know to start planning...

- Class held via Zoom, Tuesday-Friday, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Fall 2022 Registration begins May 23, 2022
- Fall Quarter begins September 27, 2022

***SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
FOR TRIBAL PEOPLE
Email longhouse@pencol.edu***

Questions? Contact...

LEKT: jonathan_arakawa@outlook.com

JST: lgreninger@jamestowntribe.org

PGST: brooke.wellman@me.com;

karrons@pgst.nsn.us



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Culture, Language & Summer Youth



2022 Middle School Klallam Language & Culture Summer Drop-In Program

Starting July 18, 2022

The Klallam Language Department will host its 2022 Middle School Klallam Language & Culture Summer Drop-In Program!

Days: Monday-Thursday
Times : 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location:

Monday & Tuesday
Elwha Klallam Veterans Center
247 Ns'Klallam Drive

Wednesday & Thursday
Klallam Language Building
322 Stratton Road

**Questions? Contact Klallam
Language Teacher, Jonathan
Arakawa, at
jonathan.arakawa@elwha.org
or 360.565.6957 to sign up!**



2022 Summer Youth will be starting soon!

If you submitted an application before our June 24th deadline for the 2022 Summer Youth Season we will **begin work the week of July 11th.**

Unfortunately, we will not be accepting *any* late applications, as we will be making placements and creating an official agenda by July 5th.

For additional details please be in contact with Brandy Williams in HR at 360-452-8471, 7427. Or keep an eye out in the mail for a welcome letter.



Nutrition & Diabetes

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

KLALLAM STRONG: NUTRITION & DIABETES NEWSLETTER

Dawn Travelstead, RD, MS, CDE, Lower Elwha Health Clinic

In this issue:

- Food cures
- Diabetes Guidelines
- Diabetes Quarterly
- Did you know



Diabetes Care Guidelines

As you approach the next 6 months of 2022, here are the tests are considered necessary to help you prevent complications.

1. **Eye Exam.** Done once a year. Blood sugar can cause damage to blood vessels. Getting proper treatment before a major issue happens, is the key. No one wants vision loss!
2. **Foot Exam.** Should be done at each PCP visit or a minimum of once a year. Neuropathy and foot issues can be addressed if found. Happy feet & toes!
3. **Dental Exam.** Try and visit your dentist twice a year. Sugar can affect your gums and lead to dental issues.
4. **Blood Tests.** Your A1c should be checked quarterly; lipids and kidney function—once a year.



Did you Know?

Meditation Can Ease Pain

Study— After 9 months of daily meditation clients were able to cut their opioid dose by 50%.



Food Cures for Ailments

Gout: Tart Cherry Juice

Gout is caused by a buildup of uric acid that leads to crystals. Drinking 1 cup of tart cherry juice a day for a month can reduce uric acid levels. Needs to be 100% tart, not sweetened.

⇒ **Avoid:** alcohol, fatty meat and sugary drinks

Constipation: Raspberries/chia seeds/artichokes

The best sources of fiber is the *insoluble* kind. Dried prunes and apricots can also help as they have their own laxative affect.

⇒ **Avoid:** refined carbs, fatty meat, dairy

Depression: Salmon/tuna/trout/sardines

Omega 3 oils in these cold water fish or by taking 1000 mg of omega 3 supplement can help improve depression. Aim for at least 2 servings a week.

⇒ **Avoid:** processed/refined foods, low fiber foods, white carbs. Research shows that the gut has its own mini nervous system that is connected to the brain. When you have digestive issues, the gut can signal the brain and can increase anxiety and depression.

Don't forget to schedule your diabetes quarterly.

If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.



Nutrition, Diabetes & Vaccine Support Program

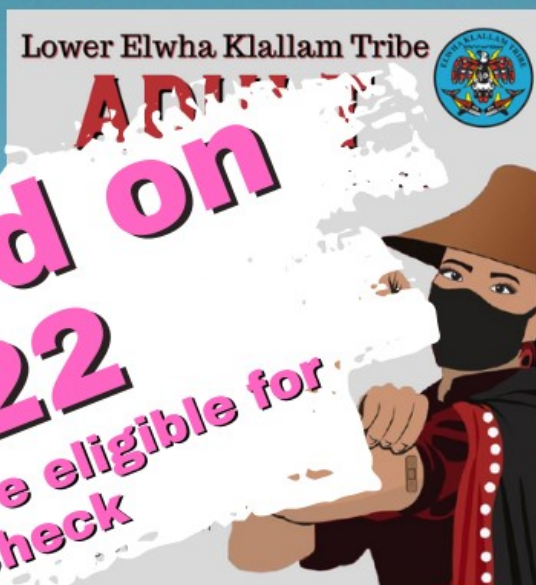
Elwha Nutrition Committee

By: Dawn Travelstead, RD

The first Elwha nutrition committee met in May. There are 5 members in the committee, and we are excited about this opportunity to keep our youth 'Elwha Strong'. Our mission and goal is to provide the Elwha youth with healthy meals and snacks for Elwha sponsored programs. Planning the meals and snacks we will use the USDA food guidelines whenever possible. There will be some exceptions. The committee wants to make sure we are providing a healthy environment for our youth as we are trying to eliminate processed foods and sugar whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 360-912-1500.

COVID-19 Adult Vaccine Support Program



Reopened on 6/14/22
2nd boosters are eligible for \$200 check

-Must provide proof of vaccination.

*Significant partners must provide proof of residence with Enrolled LEKT Members, first generation LEKT descendants, and LEKT Employees

Apply at www.tinyurl.com/elwhaadult

Paper applications available at:
Tribal Center & Social Services

www.elwha.org/covid



Language & Culture Calendar

Wendy

Contact Wendy Sampson for more info
wendy.sampson@elwha.org

Drop-In Summer Culture Craft Classes For High School Students

**11am-3pm @ LEKT Carving Shed
(behind tribal center)
From July 6-August 31, 2022**

Emergency Contact Form/Liability Waiver Required
No Transportation or food provided.
County and tribal transit schedules available.

July č̓ənq̓č̓q̓s: coho salmon time

CC: Community Culture classes- 13 & up without adult Angelina.sosa@elwha.org
ES: Elementary students Harmony.arakawa@elwha.org

MS: Middle school age group- Jonathan.arakawa@elwha.org

HS: High school age group Wendy.sampson@elwha.org

2022

Culture & Language Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Holiday, Closed	ES: Lower 10-3pm CC: Drum group 5pm	ES: Upper 10-3pm HS: Crafts at canoe shed 11-3pm	ES: Upper 10-3pm HS: Crafts at canoe shed 11-3pm	ES: Upper 10-3pm CC: Beading 3-5pm	CC: Weaving 1-4pm	
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For community classes children 13 and under must be accompanied by adult, Light snacks will be provided. No transports except for drum group.

Elementary students k-1 need to be accompanied by older sibling or adult.



Library

Summer Reading Program

Kids can join the Library this summer in our summer reading program! This year we are doing book bingo. Stop by the Library to pick up a bingo card. The rules are simple. For each square, pick a book which fits the description in the square. For the square “Book with an animal” for instance, you might pick one of the Dog Man books by Dav Pilkey. (Note that each book only counts for one square. You can’t use one Dog Man book for two squares; you can use one for the animal square, and a different book in the series for the “Graphic novel or comic” square.) Once you’ve read for at least 20 minutes, mark down the name of the book in the square and have a parent sign to confirm. For each square you mark, you can earn a ticket in our weekly prize drawing. If you finish the book, you can earn two tickets! Tickets will be drawn every Friday, and winners can choose their prize from our prize selection (visit the Library to see what prizes you could earn). We will also have a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer. To be entered into the grand prize drawing, you must get a bingo, that is, five boxes filled out in a row, column, or diagonal. We will also be giving out books (to keep!) which fit the themes of the bingo squares, so drop by the Library to pick one up and to get recommendations for other books to read. If you have any questions, come into the Library or contact Jason at jason.morris@elwha.org or 360-452-8471 ex. 7431. The summer reading program will run until August 19, which will also be the day of the grand prize drawing.

NASA @ Your Library

Drop by for fun programming through July 8 about our solar system! You can get a feel for the scale of the solar system (it’s huge!), learn how solar and lunar eclipses work, take a look at the sun through our sunoculars (for those 13 and up), and more! Stop by any time during our business hours for a fun and interactive learning experience!

Seal Skeleton

Also, for August, beginning on the 8th, the Library will have a real seal skeleton. This will be part of a larger program of learning about marine mammals like seals. These will tentatively be Tuesdays and Fridays at 1-2pm, and the skeleton will be on display for drop in visits. If you cannot make it to the Library at these times and would like to suggest a different time for us to host these sessions, please contact Jason at jason.morris@elwha.org or extension 7431.

Elder Book Delivery

We are considering starting a new program at the Library which would deliver books to Tribal Elders weekly or as often as necessary. Participants in the program would select books (either through the Library’s web catalog or by contacting us directly) to be delivered to their home and books will be picked up as well when finished. We are currently assessing the feasibility of such a program and would like to hear your feedback to understand how much demand exists for the program. If this sounds like a program you would be interested in participating in, please contact Jason with any feedback you might have. You can visit us during our business hours, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, call at 360-452-8471 extension 7431, or email jason.morris@elwha.org or jessica.egnew@elwha.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Lower Elwha Head Start & Early Head Start

360)- 452-2587 Ext 2 Early Childhood Director—Lola
(Ext 1 Child Care Manager/Bobi)

Health Manager: Deanna Transportation: Francess

Education Manager: (Vacant) Prenatal Educator: Darla

Family Community Partnership Manager & Enrollment: Michelle

July 2022 čə́nq'əčq's

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES

We hosted our first walk thru with our local high school graduates and our head start graduates heading into kindergarten at our House of Learning on June 8. Our 5-year old head start graduates walked with our high school graduates outside together in front of family, they were dressed in their caps and/or regalia.

We hosted a drive-thru graduation for our Head Start students on June 15. Many families participated and witnessed these events.

Thank you to the Elwha Drum group singing during the drive thru head start graduation. Thank you to Jason Wheeler for video and Nancy Hamilton for photographs! Thank you Elwha River Casino for your continued support with our events. Thank you Ralena Cornelson for your help with our first walk thru graduation at head start.



Head Start and Early Head Start applications are being accepted for the next school year. Submit by July 29, 2022

INCOME VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICATIONS



Head Start

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Congratulations Lola

Lola Moses has been selected as the new Children's House of Learning Director. Lola is a member of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and was born and raised on the reservation. Lola's the daughter of Roman and Serena Antioquia. Her bloodlines include Klallam, Tlingit, Makah and Confederated Tribes of the Siletz. Her Tlingit name is Gunaantaas. She is married to Raymond Moses and together they are raising three daughters Tatum, McKenzie and Kaylee Jane. She graduated from Washington State University with a BA in Criminal Justice and Sociology. Lola also graduated from Peninsula College with an AAS in Criminal Justice. She has been serving as the Interim Director since October 1, 2021



Drive thru Lower Elwha Head Start graduation 2022 was a success! Thank you Drum Group, Elwha River Casino, Jason Wheeler and Nancy Hamilton for all your help!

JOBS @ Lower Elwha Head Start

If you or someone knows of anyone looking for a job, please apply.

- ♦ Early Head Start Lead Supervising Teacher
- ♦ Bus Driver/Teacher's Aide
- ♦ Early Head Start Lead Teacher
- ♦ Early Head Start Teacher's Aide
- ♦ Early Head Start Full Time Shadow Teacher
- ♦ Substitute Teacher's Aide
- * Head Start Floating Teacher's Aide
- * Head Start Part Time Shadow Teacher
- * Head Start Teacher's Aide
- * Teacher's Aide/Bus Aide
- * Education Manager

Call Head Start: 360-452-8471 x 7471 Director, Lola Moses



Child Care

Infant

(Ducks)

Lead Teacher
Catherine

Teacher Assistant
Amy

Welcome to our new
Teacher Assistant
Cara!

Toddler

(Hummingbirds)

A bright welcome to
our new Lead
Teacher Deannndra!

Teacher Assistant
Julie

Teacher Assistant
Kelsie

July Newsletter

*Closed
Monday
July 4th!*

**Lower Elwha
Child Care**

Want to be a Teacher?

We are currently
looking for
teachers to add to
our staff. Please
go to Elwha.org
and look under
Employment
Opportunities.



The Children's
House of Learning

Lower Elwha
Child Care

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291 Spokwes Drive

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(360) 504-3141

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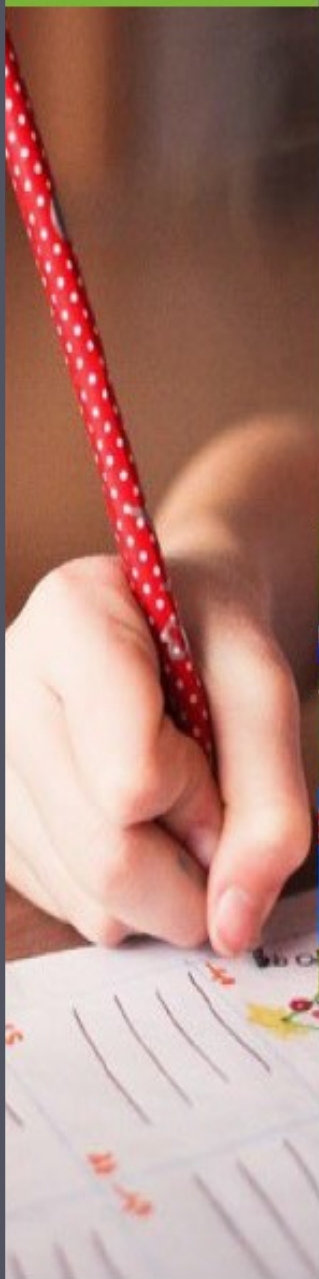
Fax (360) 504-3651

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Program Director
Bobi Clark

Administrative
Assistant
Deann Lester

Receptionist
Tiana Fieldsend





Child Care

Preschool

(Wolves)

Lead Teacher
Open Position

Welcome back to our
Teacher Assistant
Jada!

Teacher Assistant
Tatiana

Reminders

Please Drive Slow
through the Parking
Lot - Turn your engine
off when parked &
Never leave your child
unattended.

If your child is on
Drop-In status please
call ahead to make
sure we have
availability.

Clothing Closet

We are still hosting our Clothing Closet
every Tuesday from 10:00 – 1:00. We
have clothing in all sizes from newborn
to adult. If you would like to donate
your new or gently used (no stains or
holes) items, please drop off at our
front desk during business hours.

Afterschool

(Whales)

Lead Teacher
Juanita

Welcome to our new
Teacher Assistant
Karalynn!



LOWER ELWHA CHILD CARE RATES

	INFANT 1-11 Months	TODDLER 12-29 Months	PRESCHOOL 30-60 Months	SCHOOLAGE 6yrs-12yrs
FULL DAY RATES (OVER 5 HOURS)	\$66.12 *\$48.59 w/discount	\$69.16 *\$44.37 w/discount	\$64.52 *\$48.89 w/discount	\$41.66 *\$31.25 w/discount
HALF DAY RATES	\$33.06 *\$24.80 w/discount	\$29.58 *\$22.19 w/discount	\$27.26 *\$28.45 w/discount	\$20.83 *\$15.63 w/discount
ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

*Tribal members and Tribal Employees receive 25% off tuition fees

NEW
RATES

Effective July 1st, the Lower Elwha
Child Care rates will increase to
match the state subsidy rates for
our region and to stay in
compliance with our Federal Child
Care and Development Fund.



Youth Wellness Support Program

LEKT Youth Wellness SUPPORT PROGRAM



\$500

LEKT Enrolled Tribal Members & First Generation Descendants

Extra-curricular wellness support funds can be used for: registration, fees, travel, and supplies/gear associated with activities through a school, club, or organization as well as approved structured and/or scheduled activities that are outside of the school day. Extra-curricular activities must promote positive choices and enhance life, as well as academic success.

Online Application:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5b30606825ee45ba91d98e0d5377c644>

PAPER APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE TRIBAL CENTER. PLEASE RETURN THEM TO KERI ELLIS OR TIA SKERBECK.
LOWER ELWHA TRIBAL CENTER: (360) 452-8471





NatureBridge



NatureBridge.

Elwha Summer Science Camp

Middle School Camp (Going into 7th/8th grade)

July 10 - July 14, 2022

Enrich your summer by coming to NatureBridge for 5 days and 4 nights this summer to participate in science and cultural activities! Transportation, food, and wilderness supplies provided.

Daily Schedule:

July 10th: Meet at Swain's at 1:00 pm to pick out your hiking shoes. Please bring all of your extra clothes and overnight gear. We will leave Swain's at 3 pm to head to NatureBridge.

July 10th-14th: Set up cabins at NatureBridge for the week. Students will stay overnight at the NatureBridge campus. We will have cultural and science activities with the help of NatureBridge staff and Elwha Language and Culture staff.

Interested in registering? Pick up and turn in the Enrollment Packet in the Tribal Library. There are only 14 spots available (first come, first served, LEKT members get priority).

Questions? Contact the Education Department – 360-452-8471 Ext. 7425 or email jessica.egnew@elwha.org or kristina.cain@elwha.org

We will need overnight chaperones as well as Elders to present in the evening hours. There is a stipend for both. Please reach out to Kristina Cain (x7426) or Jessica Egnew (x7425) if you are interested. (360) 452-8471. Thank you!



Healthy Transitions

**Are you 16 – 25 years old (or do you know someone who is)?
Are you looking for concrete support or mental health services?
Healthy Transitions Wants to Support You!**

Healthy Transitions is a program within the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's Social Services Department that launched in 2019, and was created specifically to meet the needs of youth and young adults ages 16-25. The program offers services to both tribal and non-tribal youth and young adults, and aims to reduce barriers to access by providing multiple service locations, including out in the community.



The Healthy Transition Program is available to provide support and services throughout Clallam County to youth and young adults who struggle with mental health concerns, trauma, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, substance use disorders and/or co-occurring disorders. In addition to mental health support, the program also offers concrete supports and services.

Services We Provide:

- Mental Health, Recovery, Case Management Services
- Vocational/ Educational Resources
- Housing Resources/ Advocacy
- Job Training Resources
- Community Activities/ Engagement
- Transportation
- Advocacy

Get In Touch:

(360) 565-7257 ext 7668

HealthyTransitions@Elwha.org

Message Us on Facebook:

[Facebook.com/HealthyTransitionsClallam/](https://www.facebook.com/HealthyTransitionsClallam/)





Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association



June marks the beginning of the summer season for the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association. Registration is open for youth age 12-18 and adults 18 and over. With a sliding seat, rowing is an amazing sport that uses your entire body for power and people can row simply for the joy of being on the water or youth and adults can both row competitively.

For youth, practice times are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30-5:00. This might expand if there is sufficient interest. The cost is \$250 for the summer season, which lasts until school starts in September. Scholarships are available based on need the application can be found at pocockfoundation.org/scholarship.

For adults, members can enter the times when they are available in a club spreadsheet, and whenever there are enough interested rowers and a qualified person to drive the safety boat (a Zodiac with 25 hp outboard motor), all of them can go out rowing. Members can also meet to use the rowing machines. The cost for the summer season is \$150.

Registration for both youth and adults is available online at regattacentral.com/clubs/?org_id=3812, or people can just bring a check to practice.





Community News

Want to recognize these girls for a great year in softball. Railee Charging Whirlwind, Nikki Elofson-Gilbertson, Eli Bera, Zoey Henderson, Teigan White, Chloe Holloway and their number 1 fan Sadie River Reed.



Are you going into
7th or 8th grade???

Klallam Language at Stevens Middle School!

Register for Klallam Language during the 2022-2023 school year!!!



Questions?

Contact Dana Christenson dchristenson@portangelesschools.org and Jessica Elofson jelofson@portangelesschools.org.

What are the benefits?

- Students can earn elective credits
- Klallam is a semester long class
- Students can learn language first thing in the morning
- Jump start before taking language at Port Angeles High School
- And so much more!!!



CONGRATULATIONS
WENDY ON
GRADUATING! WE
ARE ALL SO PROUD!
YOU DID IT!!

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Oohsh Goldsbury, Leelah Smith River
Charles, Loki Ellis, Marilyn Edgington, Ed
Johnson, Keith Lauderback, Caitlin Charles
and Joni Francis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sergeant Johnson participated in the 2022 torch run to kick off the start of the Special Olympics. This run starts west of Port Angeles and gets passed over the Hood Canal bridge to the next first responding agency.





LEPD



Elwha Klallam Tribal Police Department

341 Spokwes Drive

Port Angeles, WA 98363

360-452-6759 Telephone 888-822-4365 Fax

I am pleased to announce that on June 13, 2022, Officer Daniel LaTourette of the Lower Elwha Klallam Police Department was with Officer of the Year Award from the International Footprint Association – Olympic Peninsula Chapter 74 out of Sequim Washington. I was given the honor to present this award at the ceremony. There was awards given to the Sheriff's Department, Port Angeles Police Department, Corrections Department, Police Dispatch, All districts of Fire Departments all receiving awards. Lower Elwha Klallam Officer LaTourette was chose by his peers and due to his work ethics and drive to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Chief of Police, Samuel L. White



Pepsi with Police

The community is invited to enjoy refreshments with our Police Officers.

Date: 7/6/22

Time: 3-4pm

Place: Elwha Justice Center



Bring your comments, concerns or suggestions

or

Just come enjoy some refreshments on us.





Birthdays & Police Blotter

Service Record for L & O	May
911 Hang-Up	3
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm/Alarm Check	3
Auto Theft	2
Business Check	176
Citizen Assist	15
Citizen Contact	14
Civil	3
Community Oriented Policing	69
Court Paperwork/Service	8
CPS/APS	1
Custodial Interference	1
Follow Up	10
Found/Recovered/Lost Property	1
Frequent Patrol Request	10

Junk Vehicle	1
Mental/ITA	2
Misc. Info/False Reporting	1
Other Agency Assist	16
Prisoner Transport	5
Report of Open Door/Window	2
Runaway	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Theft	2
Threats	2
Traffic Control/Emphasis/Hazard	4
Traffic Stops	37
Vehicle Accidents	1
Welfare Check	7
Warrant Attempts	4
Total	408



STAFF & ELDER BIRTHDAYS!



7/3 Roger Hopie Jr

7/4 Ty Boe

7/5 Wendy Sampson

7/7 Collen Geiger

7/9 Marilyn Edgington

7/12 Mariah Francis

7/12 Karrin Francis

7/12 Christine Matte

7/12 Katelyn Roberts

7/13 Rachel Johnson

7/14 Charlene Graham

7/15 Rosie Boyd

7/18 Chrissi Ducotey

7/20 Ed Johnson

7/21 Francess Thompson

7/24 Samantha Rae

7/24 Steve Robideau

7/24 Keith Lauderbeck

7/24 Chelsea Bender

7/26 Wahji Kasten

7/26 Vashti White

7/29 Sandra Stokes

7/30 Joni Francis

7/31 Bucky Johnson



Resolution List

Date	Resolution Number	Title	Vote		
			For/Against/Abstain		
5-16-22	43-22	Appointment of ATNI delegate and alternates	2	0	0
6-14-22	44-22	Approval of Universal Agreement between Agilysys, NV, LLC and Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe d/b/a Elwha River Casino with a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity	4	0	0
6-14-22	45-22	Authorization of application to Dept. of Justice Office of Violence against women FY 2022 grant to Indian tribal governments program	4	0	0
6-14-22	46-22	Approval of purchase agreement between Table Trac, Inc and LEKT dba Elwha River casino to cover added games for expansion	4	0	0
6-14-22	47-22	Approval of master supplier agreement between Incredible technologies Inc and LEKT dba Elwha River Casino	4	0	0
6-14-22	48-22	Approval of Co-management Agreement with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for Damage Hunts in the Pysht GMU	4	0	0
6-2-22	49-22	Appointment of Christia Skerbeck as the LEKT representative to the Clallam Co. Board of Health	3	0	0
6-2-22	50-22	Recognition of Juneteenth national independence day as a Tribal holiday	3	0	0
6-14-22	51-22	SORNA	4	0	0
6-14-22	52-22	Approval of 2022-23 hunting regulations	4	0	0
6-14-22	53-22	Approval of 2022 Engagement letter for Hogan Lovell's law firm	4	0	0
6-14-22	54-22	Approval of helicopter services agreement regarded 2022 Deep creek restoration project between LEKT and Columbia helicopters, Inc	4	0	0

Free COVID-19 Self-Tests

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free COVID-19 self- tests on [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com)

- Each order now includes 8 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Your order will come in 2 separate packages (4 tests in each package), each with its own tracking number
- Packages will ship free

Self- tests for COVID-19 give rapid results and can be taken anywhere, regardless of your vaccination status or whether or not you have symptoms.



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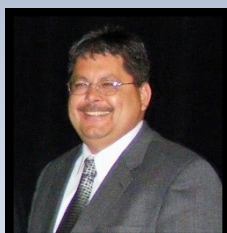
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Dates to Remember:

7/4 Fourth of July
7/6 Pepsi With Police
7/8 “NASA at Your Library” Ends
7/11 Summer Youth Begins
7/16 Canoe Practice
7/18 Middle School Language Drop-In
Begins
7/23 Canoe Practice



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We are evaluating the level of Interest for emailed newsletters. If you would rather not receive the newsletter by mail, please contact Chrissi Ducotey by email (chrissi.ducotey@elwha.org). She will begin to gather a list of those who prefer to receive electronic files only, and we will determine if this is a workable option.

**Newsletter submissions and suggestions may
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“THE STRONG PEOPLE”

The *Elwha News* is a monthly publication of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe to inform, educate and stimulate interest in the Tribe and community affairs. It also raises awareness and respect for the Reservation and its resources. For news articles, please send to the address below by the third Friday of the month.

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You can find it under the “Announcements” section titled: **Newsletter**

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